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Virginia Horse Shows Association, Incorporated
BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

The Virginia Horse Shows Association in its status as an affiliate of the US Equestrian Federation (USEF) is bound by the nature of that affiliation to abide by the rules of the USEF. In case of a conflict, the USEF rules take precedence. Likewise, in the case of Associations affiliated with the VHSA and not the USEF, the VHSA rules take precedence in shows held in Virginia. As hereinafter employed in these by-laws the term "Horse Show" shall include any recognized horse show, whether functioning as a corporation, an unincorporated association, or under individual sponsorship.

ARTICLE II

1. CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING POWER. The membership of this corporation shall consist of individual members. The voting power at meetings of the corporation shall be lodged solely in the senior individual members. Each senior individual member shall have one vote. Junior members are not entitled to vote for the Board of Directors or on any other matter except for Junior Exhibitor of the Year and Horse Show of the Year. For voting purposes, a senior member must be a member in good standing as of September 1 preceding any membership meeting or election of officers and shall not be represented at any regular or special meeting of the corporation by attorney, agent, or proxy.

2. INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP. Individual memberships, life, senior and junior, shall be issued to such reputable persons as may apply therefore and be accepted by the Board of Directors. Individual life, senior and junior members may attend membership meetings, and life and senior members shall be eligible for election to any of the offices (President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, or Secretary and Treasurer, and Board of Directors) of the corporation and shall have one vote. Junior members shall not be eligible to be elected to any office of the corporation until after reaching the age of eighteen, and shall be entitled to vote for Junior Exhibitor of the Year. However, a junior member shall retain his or her junior status during the entire year of his or her attaining the age of eighteen.

3. MEMBERSHIP DUES. The annual dues for show members shall be as follows: “AA”/"A" rated - $75.00 for the first day, $60.00 for each day thereafter;"B" rated - $60.00 for the first day, $40.00 for each day thereafter; "C" rated - $50.00 for the first day, $30.00 for each day thereafter; Associate Show dues are $65.00; and the dues for individual Senior Life and Junior Life members shall be $600.00; the annual dues for individual senior members shall be $70.00; annual dues for individual junior members shall be $60; annual dues for Farm or Corporation membership is $70, Life Farm or Corporation membership is $600, provided that the annual dues for both show and individual members for any year succeeding an annual meeting may be fixed by the Board of Directors. Dues for the current year must accompany each application for membership, and thereafter dues shall be paid prior to competing in order for points to count towards VHSA year-end awards. Any discrepancies regarding a member/horse recording activation date must be resolved within 30 days or activation date will stand as is. Dues for Regular Horse Show Members must accompany each application for recognition and shall be paid at least sixty (60) days prior to the competition date. Any established Horse Shows that file less than 60 days prior to the competition date must pay a $50 late fine. (see Associate Section for further Associate horse show details). 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.

4. MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS.

(a) ANNUAL MEETING. The annual meeting of the members of this Corporation shall be held not earlier than November 1 and not later than December 15 at a time and place to be designated by the Board of Directors.

(b) SPECIAL MEETINGS. Special meetings may be held at any time upon the call of the President, or a group of three (3) or more of the Board of Directors, or not less than twenty per cent of the members.

(c)NOTICE OF MEETING. Notice of any annual special meeting shall be given to each member by mailing to him or her at his or her last known post office address, not less than ten days prior to such meeting, notice of the time and place of such meeting. Notice of any special meeting shall state the objects thereof.

(d) QUORUM. A majority of the members, present in person, shall constitute a quorum at any membership meeting. A majority of such quorum shall decide any question that may come before the meeting.

(e) ORDER OF BUSINESS. The order of business at the annual meeting, and so far as appropriate, at special meetings, shall be:

(1) Reading and disposal of any unapproved minutes.
(2) Report of officers and committees.
(3) Unfinished business.
(4) Roll call of show and senior members (optional)
(5) Election of directors.
(6) New Business.
(7) Adjournment.
(f) REVOCATION OF MEMBERSHIP. Upon determination by two-thirds of the entire membership of the Board of Directors that the conduct of any member of this corporation is prejudicial to the interest of this corporation, the membership of such person shall stand revoked, provided however, that such member shall first be notified by the Secretary of the prejudicial conduct charged, and shall be given a reasonable opportunity to defend such charges before the Board of Directors.

5. VOTING PROCEDURES
(a) Nominations. On the second day of the convention (Saturday) a meeting will be designated as the membership meeting. This meeting is called for the express purpose of having the Nominating Committee present the slate to the membership. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor AT THIS MEETING ONLY, thus giving the full slate to the members prior to the Annual Meeting on Sunday.
(b) Eligibility. Senior members as well as Farm members in good standing before September 1 of the current voting year. Each person/farm member casting a vote counts as one vote. (i.e., husband and wife must be a member for two votes to be cast.)
(c)General Procedures. Voters will pick up their ballots and cast their votes at one specified location. Membership will be confirmed prior to handing out each Ballot.

ARTICLE III - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. HOW CONSTITUTED
(a) For election purposes, the show membership of the Association shall be broken down into zones designated by the Board of Directors, annually. A director must be an active member of the VHSA but need not be a Virginia resident. There shall be a board of active directors not to exceed twenty-seven in number; one must be representative of the Associate Program, one must be a representative of Equitation, one must be a representative of Hunter, one must be a representative of Hunter/Pony Breeding, one must be a representative of the Jumpers, one must be a representative of the Junior Hunter, one must be a representative of the Licensed Officials, one must be a representative of the Pony Hunters, one must be a representative of the Owners, one must be one must be a representative of the Saddlebreds, one must be a representative of the Trainers, and each zone must have one representative.

However, one person may be a representative of both a zone and a division. In addition to the twenty-seven Board members there will also be Emeritus members who are semi-retired from the Board who have input, but no vote. The Emeritus members are voted on by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors and are not included on the Slate of nominees, but automatically included as part of the Board. Attendance will be taken into consideration by the Nominating Committee when presenting a slate for th Board of Directors.
(b) All members of the active Board of Directors shall be elected from the voting membership and by the voting members of the corporation at the annual meeting. The Board of Directors, so elected, shall elect from the Board, not later than January 1st of the year preceding the annual meeting, a President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer or Secretary and Treasurer of the corporation. The President shall be the Chairman and the Secretary-Treasurer or the Secretary, the Secretary of the Board of Directors. Directors shall serve until election of their duly qualified successors are provided. However, if the membership of any officer or director is terminated as specified in Article II, 5 (f), of these by-laws, or otherwise, his or her seat on the Board of Directors shall forthwith become vacant and shall be filled by election by the remaining directors.
(c) In the event the President of the Association is not reelected to the Board of Directors, he or she shall continue as Director of the Association for one year, and shall have all voting and other powers of the regularly elected Directors.
2. MEETING of the BOARD of DIRECTORS. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at the office of the corporation in Warrenton, Virginia, except where otherwise designated by the Board of Directors. Meetings may be called at any time by the President and must be called by him or her upon the request of any three directors. Notice of any meeting of the Board shall be either mailed, e-mailed or faxed by the Secretary to each member of the Board not less

than ten days prior to the meeting. Whenever possible, the date of the next meeting will be scheduled at the meeting in progress.

3. QUORUM. A quorum at any meeting shall consist of a majority of the entire membership of the Board.

4. ORDER of BUSINESS. The order of business at meetings of the Board of Directors shall be:

(a) Reading and disposal of any unapproved minutes.

(b) Report of officers and committees.

(c) Unfinished business.

(d) Action upon application for membership in the corporation.

(e) New business.

(f) Adjournment.

5. DUTIES AND POWERS. The Board of Directors of the Virginia Horse Shows Association shall:

(a) Perform the general management of the affairs of the Association and, along with the President or other designated officers, make contracts in the Association's behalf;

(b) Make all decisions on any matter of business of the Association and employ such personnel as it deems necessary to properly conduct the business of the Association; and

(c)Have the power to amend, repeal, or alter the By-laws.

ARTICLE IV-COMMITTEES

1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. There shall be an Executive Committee, which shall include the President or Vice-President and any four of the active directors and the Executive Secretary/Director, with power in said Executive Committee to act upon such matters as may be properly acted upon by the full Board of Directors, but any action taken by the said Executive Committee shall be communicated to the full Board of Directors, and unless such action is objected to by a majority of the active Board of Directors within 10 days after notice of the said Committee's action, such action shall be considered the action of the Board of Directors.

2**. ZONE AND DIVISION COMMITTEE.** There shall be a committee for each Zone and Division having a designated Board representative. These Committees shall be chaired by that representative and include members as appointed by said representative.

Each Zone and Division committee shall hold at least two meetings and one forum. Such forums shall be open to all individuals and shall be held at such time and place as would be convenient to the largest number of members within the zone. All recommendations shall be forwarded in writing to the Office for submission to the Directors.

ARTICLE V-OFFICERS

1. DESIGNATION OF OFFICERS. The officers of the corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, or a Secretary-Treasurer, who shall be members in good standing and members of the Board of Directors, at the time of the annual meeting. All officers shall serve until the election of their duly qualified successors, provided, however, that if the membership of any officer is terminated as specified in Article II, 5, (F), of these by-laws, or otherwise his or her office shall forthwith become vacant and shall be filled by election by the Board of Directors.

2. DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT. The President shall preside at all meetings of the members and Board of Directors and shall have general supervision of the affairs of the corporation, and all contracts and other instruments of the corporation. He or she shall make reports to the Directors and members, and perform all such other duties as are incidental to his or her office, or are properly required of him or her by the Board of Directors.

3. DUTIES OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT. In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice-President shall exercise all of the functions of the President.

4. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER OR SECRETARY AND TREASURER. The Secretary-Treasurer or Secretary and Treasurer shall issue notices for all meetings of the members and Board of Directors, shall have charge of the seal and the corporate books, shall sign all certificates of membership, shall sign with the President such instruments as require such signature, and shall make such reports and perform such other duties as are incidental to his or her office, or are properly required of him or her by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall have custody of all funds and securities of the corporation in such bank as the Directors may designate; he or she shall sign all checks, drafts, notes and orders for the payment of money. He or she shall at all reasonable times exhibit his or her books and accounts to any Director or member of the corporation.

ARTICLE VI-SEAL

The corporate seal of the company shall consist of two concentric circles, between which is the name of the corporation, and in the center shall be inscribed the words "Corporate Seal". Said Seal when obtained shall be impressed at the margin of the new page of the minute book containing this article.

ARTICLE VII-AMENDMENTS

The By-laws shall be amended, repealed, or altered, in whole or in part by the vote of the majority of the Board of Directors present at a special or regular meeting, provided that notice of any proposed change in the By-laws has been inserted in the notice calling the meeting. At the Board's discretion, any amendments or changes to the By-laws may be put to a vote of the voting membership. For amendments voted on by the voting membership, notice of any proposed change must be inserted in the notice calling the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII-RULES and REGULATIONS and RULE PROPOSALS

The following are the rules and regulations with which a horse show must agree to comply in order to be recognized by the Board of Directors as provided by Article II, 2, of the By-laws. Rule proposals must be made in writing by a senior member in good standing of the Virginia Horse Shows Association. All proposals must be submitted to the Board of Directors, Zone Chairman or appropriate Breed or Discipline Committee through the VHSA office and received by Oct 1st. All rule proposals will be reviewed and discussed by the appropriate committee and/or the Board of Directors prior to the Membership Meeting at the Annual Meeting.

RULE 1 - RULES AND SHOW DATES

Sec. 1. All Regular Horse Shows recognized by the Virginia Horse Show Association, Inc., and exhibitors shall be governed by the Association rules. Class specifications in prize lists of Recognized Regular Shows held in Virginia shall not contradict the rules of the Virginia Horse Show Association.

Sec. 2. Applications for show dates of Recognized Regular Shows must be made on a form provided by the Association and accompanied by the payment of full dues. With respect to established shows, in subsequent years, comparable dates will be protected and thus will not be awarded to other competitions, provided that the established show's applications and dues for the next year are received in the Association's office at least sixty (60) days in advance of the competition date. A late fee of $50 will be assessed if applications for established shows are received in the office less than sixty days and no other qualified applicant has applied. If there is no established show or the established show fails to file in time and a new applicant files first, the date shall be awarded to the new applicant, provided all other requirements for recognition are met. If two or more Regular show date applications are made for the same date(s) by new competition, only the application first received will be approved provided all other requirements for recognition are met. If Regular show date applications for new competitions are received on the same day, priority will be established by lot, drawn in the presence of representatives of all interests involved. Such decision shall be final. A show may apply for membership in the Association, have dates approved, operated under Association Rules and receive all protection from the Association at any time during the year. However, unless Application for Show Membership is received by the Association at least sixty (60) days prior to the holding of a show, the date cannot be granted. Regular Horse Show dates will not be granted to any Regular horse shows being held after November 15th of each show year with the exception of previously recognized shows.

Sec. 3. No date shall be allotted to any show which has indebtedness to the Association or to any Exhibitor.

Sec. 4. No date shall be allotted to any show located in a state not sharing a common border with Virginia or not located within Zone 3 of the U.S. Equestrian Federation. Recognized states are: Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, and West Virginia.

Sec. 5. In the event that the management of a Recognized Show applies for and is granted dates and thereafter fails to hold a show on the date specified, such a failure shall constitute a violation of the rules of the Association unless due notice of cancellation shall have been furnished the Virginia Horse Shows Association in writing at least sixty (60) days prior to the date. If less than 60 days notice is given and not cancelled due to inclement weather, no refund of dues is allowed. Such violation may, by the vote of the Board of Directors of this Association constitute grounds for refusing further dates to the show in question, or to other shows under the direction of the same management.

RULE 2-DUTIES OF SHOW OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

Part 1. **Show officials and Employees.** The term "Show Officials" shall include and refer to the following persons: Directors, Officers, Chairman of the Show Committee, Manager, Secretary, Judges-Rule 7, Stewards-Rule 8, Technical Delegates, Veterinarians, Course Designer, Timekeepers, Announcer, Ringmaster, Ring Clerks, Farrier, and other persons engaged directly by the show. The attention of all show officials and employees is called to the subject of violations, Rule 10, Part II.

Sec. 1. (a). The Board of Directors of a recognized Show, or the governing body in charge, shall be a Show Committee of at least three responsible people who must be available at all times to act in the executive capacity.

Sec. 1. (b). Manager. (1) Recognized Shows should exercise extreme care in the selection and appointment of a Show Manager for the mutual benefit of committees, exhibitors, and spectators. Any member of a show committee who performs the duties assigned herein to the Show Manager, in lieu of an appointed Manager, is in fact the responsible officer within the meaning of these rules and must be so named in the prize list. An individual acting in this capacity is required to be an individual Senior Member of the VHSA. A thorough knowledge of the rules of the Association shall be one of the requisites of a person serving as a Show Manager.

(2) Any Show Manager, who violates or knowingly permits violation of the rules of the Association at his show, shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Committee on Charges, Protests, and Hearings, in accordance with Rule 10.

(3) A Manager may not serve as Judge, Steward or Technical Delegate of his own show. A member of a Manager's family may not officiate as Judge, Steward, or Technical Delegate at said Manager's show.

Sec. 1. (c). Show Secretary. An individual who processes entries and performs such other duties as assigned by the Board of Directors, the Show Committee or Manager.

Sec.2. Duties of Management. It shall be the duty of the Directors, their Show Committee and Show Manager to:

(a) Enforce all rules of the Association from the time entries are admitted to the show grounds until their departure.

(b) Hire the necessary judges and officials for the operation of the show, and to see that they are properly qualified.

(c) Appoint and identify in the prize list one or more licensed USEF Stewards, who shall be present at each session of the Show. Competitions using more than three performance areas simultaneously must have at least two stewards on duty.

(d) Qualified medical personnel with no other duties and suitable medical equipment, must be present during scheduled schooling sessions over fences. Equipment must be present during scheduled schooling sessions over fences and during all scheduled performances. Qualified medical personnel is defined as a person who is currently certified or licensed in their profession and trained in pre-hospital trauma care. EMT/paramedics, doctors, nurses and/or certified athletic trainers (certified by National Athletic Trainers Association) are qualified. This person must be identified and the area where this person is available must be designated and readily identifiable. An operational telephone and/or other emergency call priority system must be provided by the competition. Management must post in the office and by the telephone and/or emergency call equipment, emergency telephone numbers plus directions to the competition which could be quickly relayed to the off site responder. An ambulance must be on the grounds or on call. A fine of $50 per day will be imposed on Recognized Competitions failing to comply with this rule.

(e) See that all animals required to be measured shall be correctly measured by the rules and to order the measurement of any horse or pony whose height or length of foot is questioned by an exhibitor. Measurement shall take place immediately to the end that there be no change by re-showing. See Rule 26.

(f) Prevent manual poling with unauthorized poles, or the abuse of a horse anywhere on the grounds.

(g) Eliminate, without waiting for a protest to be made, a contender who has made an entry of horse, pony, rider, or driver that is ineligible.

(h) Receive and act upon protests and charges in accordance with Rule 9, and report whatever action taken to the Board of Directors.

(I) In the event that any person participating at a show shall commit an offense or violation described in Rule 10, the Directors of the Show may, at their discretion, disqualify such person from further participation in their show only. Any such offense shall be reported to the Board of Directors for whatever further action is deemed necessary.

(j) Pay premiums and other indebtedness of the show. Failure to do so subjects a show to penalty under Rule 10.

(k) Obtain the necessary special or guest cards for Judges.

(l) Provide a telephone on the grounds from the time horses arrive until completion of the show.

(m) Apply annually to the Association for dates for the show. In case of conflict the Board of Directors shall arbitrate and make decision. Sixty (60) days must elapse between the date of application and the actual holding of the show. It shall be in order for the Association to withhold the allotment of a date to a Recognized Show which has indebtedness recognized by the Association.

(n) Certify to the Association the person appointed to represent the show at all meetings of the Association for the ensuing year.
(o) Apply to the Association for the authority to offer the Hunter Seat Medal class, VHSA Equitation on the Flat, Pony Equitation Medal class, the Children's Medal class and the Adult Amateur Medal class. The medal fee of $5 per entry and must be paid and submitted with the show results. Payment must be sent to the VHSA office immediately and must be postmarked within ten (10) days of the competition date or incur a late fee of $50.
(p) File a draft of the prize list with the Association at least 30 days prior to the show and file a copy of the Prize List immediately upon publication in the event that the show fails to file the Prize List at least two weeks prior to a show, the Association will levy a fine of $100.00. Copies must also be forwarded to the Judges, Stewards, and all other officials.
(q) Within 10 days of the show send to the Association by either mail or e-mail, a copy of the results with a list of the winners, post or other added entries, scratches and corrections in all classes including the names of horses and owners. Any VHSA Memberships/Horse Recording Applications received at the show must be received in the VHSA office within 10 days of the show. In the event that the show fails to comply with this rule, the Association will levy a fine of up to $100.00. This material is needed in order that the winnings of exhibitors may be included in the Association's permanent records.
(r) In case a show makes an error in the championship points, the Secretary of the VHSA will notify the Show of the error, and correction must be made; otherwise, the show will be dropped from the Association.
(s) Report in writing to the Association any act on the part of any person named in Rule 10 deemed prejudicial to the best interests of the Association (See Rule 9). Matters to be so reported include withdrawal by an exhibitor of his horse from the show grounds, or from the show after it has commenced, without permission.
(t) Furnish the Judges in each class a score card containing exact specifications as shown in the catalogue, or amended if in conflict with the Rule Book.
(u) Provide a number card for each competitor, which shall be worn of the rider's back or in a conspicuous place, clearly visible to the Judge at all times when in competition.
(v) Report in writing to the Association within 90 days of the close of the show the name of any exhibitor whose fees remain unpaid.
(w) Insure that no entry shall compete until or unless said exhibitor or his representative and trainer has signed an entry blank, including all post entries.
(x) At the earliest possible moment notify interested exhibitors if a class does not fill and is canceled.
(y) See that a copy of the official negative test results for EIA accompanies each horse.
(z) Have a copy of the current Association Rule Book available for reference at all times during the show.
(aa) Send to the International Arabian Horse Association a certified copy of the results of all "A" Rated Arabian and "A" and "B" Rated Half-Arabian Divisions. See Rule 13.
(bb) The following credentials must be made available to show management and Stewards: 1) amateur cards; 2) junior hunter and pony measurement cards; 3) VHSA memberships cards for exhibitors in VHSA Equitation and Medal classes. If the above information cannot be verified, the exhibitor must sign a statement giving his name, address, the fact that he is in possession of the proper credentials and the reason this information is not available. These statements must be submitted to the VHSA office with the results of the show. Show management is urged to request a photostatic copy of these credentials with their entry blanks. If an individual cannot produce a VHSA membership card prior to entering any VHSA Medal Class, then it is the show's responsibility to make sure that individual becomes a member prior to the class being held. If show results are submitted with non-members exhibiting in any VHSA Medal Classes, then the show will be billed by the VHSA for the non-member's VHSA membership dues. This exhibitor will not receive points toward the VHSA Medal until they have reimbursed the show for their membership fee.
(cc) Provide stalls of sturdy construction in good condition, and safe for horses and ponies. The recommended minimum dimensions for box stalls are 9' wide by 9' deep by 7' high with aisles at least 6' wide. It is essential that the covering over the stalls is weatherproof. Prize list must specify type of stabling and whether stall doors will be provided. Failure of a show to comply shall be a violation of the rules and will subject the horse show to fine, censure or revocation of their date and/or other penalty. (See Rule 10, Part II, Sec. 1).
(dd) Responsibility for the construction of courses is a function of show management. The course designer or responsible person must be designated in the prize list.
(ee) Water facilities shall be convenient and ample.
(ff) Provide adequate and sanitary toilet facilities.

(gg) Provide secretary's office with adequate personnel and proper communication between secretary, announcer, in-gate, each ring and stables.
(hh) Provide proper schooling and exercise areas as provided in Rule 3, Sec. 9.
(ii) At shows which offer overnight stabling, adequate lighting must be provided.
(jj) It is recommended that a show with and "A" rated division provide, upon request of the official show veterinarian, a suitable area, protected from the elements, secured from public view, adequately lighted with adequate electrical supply and running water to serve as a first aid station for emergency treatment of ill and injured horses.
(kk) Provide food on the show grounds.
(ll) Maintain records for one year, and at the Association's request furnish entry blanks, judge's cards, class sheets or any other document.

Sec. 3. Veterinarians

(a) Each Recognized Show with an "A" rated division must have a qualified veterinarian present throughout the show. Shows with a "B","C","D" or local Rating may have one on call. Show committee must make all necessary arrangements before listing his name. The official Veterinarian shall insure that he or a qualified associate is on duty during the hours of showing and shall be prepared to handle all duties in the ring or on the grounds. The examination and treatment except when requested by the Judge, of all horses in the show shall be on private practice basis. A Veterinarian may not officiate in any division of a show in which he or a member of his family is an exhibitor.
(b) His decision, if asked by the Judges, as to the serviceable soundness of an animal shall be final for the purpose of awarding ribbons in the class for which he has been called. If the Veterinarian is not immediately available, or not called on, the Judge's decision as to serviceable soundness of a horse shall be final. Only the Judges may call upon a Veterinarian for his opinion during a class. The Judge shall give the number of the horse in question and the Veterinarian shall render his findings.
(c) The Veterinarian shall immediately, after leaving the ring, file a statement of his finding with the Show Secretary setting forth therein the number and title of the class, the number of the horse, the date and time of day. The Veterinarian shall have his certificate of finding read and signed by the Steward of the show on duty during the particular class.
(d) Examination of a horse in the ring by a Veterinarian shall be done as inconspicuously as possible and in such a manner as not to draw public attention thereto. Cooperation of Judges to this end is required.
(e) No exhibitor may procure and use a Veterinarian's statement to contradict the decision of the Judges or Show Veterinarian with respect to his own horse.
(f) No one shall approach a Veterinarian with regard to a decision unless he first obtains permission from the Show Committee or Steward who shall arrange an appointment with the Veterinarian at a proper time and place.

Sec. 4. Timekeeper. No Timekeeper may officiate in a class which a member of his family or any of his clients are competing.

Sec. 5. Farrier. Every show which offers a division or section with an "A" rating **must** have a Farrier qualified in those divisions or sections available during all performance. He shall report promptly when called to the ring to make repairs during a class. Other shows **should** have a Farrier available at all times. A Farrier may not officiate in any division of a show in which he or a member of his family or any of his clients is an exhibitor.

Sec. 6. Ringmaster. A Ringmaster may not officiate in any division of a show in which he or a member of his family or any of his clients is an exhibitor.

Sec. 7. Course Designer. The Jumper Course Designer is responsible for laying out the courses, building the obstacles, and for the measurement of the course. The Hunter Course Designer or his designated representative must be present at all sessions of the show and be available to report to the Judge at any time that the course is ready in all respects. Copies of the courses must be given to the Judges.

RULE 3-CONDUCT OF MEMBER SHOWS

Sec. 1. All divisions and sections for which rules are provided herein must be conducted accordingly and shall not be held under rules that are not in agreement.

Sec. 2. The Association will send a representative at the Association's expense to any show requesting assistance in planning their show and courses. This request must be made at least sixty (60) days before Prize Lists are mailed.

Sec. 3. It shall be mandatory for all shows to have an ambulance, rescue squad or qualified First Aid personnel on the grounds during the show's sessions.

Sec. 4. Every Recognized Show and every person participating therein including exhibitor, owner, lessee, manager, agent, rider, driver, judge, steward, show official or employee is subject to the Constitution and Rules of the VHSA and to local rules of the show.

Sec. 5. Definition of Exhibitor, Agent and Trainer. (a) The term "exhibitor" when used herein refers to someone who competes in a class or when their horse is shown in a class. In Equitation classes the term "exhibitor" refers to the rider. An exhibitor may not serve as a Judge, Steward or Technical Delegate at any show in which he exhibits whether or not the classes are conducted under VHSA rules, except VHSA Hunter Seat Finals, VHSA Equitation on the Flat, Pony Equitation Finals, Children's Medal Finals, and Adult Amateur Medal Finals.

(b) An agent is defined as "Any adult or adults who is acting on behalf of an exhibitor."

(c)A trainer is defined as "Any adult or adults who has responsibility for the care, training, custody or performance of a horse."

(d) An exhibitor may not serve as a Judge, Steward or Technical Delegate in which he exhibits whether or not the classes are rated.

Sec. 6. Definition of "not in good standing" and "disqualified." (a) The term **"not in good standing"** defines any person mentioned in Rule 10 who has been expelled or suspended by the Association.

(b) Any Recognized Show which shall allow a person not in good standing to judge, manage, exhibit, ride, drive or serve as Steward, after due notice has been received from the Secretary of the Association, shall be liable to suspension or expulsion from the Association.

(c) The term **"disqualified"** defines a person who has been deprived of the right of participating in a given show by the Directors of that show for cause.

(d) It is within the jurisdiction of a Recognized Show to disqualify an exhibitor and/or his entries and to cause him to forfeit his winnings and ribbons at the show, and for cause to have the horses removed from the grounds without being held liable for damage. All such disqualifications must be reported to the Association.

Sec. 7. Definition of Horse and Pony. (a) The term "horse" as used in these rules denotes either a horse or pony. When the term "horse" or "pony" is used or intended in prize lists and catalogues of Recognized Shows where height is one of the qualifications of the class, the word "horse" shall designate animals over 14.2 hands except registered Appaloosas, Arabians, Half-Arabians, Morgans, Palominos, Pintos, Quarter Horses and Western Horses. A mature horse is one over 4 years of age.

(b) If an animal 14.2 hands or under is eligible to compete as a horse in any one of the aforementioned divisions, it may also compete as a horse in other appropriate classes. It may not, however, compete as a horse in one class and a pony in another class at the same show. Once an animal is shown in a class restricted to horses, except in the aforementioned divisions it cannot be shown as a pony the same year; and then not until measured by a special committee.

Sec. 8. Drugs and Medication. See USEF Rule.

Sec. 9. Schooling. Show management must provide a sufficient area for schooling horses. Adequate lighting must be provided in schooling areas used after dark. Schooling over obstacles in the ring or over any part of an outside course area is permitted only at the time designated by the show committee. All other schooling over obstacles shall be permitted only within clearly identified areas and only at times designated by the show committee. Schooling over obstacles in any other area of the show grounds at any other time is prohibited and shall constitute a violation. A supervisor of schooling must be appointed for the schooling areas designated for jumpers. It is recommended that separate schooling areas be provided for hunters and jumpers. A separate schooling area and jumping area should be provided for ponies. Schooling areas for jumpers must contain at least one vertical and one spread fence with 6' standards, metal cups and painted rails. Schooling area for hunters must contain adequate hunter type fences, including a trotting fence, vertical and an oxer.

In addition to the official schooling area, shows should designate an **exercise area**. Shows offering "A" rated hunter or jumper sections must provide an exercise area at least 200' by 300' or its reasonable equivalent. Shows offering "A" rated sections other than hunter or jumper, must provide an exercise area at least 80' by 200' or its equivalent. If due to space limitation, a show does not have an adequate **schooling area**, or a show offering an "A" rated section cannot provide the required **exercise area**, one ring must be open for a minimum of 5 hours within each 24-hour period. Adequate lighting must be provided. Failure of a horse show to comply with the above requirements shall constitute a violation of the rules and will subject the horse show to fine, censure or revocation of its dates (and/or penalty).

If a Licensed Competition allows manual poling and the relevant state laws do not prohibit such practices, it must be done in the designated schooling areas. Manual poling is prohibited for all horses competing in Jumper classes at Regular Competitions. Horses found to be in violation of these rules by the Competition Steward or other Federation official shall be eliminated/disqualified from competing within the upcoming 24-hour period and shall forfeit all entry fees for such

competition. In addition after consultation between Competition Management, the Steward, or other official involved, and a senior judge in the Jumper division additional penalties including disqualification from the balance of the competition may be imposed. Exception: Eventing Division (see EV111.2); Jumpers (see JP103.1).

Single poles of bamboo only (not rattan or any other material) must be used, and may not be filled with sand or any other foreign substance. They may be taped to prevent splitting but they may not be wired, contain tacks or have a diameter of over 2" at the large end. Pole must be held by one person only, using either one or two hands. Pole shall not be supported by any other means (i.e., standard, cup, or ring fence). There shall be no ropes, lunge reins or any other devices attached to said poles. Exhibitors must furnish their own poles and no other object may be manually employed.

Manual poling is permitted at a vertical fence only but a bamboo pole may be used as an off-set bar at either a vertical or spread fence. An off-set bamboo pole is one which is placed at any height behind or in front of the elements of the obstacle itself instead of being placed in the same vertical plane or planes. The length of the "off-set" bamboo pole may not exceed the length of the obstacle's rails. No other form of off-set or false ground line (ground line cannot be behind the vertical plane of the face of the fence or more than 3 feet in front, any trotting rail or placement pole may not be less than 8' to fence) is permitted. The spread fence must be jumped in the right direction.

Violators will be automatically penalized by elimination of the horse involved from the class in which it is participating and the next succeeding class in which it is entered. If the violation occurs after the horse has completed its performance in a class or between classes, it will be eliminated from the next two succeeding classes in which it is entered. All such violations must be recorded in the Steward's Report and, if cruelty or abusive behavior is evident, it will be reviewed by the Board of Directors for such action as may be deemed appropriate to the particular circumstances.

Sec. 10. Cruelty. See USEF Rule. Exceptions: Ignore Article 302.4 and refer to above acts and ignore (See Art. GR615).

Sec. 11. Soundness. Unless specific division rules state otherwise, all animals, except stallions and mares in Breeding classes must be serviceably sound for competition purposes, i.e., such animal must not show evidence of lameness or broken wind. Animals with complete loss of sight in either eye may be found serviceably sound at the Judge's discretion, except in a class over fences where a Judge may ask a rider to change horses.

Sec. 12. Interruption of procedure. (a) In the event that a show is stopped while in progress due to a storm or other emergency, the decision as to its continuance shall rest with the Show Committee. It shall also be within the committee's province to make such awards for classes not held as in its judgement is warranted and called for. No championship, awarded on points, under this ruling shall be made in any division, however unless more than 50% of the scheduled classes in division have been held. Any action thus taken by the show shall not be referable to this Association, inasmuch is one of discretion and not regulation.

(b) A class in operation at the time of the stopping of a show shall cease and no placements involving Horse of the Year Awards shall be made. In the event that a tie for championship exists in the Hunter or Jumper Division at the time the show is stopped, points toward Horse of the Year Award shall be divided between the tied horses.

(c) In the event that a class in which horses compete individually is stopped while in progress due to storm, accident or other emergency, the following procedure shall govern: If the class is continued during the same session, it shall go on from the point where it ceased and scores already credited shall count. If the class is continued at a succeeding session of the show, it shall be held over in its entirety and no scores credited in the first session shall count, except that in the event that a class has reached the jump-off stage when the stoppage occurs, only those horses involved in the jump-off need compete in the succeeding session.

(d) If the class in which horses compete together is stopped while in progress due to storm, accident or other emergency, the class when recommenced shall be held over in its entirety and no consideration shall be given to the performance during the original session.

(e) If classes are postponed to a day not included in the original show dates, exhibitors are entitled to a refund of entry fees in the classes postponed and are relieved of any obligation to show back in postponed classes.

Sec. 13. Breakage of Equipment. (a) Except in Hunter, Jumper, Saddle Seat, Roadster, Saddlebred, and Equitation Classes in which specific rules prevail, and exhibitor is entitled to request suspension of judging for a period not to exceed five minutes in aggregate (but not more than two times in a class) in order to repair broken equipment, replace a shoe or rectify a similar accident. The exhibitor must go to the center of the ring in any such emergency which will constitute a request for time out. Time shall be taken from the moment the exhibitor goes to the center of the ring except in event of a horse casting a shoe time shall not start until the farrier enters the ring. Two attendants are permitted in the ring to assist an exhibitor during a time out. If at the expiration of the five minutes the repair has not been made the

contestant may proceed as is or be eliminated. The Steward or Judge shall be held responsible for timing unless an official timer is present.

(b) If a rider or driver is not involved in a "time out" he may make minor adjustments that can be performed with the assistance of one attendant and not be charged with a "time out."

(c) If a horse is removed from the ring for the purpose of shoeing, the Steward or Judge shall accompany and remain with the horse until it is returned to the ring or excused from the class.

Sec. 14. Shoeing Regulation. In some parts of the country it is common practice to show unshod horses in certain classes. A horse shall not be barred from the ring because of being unshod, but in classes in which it is common practice for all horses to be shod, a barefoot horse may be penalized at the Judge's discretion.

Shows offering classes in a division that designates a maximum weight for shoes, must provide accurate scales for weighing. In the event an entry casts a shoe in any of the classes the shoe including pad, if used, must be immediately weighed by the Judge. Nails are excluded. In these classes, an entry may not be excused from the ring until the Judge is satisfied that the entry has not cast a shoe. If the weight of a shoe and pad are protested, the owner may elect to withdraw the entry and forfeit all entry fees and winnings of the protested entry for the entire show, in which event the protest shall be withdrawn and the fee refunded or to have the shoe and pad removed in the presence of the show Veterinarian and Steward so it can be weighed immediately. Whether cast or removed, if the shoe and pad exceeds the weight limit the entry shall be disqualified and all entry fees and winnings of the entry for the entire show shall be forfeited. Removal and replacement of any protested shoe and pad is the sole responsibility of the owner of the entry; however, if the protest is not upheld, the protestor must pay $15 to defray the cost of removal and replacement of the shoe.

Sec. 15. Falls. (a) A rider is considered to have fallen when he is separated from his horse, that has not fallen, in such a way as to necessitate remounting or vaulting into the saddle.

(b) A horse is considered to have fallen when the shoulder and haunch on the same side have touched the ground or an obstacle and the ground.

(c) In all classes except Hunter, Jumper, and Equitation (in which specific rules prevail) the fall of horse and/or rider shall not disqualify the entry, unless due to bad manners of the horse.

Sec. 16. Stallions. Stallions shall be barred from any class the conditions of which specify that a lady or Junior Exhibitor is to ride or drive except as provided for in Division Rules. Unless show rules prohibit, stallions may be shown by anyone in other classes in every division.

Sec. 17. Time Schedule. A show shall not hold classes more than 16 hours out of any 24 hour period from the start of the first class to the finish of the last class, including intermissions. There must be a recess of at least 8 hours between the finish of the last class of an evening performance and the first class of a morning performance the following day. A fine in the amount of $250 per hour, or part thereof, will be imposed for exceeding the 16 hour time limit or not allowing an 8 hour recess.

NO CLASS SHALL BE STARTED AFTER MIDNIGHT. All classes in any section for junior exhibitors in any one day must be held within a twelve hour period excluding intermissions. No class over fences shall be started more than one half hour after sunset unless the jumping arena is provided with lights that have been installed before the beginning of the show.

(a) The announced order or time for classes shall not be changed unless: (1) at least 12 hours notice of such changes be given to each exhibitor and Judge affected, (and in writing for first class) or (2) the consent of each exhibitor affected shall be had in writing.

(b) Provided the order of events is not changed, management shall have the privilege of calling any class up to 30 minutes ahead of its scheduled time.

(c) When the start of any class, with no posted order, is being delayed by horses not being ready to perform, the competition may be closed at the order of the Judges or Show Committee, provided warning is issued and exhibitors are given 3 minutes in which to appear at the in-gate ready to participate, except in Jumper Division in which specific rules prevail. In classes where horses perform collectively after warning is issued, the in-gate must be closed 2 minutes after the first horse enters the ring. Judging shall not commence until the gate is closed or at the end of the 2 minute call. An official timer must be appointed to enforce this rule.

(d) It is recommended that a rotating starting order be established in all classes in which horses compete individually and allow a maximum of one minute for an entry to enter the ring. If a jump order is used it must be posted at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the class.

Sec. 18. For horse show purposes the term "Family" shall include the following: Husband, wife, significant other, parent, step-parent, child, step-child, brother, sister, half-brother and sister, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, grandmother, grandfather and in-laws of the same relation as stated above.

Sec. 19. It is the tradition of the show ring that riders and drivers be correctly attired for the class in question, hair neat and restrained, that attendants be neatly dressed, and horses properly presented. Riders in all classes where jumping is required must wear protective headgear throughout the class, except in Trail and Dressage Classes. Judges may penalize a rider not so attired. Management must bar riders without protective headgear from classes in which it is required. Numbers must be clearly visible at all times (Rule 2, Sec. 2u).

Sec. 20. Any change of color or markings other than mane or tail or hoof is prohibited. Only clear grooming materials are allowed on the hide and hair. Materials may be used to remove stains. All artificial appliances other than those permitted in Division Rules are prohibited. Bandages, tailsets, chains or other training devices are prohibited in the ring.

Sec. 21. Use of Whips.

No item may be used inside or outside the ring while showing a horse except one whip per handler. If whips are allowed, they must be no longer than 6' including the snapper or lash. No appendages of any kind are permitted. One lungeing whip is permitted only when lungeing. Some breed and/or disciplines may have use of whip division rules that depart from this rule and as such, the division rule governs. (See USEF Rule)

Sec. 22. Challenge Trophies (a) A challenge trophy is a trophy, donated to or offered by a show, which must be won a specified number of times under specified conditions. When originally placed in competition it becomes the property of the show committee, and cannot be withdrawn by the donor.

(b) The conditions of a challenge shall not be changed without the consent of the trophy donor or his legal representative and all of who have qualified as potential winners of such trophy, except in the event that the conditions stipulated are in conflict with the current rules of the Association. In such an event the show committee shall confer with the Association as to procedure.

(c) The winner of a leg on a challenge trophy in competition is entitled to possession of such trophy for a period of 10 months from date of winning unless a show stipulates that it shall remain in its possession. He shall be responsible for protection and care of the trophy while in his possession. At the expiration of 10 months, or two months prior to the next annual show. The show may demand return of trophy if it has not been won outright. Failure of exhibitor to return the trophy shall constitute a violation under Rule 9 and shall render the exhibitor subject to penalty. If in competition at more than one show per year, the committee may elect to keep the trophy in its possession.

If a trophy is destroyed, stolen or lost and thus cannot be returned, the exhibitor in whose possession it was shall pay the show the cost of replacing it with a trophy equally suitable and satisfactory to the show committee. Such replacement of a lost trophy, if completed before the next competition, shall exempt the exhibitor from penalty.

(d) Should a show or class be discontinued or not held for any period of time, any unretired challenge trophies offered at such show must be returned at the expiration of 10 months to the last active show committee. This committee shall determine the disposition of such trophies, but they may not be placed in competition at any show unless the provisions of (b) are met.

(e) In the event of the death of an exhibitor who has won one or more legs on a challenge trophy a member of such exhibitor's family may include such previous winnings in any further competitions for such challenge trophy in which they may engage.

(f) In the event that a challenge trophy is competed for and won under a farm name and the farm is thereafter sold or another person who retains the farm name, legs won on the trophy by the first owner shall not be counted by the subsequent owner of the farm in his competition.

Sec. 23. Perpetual Trophies. A perpetual trophy is a trophy donated to or offered by a show, which never is awarded permanently to an exhibitor but remains the property of and in the possession of a show, which may at its discretion present to the annual winner a replica or souvenir trophy. The conditions of such trophy are identical with those of a challenge trophy insofar as moving from one class to another, etc. are concerned, except that previous winners need not be consulted when and if specifications are changed.

Sec. 24. Prize Ribbons. At all Recognized Shows the prize ribbons shall be the following colors. To encourage participation it is recommended that shows offer one ribbon for every six entries.

Grand Champion	Blue, Red, Yellow and White
Reserve to Grand Champion	Red, Yellow, White and Pink
Champion	Blue, Red and Yellow
Reserve Champion	Red, Yellow and White

First Prize	Blue	**Sixth Prize**	Green
Second Prize	Red	**Seventh Prize**	Purple
Third Prize	Yellow	**Eighth Prize**	Brown
Fourth Prize	White	**Ninth Prize**	Gray
Fifth Prize	Pink	**Tenth Prize**	Light Blue

Rule 4-PRIZE LIST

Part I

The prize list of every Recognized Show must contain the following:

Sec. 1. General.

(a) List of Officials.

(b) Names of the officiating Judges with the division in which they will adjudicate, and the names of the Stewards, provided they have accepted to serve.

(c) Rating of Division for High Score Awards on Association Page.

(d) Complete Class specifications.

(e) Association Page. This must occupy at least one-half page in a conspicuous position in the prize list of each Recognized Show.

(The association page must include all of the following material and the show is asked to have the announcer invite the attention of spectators and non-members to this page.)

THE.....
is operated in accordance with the current rules of
The Virginia Horse Shows Association
and is
Rated (give ratings in all Divisions and Section)
Annual Meeting, December__, 20_____hotel
_____,Virginia

VIRGINIA HORSE SHOWS ASSOCIATION, INC.
400 Rosedale Court. Suite 100 Warrenton, VA 20186

I hereby apply for ..... membership and enclose payment for $.....

Senior Life - $400 Junior Life - $400
Senior - $ 60 Junior - $ 50

Please note that all memberships with the exception of Life expire on November 30 and that each horse and owner must be recorded with the VHSA office before any points are counted. Memberships and recordings become effective the DATE which they are received IN the VHSA office.

Name.....A ddress.....
City.....Co unty.....State.....Z ip.....
Phone(Day)..... .....(Night).....
Breed Interest.....Date o f Birth.....

(f) Illustration or clear description, including height of fences, of all Hunter and Jumper courses.
(g) Tentative schedule of classes, by sessions, for benefits of exhibitors & spectators.
Sec. 2. Prize List. Same as Section 1 plus the following:
(a) Exact date and location of show. A map and/or directions to show grounds.
(b) Statement concerning a particular system of judging to be used. In the Saddle Horse Division, the particular three-judge system must be specified.
(c) Statement the VHSA Hunter Seat, VHSA Equitation on the Flat, or Pony Medal is offered (if applicable). Prior approval for holding it must be obtained. (Rule 14. Sec. 4).
(d) Statement as to entry fees and prizes offered in each class.
(e) Entry Blank which must contain the statement to be signed by each exhibitor as shown in Rule 5. Sec. 1 (b).
(f) Prize Lists must be received in the office, postmarked at least 14 days prior to the show or recognized status may be withdrawn.
(g) Statement as to prizes offered in each class.
Part II. Class Specification.
Sec. 1. (a) All classes offered at Recognized Shows for which specifications appear in the Rule Book must be governed by current specifications to the end that uniformity shall prevail in the competition and in the adjudications. To cover any omission, it is recommended that the Prize List contain the following statement in a prominent position:
EVERY CLASS OFFERED HEREIN WHICH IS COVERED BY THE RULES AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THE CURRENT VHSA RULE BOOK WILL BE CONDUCTED AND JUDGED IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH.
(b) A Recognized Show is not limited to classes listed in the Rule Book. If a special class is offered which is not included in the Rule Book, the Prize List must furnish detailed specifications for the information of exhibitors and judges. However, where judging specifications are not in accordance with VHSA rules, points will not count towards Horse of the Year Award competition, and classes will not be counted for Division or Section ratings. The Prize List must stipulate this fact.
Sec. 2. (a) Mistakes in the Prize List must be corrected by issuing notice thereof to all prospective exhibitors before close of entries. If after that date, notify exhibitors on receipt of entries, or in writing when they arrive at the show.
(b) If classes are omitted, premiums decrease: classes added or premiums increased (unless required under division rules) notify exhibitors in writing or by wire at least 5 days prior to the show. Post entries must be accepted in such classes. Once a class has been canceled, it cannot be reinstated.
(c) If the change adds a new Division or Section, or alters a Division's or Section's rating, permission must be obtained from the Association at least 30 days prior to adoption.
(d) The prize list of member shows must carry the rating for the division and the division must qualify for the rating advertised. In the event the rating does not qualify, exhibitors must be notified immediately in writing or by wire of the fact. If the error is not noticed until after the start of the show, exhibitors must be immediately notified and the proper steps taken to correct the error. If the mistake is not corrected, the show will be fined $100 and recognized status may be denied in the future.

RULE 5-EXHIBITORS AND ENTRIES

Department of Agriculture Regulation AHD 10, Sec. 10.2-"All horses to be assembled at a Recognized Show must be accompanied by a report of an official negative test for equine infectious anemia conducted within twelve (12) months prior to such. Failure to furnish such test reports when requested shall exclude such horses from such events."
The term EXHIBITOR when used herein refers to someone who competes in a class or when their horse is shown in a class In equitation classes the term EXHIBITOR refers to the rider.
Sec. 1. (a) Misrepresentation of horse's identity, name, height, age, eligibility for a class, registered or recorded number or other information on an entry blank, or substitution in the show ring of a horse other than the one named in entry blank for the class in question shall result in the exhibitor's forfeiture of any ribbon, trophy, cash prize or other award won by such misrepresented or substituted animals, and shall render the exhibitor liable for further penalty as described in Rule 9.
(b) The entry blank of each Recognized Show must contain the following Association certificate, and must be signed by the exhibitor or his representative:

EVERY ENTRY AT A RECOGNIZED SHOW SHALL CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT AND AFFIRMATION THAT THE PERSON MAKING IT, ALONG WITH THE OWNER, LESSEE, TRAINER, MANAGER, AGENT, COACH, DRIVER, RIDER AND THE HORSE: (1) SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION AND THE LOCAL RULES OF THE SHOW; (2) THAT EVERY HORSE, RIDER, AND/OR DRIVER IS ELIGIBLE AS ENTERED; (3) THAT THE OWNER AND ANY OF HIS REPRESENTATIVES ARE BOUND BY THE CONSTITUTION AND THE RULES OF THE VHSA, AND THE SHOW AND WILL ACCEPT AS FINAL THE DECISION OF THE HEARING COMMITTEE ON ANY QUESTION ARISING UNDER SAID RULES, AND AGREE TO HEARING COMMITTEE ON ANY QUESTION ARISING UNDER SAID RULES, AND AGREE TO HOLD THE SHOW, THE VHSA, THEIR OFFICIALS, DIRECTORS, AND EMPLOYEES HARMLESS FOR ANY ACTION TAKEN; (4) THAT THE OWNER, RIDER/DRIVER AND ANY OF THEIR AGENTS OR REPRESENTATIVES AGREE TO HOLD THE VHSA, THE SHOW, AND THEIR OFFICIALS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS HARMLESS FOR ANY INJURY OR LOSS SUFFERED DURING OR IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SHOW, WHETHER OR NOT SUCH INJURY OR LOSS RESULTED, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, FROM THE NEGLIGENT ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF SAID OFFICIALS, DIRECTLY, FROM THE NEGLIGENT ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF SAID OFFICIALS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES OR AGENTS OF THE VHSA OR SHOW.

Failure of a Recognized Show to print this statement on every entry blank and to require that such entry blank be signed shall constitute a violation of the rules and render the show liable to penalty under Rule 9.

Sec. 2. Every entry at a Recognized Show shall constitute an agreement that the person making it, owner, lessee, trainer, manager, agent, coach, driver, rider and the horse shall be subject to the Constitution and Rules of the Association and the local rules of the show.

Every exhibitor or his agent and trainer must sign an entry blank. In the event of his failure to do so, his first entrance into the ring as a exhibitor shall be construed as his acceptance of the rules of the show involved and of the VHSA and shall ipso facto render him subject to said rules.

Violation of the rules in connection with entries may be cause for disqualification of the exhibitor. Exhibitors who have classes with conflicts in rings shall be held responsible for making prior arrangements with the paddock steward. All consideration will be given to exhibitors with this problem but the show cannot be delayed. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to have his entry at the proper time and place.

Sec. 3. Horse over two years of age must be named and the same name listed in all classes. If a horse has been recorded it must be entered under its original recorded name unless the name has been officially changed under the provision of Rule 6. It must also be entered under the name of the owner or lessee of record, or the registered farm name, which must appear in the catalogue. When entered by an agent the owner's or lessee's name must also be given.

Sec. 4.(a) No substitution of horse may be made after the announced date of the closing of entries, except in classes where more than one horse represents an entry (i.e. pairs, teams, tandems). In such cases substitution of one horse is permissible upon submission of the veterinarian's certificate of disability.

(b) Substitution of a rider or driver may be made during a class only under the following conditions:

1. in case of injury to or illness of the original rider or driver;
2. in a Combination Class unless the prize list states that the same rider or driver is required for the entire class;
3. in a Stock Horse class when one rider may show several horses in the individual workout.

(c) No substitution of rider is permitted in equitation classes.

(d) In the event of the sale or injury to a horse after the closing of entries, show management may permit an exhibitor to post enter another horse in the same class but the new entry must be given another number.

Sec. 5. Entries must be made in writing and duly signed by the owner or authorized agent and trainer and must be accompanied by funds to cover entry fees and stall hire. A signed entry blank constitutes a binding contract between the exhibitor and show management. Exhibitors are responsible for their own errors and those of their agents in the preparation of the entry blank.

In the event that a catalogue shall contain a statement as to an entry not in accordance with the exhibitor's original entry blank, it is the duty of the show committee to take all steps necessary, including public announcement, to correct the error, giving precedence to the exhibitor's entry blank, and not to the catalogue in error, as authority.

Sec. 6. (a) A Recognized Show may adopt its own policy covering the refunding of fees to an exhibitor who cancels his entries after the official closing date for same, and prior to the show's beginning.

(b) No exhibitor may withdraw his horse from a show after it has commenced, or remove it from the show grounds, without the permission of the Show Secretary.
(c) If an exhibitor voluntarily removes a horse from the ring without permission of a judge the exhibitor and all animals of the exhibitor shall be disqualified from all future classes at that show by the Show Committee and shall forfeit all prizes and entry fees for the entire show.
(d) A Recognized show may prescribe the penalty governing an exhibitor who is permitted to cancel his entries or withdraw from the show. Such penalty shall govern only at the show in question.
(e) Entering a class "hors concours" (without being judged is prohibited, except in Dressage classes.)
Sec. 7. Any Recognized Show which accepts entries and publishes same in the catalogue without the prepayment of the requisite entry fees, etc. does so at its own risk and the Association will not be responsible for the collection of fees. If entries made in writing in advance, are accepted and the animals actually appear in the show ring and the fees remain unpaid at the end of the show, the Secretary of the Recognized Show shall report the name of the exhibitor in writing to the Association within 60 days. If a person makes payment for entry fees, etc., which is not negotiable, the Secretary of the recognized show shall report the names of the horses and the name and address of the exhibitor in writing to the Association within 90 days. Association shall notify such exhibitor by certified mail of his indebtedness and warn him that unless settlement is made within two weeks he and any horses for which the fees have not been paid will automatically be barred from taking part whatsoever in Recognized Shows until settlement is made. At the expiration of two weeks the Secretary of the Association shall post the name of said exhibitor and horses, if still in arrears, to all Recognized Shows.
In the event a person is reported three or more times for making non-negotiable payment for entry fees, etc., to Recognized Shows, he is, after a hearing, subject to further disciplinary actions.
Sec. 8. In addition to entries of persons suspended or expelled from the association, a Recognized Show may reserve the right to refuse any entry of an exhibitor, agent, trainer or rider who has shown an objectionable attitude toward a given show or previous unsportsmanlike behavior at a Recognized Show, or to its management.
Sec. 9 The prize list shall state whether a Recognized Show will or will not accept post entries and no exceptions shall be made. Any show that sets restrictive criteria for accepting entries must do so by using either of the following methods: (a) based strictly on a "First Come, First Served" basis; or (b) qualification based only on winning (i.e. ribbons and/or prize money) during a specified time period, established by the Horse Show Management. Whichever method is used, no other restrictive criteria may be imposed. The method chosen must be clearly stated in the Prize List. A show recognized by the VHSA, USEF, or MHSA, may refuse the entries of riders and horses in Maiden, Novice, Limit and Green Classes if they are ineligible under the rules of any of the above association.
Sec. 10. Amateur and Professional Status. Every rider or driver who has reached his 18th birthday and competes in classes for Amateurs must possess an Amateur Card issued by the U.S. Equestrian Federation (USEF) and bearing current date, which must be available for inspection or the competitor must have lodged with the Show Secretary, at least one hour prior to such class, an application for such card provided by the USEF. Forms may be had by addressing the USEF. In the event that rider or driver holds an unrevoked card but does not have it in his immediate possession, the Show Secretary may accept a signed statement to that effect which must be submitted to the USEF. (For additional details see USEF Rule).
Sec. 11. Registered Stable or Farm Name. Entries may be made in a name other than that of an individual for high score awards, provided such Farm/Stable/Corporation is registered with VHSA. Horses shown under partnerships must be registered and one owner is required to be a member of VHSA. All applications for registration of Farms/Stables/Corporations must be signed by at least one of the bona fide partners. The registration may be either an Annual or Life Registration. The fee for annual or yearly registration shall be $70. The fee for life registration shall be $600. Applications may be obtained from the VHSA office.

Rule 6-RECORDING OF HORSES

Sec. 1. The VHSA maintains the only official record of winnings of horses at all Recognized Shows. To keep these records complete a horse must be recorded with the Association in the same name under which it is being exhibited. In the event the animal is registered in a Stud Book under another name the latter also must be given. To maintain breeding identification, exhibitors may not shorten horses names by dropping registered prefixes. Recording blanks are available at the Association office. The recording fee for the life of a horse is $70. Any discrepancies regarding a member/horse recording activation date must be resolved within 30 days or activation date will stand as is. **In order to accrue points**

for VHSA Year-End High Score Awards, the owner of the recorded horse must be a current member of the VHSA.

Sec. 2. Transfer of Ownership. Ownership of VHSA recorded horse/pony may be transferred without affecting points. A properly endorsed VHSA recording certificate or a copy of the Bill of Sale must be submitted to the VHSA with a transfer fee of $40.

Sec. 3. Change of Name. The recorded name of a horse not registered in a Stud Book may be changed by submission of the original certificate or in writing to the Association. The fee for change of name is $40.

Sec. 4. High Score Awards. No points will be credited to horses toward a High Score award until they are recorded and unless they are entered under their official recorded names and ownership. The responsibility for such recording shall rest entirely with the exhibitor.

Sec. 5. Leased Horses. A Horse Recording Application with the Lease information completed must be filed with VHSA along with a copy of the Lease Agreement. The fee for such filing is $40. The leased animal becomes property of the lessee for the duration of the lease for High Score Purposes. Leases can only be processed on horses/ponies who are already recorded with the VHSA.

Sec. 6. Exhibitor Registration. Entries may be made in a name other than that of an individual for high score awards, provided such name (Farm/Stable/Corporation, etc.) is registered with the VHSA. Horses shown under partnerships must be duly registered and at least one owner or partner, is required to be a senior member. All applications for registrations for Farms, Stables, Corporations, etc. must be signed by one of the bona fide owners or partners. The annual fee for such registration is $70 per year. The life fee for such registration is $600. Duplication of Farm names is discouraged but not prohibited.

Sec. 7. Show Records. Show records are available to owners of VHSA recorded horses, provided a written request signed by the recorded owner is received by VHSA. Records for the current show year are free; records prior to the current show year shall be charged at the rate of $10 per hour.

Sec. 8. Applications. (Can also sign up for Membership/Horse Recording on www.vhsa.com, under Pay Dues)

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Virginia Horse Shows Association, Inc.
400 Rosedale Ct., Suite 100, Warrenton, VA 20186
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: ( )_____ (Day)
( )_____ (Night)
Date of Birth: _____
My breed interest(s) is: _____
_____

Junior Life Membership $600.00
Senior Life Membership $600.00

Annual Dues:
Senior Membership ..... $ 70.00
Junior Membership ..... $ 60.00
Membership expires November 30

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APPLICATION FOR FARM/STABLE/CORPORATION RECORDING

Virginia Horse Shows Association, Inc.
400 Rosedale Ct., Suite 100, Warrenton, VA 20186
540-349-0910

Please enroll my (Farm, Stable, Corporation) as a (Life/Annual) Member of the VHSA.
Farm/Stable/Corporate Name: _____
_____
Owner:_____ _____VHSA No:_____
Address: _____
City: _____ County: _____
State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Telephone: ( )_____ (Day)
( )_____ (Night)
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
Lifetime Membership $600.00
Membership expires November 30

In order to accrue points for VHSA Year-End High Score Awards, the owner of the recorded horse must be a current member of the VHSA.

Virginia Horse Shows Association, Inc.
400 Rosedale Court, Suite 100
Warrenton, Virginia 20186

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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: (_____)_____

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: _____ Signature of Trainer: _____
Date: _____

Program 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.

RULE 7-JUDGES

Sec. 1. (a) A judge to be eligible to officiate at any member show of this Association shall be a licensed judge of the USEF in the Division in which he officiates. A special card, non-transferable, permitting a licensed Judge to adjudicate in divisions in which he is not enrolled, may be issued by the President, or Secretary at his discretion at the request of a horse show. The fee shall be $10 which is not refundable. The application must be signed by an officer of the show, and state that the show holds itself responsible that the applicant familiar with the Association Rules, and is capable to adjudicate as requested.

A "special" licensed judge may not officiate in an "A" or "B" division unless accompanied by a judge licensed in the division.

A Guest Judge is an individual senior member not enrolled as a Judge to whom the President or Secretary shall grant permission to officiate upon the request of a particular show and for that show only. The fee shall be $10, which is not refundable. The application must be signed by an officer of the show and state that the show holds itself responsible that the individual applying is familiar with the Association rules and is capable to adjudicate as requested. A Guest Judge may not officiate in an "A" division without a judge licensed in that division but may officiate in "B" or "C" if approved by the Board.

At shows licensed by both the USEF and the VHSA, the VHSA will honor a guest card issued by the USEF regardless of the rating of the division.

(b) A judge shall not be an exhibitor, rider, driver, steward, technical delegate or manager at any show at which he is officiating.

(c)A judge shall not adjudicate in any Division in which a member of his family, any of his clients, or any of his horses are competing, unless relationship is terminated one month prior to the show (for Arabian and Morgan Divisions three months). He shall not adjudicate in any division in which his trainer or any of his trainer's clients are competing, unless relationship is terminated one month (for Arabian and Morgan Divisions, three months) prior to the show. He shall not adjudicate in any Division in which his clients or a member of his family are competing, unless relationship is terminated one month (for Arabian and Morgan Divisions, three months) prior to the show. Stud fees and broodmare board excluded.

(d) No Judge may adjudicate in the same division at two "A" shows within a 30 day period (all Jumper division excepted).

Sec. 2. A Judge shall not during the period of the show be the house guest of a person who is exhibiting in his division, or whose family is exhibiting at such show.

Sec. 3. (a) No one may show before a judge who has received or has contracted to receive remuneration for the sale, purchase or lease of any horse to or from, or for the account of such exhibitor within a period of one month (for Arabian and Morgan Divisions, three months) prior to the show unless the sale or purchase has been made at a public auction.

(b) No one may show before a judge who boards, rides, or trains (for show horse purposes) any horse under said exhibitor's ownership or lease, within a period of one month (for Arabian and Morgan Divisions, three months) prior to the show (stud fees are excluded).

(c) No one may show before a judge who has remunerated said person for the board or training of any horse for horse show purposes within a period of one month (for Arabian and Morgan Divisions, three months) prior to the show (stud fees are excluded).

(d) No one may show before a Judge from whom he has leased a horse unless the lease terminated three months prior to the show.

Sec. 4. (a) No horse may be shown before a Judge that has been sold by said Judge or by his employer within a period of three months prior to the show.

(b) No horse may be shown before a said Judge that has trained by said Judge within the period of one month (for Arabian and Morgan Divisions, three months) prior to the show.

Sec. 5. (a) No rider may compete in an Equitation Class before a Judge by whom his or her parents or guardian or instructor has had financial transaction in connection with the sale, lease, board or training of a horse within one month (for Arabian and Morgan Divisions, three months) of the date of the show.

(b) No rider may compete in an Equitation Class before a Judge by whom he has been instructed, coached or tutored, with or without pay, within one month (for Arabian and Morgan Divisions, three months) of the date of the show. Clinics and other group activities are excluded.

Sec. 6. In the event that a show shall find it necessary to substitute a Judge for one who is officially designated in the Prize List, and who is unable to serve due to circumstances beyond his control, the restriction of sections 2-5 shall be non-effective.
Sec. 7. A Judge shall not discuss with an exhibitor or agent the purchase or lease or sale of any horse during a show at which he is officiating.
Sec. 8. A Judge may not ride or drive in any class in which he is adjudicating.
Sec. 9. When a Judge used as a referee is called upon to break a tie, he shall only state his preference in regard to the two horses tied. Once the tie is broken the officiating Judges shall proceed with the remaining placements, as the breakage of a tie for one placement by the referee does not automatically place the losing contender in the next position.
Sec. 10. A Judge who officiates at a show which has been suspended or expelled shall be debarred from officiating in any future shows held by members of this Association.
Any Judge whom the VHSA through its Board of Directors shall find guilty of conduct prejudicial to the best interest of this Association after opportunity for a hearing has been offered by the Board of Directors, may be debarred from officiating at any future member shows for a period decided upon by the Board of Directors of the Virginia Horse Show Association.
Sec. 11. Every Judge is expected to be proficient in his division and to posses a thorough knowledge of the rules of both the USEF and VHSA. He or she is obligated to adjudicate each class in accordance with the rules of these Associations. The decision of each Judge constitutes solely his individual preference and not a verdict by the Association. No one shall approach a Judge with regard to a decision unless he first obtains permission from the Show Committee or Steward who shall arrange an appointment with the Judge at a proper time and place. No one has the right to inspect the Judge's cards without the Judge's permission.
Sec. 12. A Judge must order from the ring any unruly horse or one whose actions threaten to endanger other exhibitors or their entries.
Sec. 13. A Judge may inspect Hunter, Jumper and Equitation Over Fences courses after they have been set, and report errors/omissions to the Course Designer.
Sec. 14. When over 40 horses or riders are entered in a performance class in which horses compete together, a Judge must divide the class and work it in groups of less than 40. Unless individual tests are required in the class routine he shall bring the top contestants from each group back into the ring for final adjudication.
Sec. 15. In classes which have a maximum weight for shoes, the Judge must immediately weigh any shoe that is cast.
Sec. 16. Only the Judge may call a veterinarian during a class but is encouraged to do so if his opinion necessitates the disqualification of an entry. The Judge shall give the numbers of the horses in question and the veterinarian shall render his finding. If the veterinarian is not immediately available or not called upon, the judge's decision as to the serviceable soundness of a horse shall be final. (Exception: The decision of the judge as to the serviceable soundness of a horse in Hunter classes is final, however the competition veterinarian may be consulted.) If the veterinarian is not immediately available, the judge's decision as to the soundness of a horse shall be accepted for the purpose of excusing a horse from showing."

RULE 8-STEWARD

All Stewards must be licensed by the USEF. (See USEF Rule)

RULE 9-PROTESTS, CHARGES AND HEARINGS

Part I-Filing and Contents
Sec. 1. A protest may be made to a Show Committee by an Exhibitor, an agent, a trainer, or the parent of a Junior Exhibitor for any violation of these rules. If a protest or charge is discipline or breed specific then the protester must have been an exhibitor in that division at the same show where the violation occurred in order to file the protest. If the protest is based on a general rule violation, then the protestor would not have been required to have shown in specific divisions in order to file the protest. The protest must be in writing, signed by the protester, addressed to the secretary of the show at which the violation occurred, accompanied by a deposit of $100, and received by a member of the Show Committee, the Show Manager or the Show Secretary within 48 hours of the alleged violation.
Sec. 2. A charge may be made to a Show Committee or to the Virginia Horse Shows Association by an official of the show, or a member of the Board of Directors of the VHSA for any violation of these rules. It must be in writing, signed by the person making the charge, addressed to the Secretary of the show at which the violation occurred, or to the Board

of the VHSA. If made to a Show Committee it must be received by the Secretary of the show within 48 hours of the alleged violation. If made to the Board of Directors, it must be received by the Association within a reasonable time.

Sec. 3. A protest or charge must state the full name and address of the accused and contain a complete definite statement of the acts which constitute the alleged violation. Precise details regarding a violation of the rules are necessary. The maker must be prepared to substantiate the protest or charge by personal testimony at a hearing or by sworn statements, witnesses or other evidence.

Sec. 4. A charge or protest against a Recognized show shall be referred to the Board of Directors by the Show Committee, Show Manager or Show Secretary.

Sec. 5 The Association may investigate any protest or charge; may intervene in any protest and present evidence concerning any protest or charge in its discretion. A protest must be in writing and signed by a Virginia Horse Shows Association current senior member in good standing at the time of the alleged violation of a specific VHSA rule. All protests must be addressed to the Board of Directors, Zone Chairman or appropriate Breed or Discipline Representative through the VHSA office. All protests are considered confidential between the VHSA member lodging the protest and the Virginia Horse Shows Associations Board of Directors, Zone Chairman or appropriate Breed or Discipline representative. No responses will be made to the protest by the VHSA by phone, email or through internet forums or chat rooms. Any public discussion or attempt to establish the merit of the protest in the print media or internet by either the member lodging the protest, or the Virginia Horse Shows Association Board of Directors will be considered a violation of the confidentiality clause. Such a violation of confidentiality would not be in the best interest of our sport and could render the protest null and void. In the event that an issue arises during a regular competition year (Dec 1-Nov 30) that is not explicitly addressed by the guidelines or rules of the Virginia Horse Shows Association, or of the Associate Horse Show Program, the decision made by the President, Executive committee, Board of Directors, Associate Program Executive Committee, Zone Committee, and Breed or Discipline Committee shall be final.

Part II-Non-protestable Decisions

The soundness of a horse, when determined by an official veterinarian of the show or by a Judge, is not protestable.

A Judge's decision, representing his individual preference, is not protestable unless it is alleged to be in violation of the rules.

A protest with respect to the height of a horse or length of a horse's foot may only be made to the Committee of the show. The decision of show officials shall not be reviewable by this Association. See measurement rule.

Part III-Hearings, duties of Committees, Appeals

Sec. 1. Any person or show against whom a protest or charge is filed shall be entitled to a hearing. Such hearing shall be after ten days notice to the accused except that a Show Committee may hold a hearing during or within 48 hours of a show after 24 hours notice to the accused unless said notice requirement is waived in writing by the accused.

Notice of a protest, charge or alleged violation is reported to the Association.

Sec. 2. Notice of hearing shall contain a brief statement of the facts constituting the alleged violation and shall specify the time and place at which the hearing is to be held.

Sec. 3. Accused persons may attend the hearing at their option and may bring witnesses, sworn statements or other evidence in their own behalf.

Sec. 4. Upon written request of a representative of the Association, or of an accused or accuser, there shall be furnished before said hearing any evidence to be introduced at a hearing, the names of witnesses and the substance of their testimony.

Sec. 5. A Show Committee receiving a protest or charge shall promptly hold a hearing and obtain from witnesses, entry blanks, and other sources the necessary information and evidence; all persons directly concerned shall be given the opportunity to appear. It shall then adjudicate the issue impartially, make effective its decision upon the parties in interest and report its determination to the Board of Directors. If the protest is sustained the deposit shall be returned to the protestor; if not sustained, the deposit shall be forfeited to the show. A Show Committee may disqualify a person at that show.

In all other cases, the facts and findings shall be reported to the Board of Directors for further action if deemed appropriate in its sole discretion.

In the event a Show Committee cannot reach a decision in regard to a protest or charge against an individual, either must be referred to the Board of Directors. If the matter in question is a protest, it must be accompanied by the protest fee. If the protest is not sustained by the Board of Directors the fee shall then accrue to the Association.

A party to a protest or charge desiring to appeal a decision of the Show Committee to the Board of Directors must file such appeal in writing within fifteen (15) days of the initial decision. The Board of Directors will not review the findings, but will determine whether the rules were properly interpreted and applied.

Sec. 6. The Board of Directors shall hear protests and charges in connection with alleged violations of the rules, consider the evidence, render final decisions thereon and determine and impose penalty. It may refer any protest or charge to a Special Committee appointed by the President for a hearing. The findings of a Show Committee or a Special Committee, after hearing, shall be reviewed by the Board of Directors, and it may take such action as it deems necessary. The proponent of a protest or charge has the burden of proof. In the event a Show Committee or Special Committee fails to hold a hearing within 15 days after receipt of a protest or charge, or fails to render a decision within 15 days of a hearing, the Board of Directors may take jurisdiction of the matter and take such further action as may be necessary to have the matter finally adjudicated.

Part IV-Suspension

The Board of Directors may temporarily suspend any person against whom a protest or charge has been filed from participating in any manner in the affairs of the Association or at Member Shows for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days or until the charge is determined, whichever is sooner. If the Board of Directors deems it necessary, it may extend the suspension for a further period not to exceed ninety (90) days.

Part V-Rehearing

Upon the discovery of new facts not discoverable by due diligence prior to a hearing, a party may request a rehearing before the Board of Directors. Such requests shall be in writing and shall contain a statement of the new facts upon which it is based. Rehearings will not be granted as a matter of right, but are at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

RULE 10-VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

Part I-Individuals

Sec. 1. The provisions of this rule shall apply at any Recognized Show to the following persons: owner, exhibitor, agent, trainer, manager, rider, driver, show official, show employee, or member of the family of the above, individual member of the VHSA or delegate or any person who acts in a manner in violation of the rules of the Association or deemed prejudicial to its best interest.

Any act at a Recognized Show in violation of the Rules by a member of the family of a person participating in the show who is described in the previous sentence, may be deemed to have been committed by such person and subject him to penalties.

Sec. 2. A violation is any act prejudicial to the best interest of the Association, including but not limited to the following:

(a) Violation of the Rules of the Association.

(b) Disqualification by a Recognized Show.

(c) Penalization by another Horse Association or Humane Society, or court of law for violation of Association Rules.

(d) Acting or inciting or permitting any other to act in a manner contrary to the rules of the Association, or in a manner deemed improper, unethical, dishonest, unsportsmanlike, or intemperate, or prejudicial to the best interest of the Association.

(e) Any act committed or remark made in connection with the show considered offensive and/or made with intent to influence or cast aspersions on the character or integrity of the Judge; approaching a Judge before or after a decision without first obtaining permission from the show committee or Steward; inspecting a Judge's card without the Judge's permission.

(f) Failure of a Judge or Steward to perform his duties at a show in accordance with the Rules.

(g) Failure of an exhibitor or his representative to sign the entry blank of a show in which he competes.

(h) Physical assault upon a person and/or cruelty to a horse as defined in Rule 3.

(I) Failure to obey any penalty imposed by the Association.

(j) Exhibiting any horse in the care, training or custody of a suspended trainer.

(k) Riding, exhibiting, coaching or training for the benefit, credit, reputation or satisfaction of a suspended person.

Sec. 3. Penalties. If found guilty, the accused shall be subject to such penalty as the Board of Directors may affirm, including but not limited to:

(a) CENSURE. A vote of Censure shall be listed under the defendant's name in the Secretary's Record of Penalties. If found guilty of a future violation the defendant shall be subject to a heavier penalty than for a first offense.

(b) SUSPENSION of such person for any period from showing or having others show, exhibit or train for him. A suspended person is forbidden for the time specified in the sentence to hold or exercise office in the Association or in any Recognized Show, from the privilege of taking any part whatsoever in any Recognized Show, and is excluded from all show grounds during Recognized Shows, as an exhibitor, participant or spectator.
(c)SUSPENSION for any period of the horse or horses, completely or in part owned, leased or of the stable of such person at the time of the alleged violation. The Executive Committee may at a later date remove the suspension of said horse or horses if a sale thereof is made in such manner as to be a bona fide transaction and not with the intention of relieving the suspended owner of penalty.
(d) SUSPENSION for any period, of any volunteer or any employed person who rides or exhibits for the benefit, credit, reputation or satisfaction of the person disciplined.
(e) EXPULSION from all Recognized Shows.
(f) EXPULSION or suspension from membership in the Association.
(g) FORFEITURE of trophies, ribbons and prize money won in connection with the offense committed.
(h) SUSPENSION from office as Steward, Judge, or Show Official.
(I) FINE.
Sec. 4. The Secretary of the Association shall notify the management of every Recognized Show of the penalizing of any person or Recognized Show and of the period thereof. Any Recognized Show which allows a suspended or expelled person to participate is itself liable to suspension or expulsion.
Sec. 5. An office of the Association may report disciplinary action taken by the Association to another Association if in their opinion such course is advisable for the protection of mutual interests.
Sec. 6. The VHSA will honor all penalties levied by The U.S. Equestrian Federation. On receipt of official notice that disciplinary action has been taken by other Horse Associations, Humane Society or Court of Law against a person for an act which may be a violation of Association rules, and officer of this Court of Law against a person for an act which may be a violation of Association rules, and officer of this Association may make a charge against such person, and the Association after a hearing of such disciplined person under the provisions of Rule 9, Part III may take such actions as it deems in its own interest.

Part II-Recognized Shows

Sec. 1. A Recognized Show shall be subject to penalty by the Board of Directors or Executive committee for violation of the rules. Violations shall include, but are not limited to, the following:
A. Failure to:
1. Conduct a show in accordance with the Association Rules.
2. Use the standard specifications for classes, or print verbatim that "every class offered herein which is covered by the Rules and Specifications of the current VHSA Rule Book will be conducted and judged in accordance therewith."
3.Print the current VHSA page in Prize List and Catalogue.
4. Print the Association's certificate on each entry blank.
5. Secure signature of exhibitor or his representative and trainer on entry blank.
6. Have animals measured if required by the rules.
7. Have a qualified veterinarian present or on call.
8. Have a Farrier present at shows with an "A" Division or Section.
9. Pay its indebtedness within 60 days.
10. Pay premiums and other indebtedness within 60 days.
11. File a Prize List and marked catalogue. Fine of $100 will be levied.
12. Hold a show if a date has been requested, and granted unless notice shall have been given the Association in writing 60 days prior to the date.
13. Report the disqualification of a person at the show.
14. Present correct hunter, jumper and junior division courses.
15. Provide qualified medical care and equipment as outlined in Rule 2, Part I, Sec. 2 (d).
16. Honor written contracts with Judges, stewards, other show officials and employees.
17. Provide stalls of sturdy construction, in good condition and safe for horses, in accordance with Rule 2, Part 1, Sec. 2.
18. Provide convenient and ample water facilities.
19. Provide adequate and sanitary toilet facilities.

20. Provide adequate lighting for overnight stabling.
21. Provide proper schooling and exercise areas as provided in Rule 3, Sec. 9.
22. Furnish the Association entry blanks, Judge's cards, class sheets or any other documents.
B. The use of non-recognized Judges in those divisions covered by the rules.
C. The use of Judges in divisions in which they have not been enrolled without obtaining in advance the required Special Judge's card.
D. The use of non-recognized steward.
E. The listing of a Judge, steward or veterinarian in the prize list or catalogue before the invitation to serve has been accepted.
F. Permitting persons or horses adjudged not in good standing to participate in any manner.
G. Permitting acts which are improper, intemperate, dishonest, unsportsmanlike or contrary to the rules of the Association.
H. Acting in a manner prejudicial to the best interest of the Association.
Sec. 2. A recognized show found guilty of a violation shall be subject to penalty including, but not limited to the following:
(a) Fine.
(b) Censure. A vote of censure shall be listed under the defendant's name in the Secretary's Record of Penalties. If found guilty of a further violation the defendant shall be liable to a heavier penalty than for a first offense.
(c) Suspension for any period from the list of Recognized Shows.
(d) Expulsion from membership in the Association.

RULE 11-CLASS DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL PROCEDURE

Sec. 1. (a) An OPEN CLASS is one which is open to all horses of any age, size or sex, irrespective of the ribbons previously won and in which there is no qualification for the rider or driver.
(b) A LOCAL CLASS is one in which entrance is restricted by management as to a territory of reasonable size and character and which is so described in the prize list and catalogue in derail. To be eligible a horse must be the property of a resident of the prescribed area, and winning shall not be considered in reckoning show championships awarded on points, nor will they count toward Horse of the Year Awards. Classes which are restricted to members of a club shall be included in the above definition unless membership is open and easily obtainable by all exhibitors.
Sec. 2. (a) A MAIDEN CLASS is open to horses which have not won a first ribbon at a Regular member Show of this Association, The USEF or affiliated associations, in the particular performance division in which they are shown. A maiden entry is such from the date of the closing of entries.
(b) A NOVICE CLASS is open to horse which have not won three first ribbons at Regular Member Shows of this Association, The USEF or affiliated associations, in the particular performance division in which they are shown. except as defined in special division rules. A Novice is such from the date of the closing of entries.
(c)A LIMIT CLASS is open to horses which have not won six first ribbons at Regular Member Shows of this Association, The USEF of affiliated associations, in the particular performance division in which they are shown, except as defined in specific division rules. A Limit entry is such from the date of the closing of entries.
(d) In the Arabian, Morgan, Saddle Horse and Western Divisions, ribbons won within a section shall not count in reckoning Maiden, Novice or Limit status if the animal is transferred to a new classification (e.g., Fine Harness to Five Gaited). In all other divisions horses that lose their Maiden, Novice or Limit status in one classification shall not regain their status when shown in another classification.
(e) The Maiden, Novice and Limit status of riders is affected by winning at Regular and Local Member Show.
Sec. 3. For horse show purposes the age of the individual on December 1st shall assume the greater age on that date.
Sec. 4. For horse show purposes any horse shall be considered to be one year old on the first day of January following the actual date of foaling.
Sec. 5. An Amateur class is one in which every contestant enjoys amateur status. Amateur classes may be restricted to riders or drivers who are no longer eligible to compete as a Junior Exhibitor.
Sec. 6. An Owner's Class is one in which every entry is ridden or driven by an amateur-owner or an amateur member of the owner's immediate family unless otherwise stated in the prize list.
Owner's classes may be restricted to riders or drivers who are no longer eligible to compete as a Junior Exhibitor.

Sec. 7. Junior Exhibitor; classes are limited to riders who have not yet reached their 18th birthday (see **Sec. 3**) and are judged on the performance of the horse only. In all divisions ponies shall be ridden only by Junior Exhibitors, except in the Jumper Division. Stallions shall be barred from any class that specifies a Junior Exhibitor is to ride or drive except as provided or in division rules.

Sec. 8. Breeding or In-Hand classes may be offered in any section in which they are indicated in the respective division rules. The prize list and catalogues shall specify as to each class the age, sex, manner of showing and points to be considered in the judging of the contestants. Junior breeding or In-Hand classes shall be for 2-year-odds and under. Senior classes shall be for 3-year-olds and over. All Futurity classes are in the respective breeding sections. Entry in a breeding class does not qualify a horse for Performance Championship Class, except in the Saddle and Morgan Horse Division in which any performance class, including the Futurity and/or Classics, qualifies for a performance championship class at that show.

Sec. 9. (a) In the Hunter and Jumper divisions, championships shall be awarded on points. In the Morgan division championships may be awarded on points. When championships are awarded on points, all competitors must be given an equal opportunity to obtain points. In all other divisions, championships shall be awarded in a championship performance class, and all entries must be given an opportunity to qualify.

Blue ribbon.....5 points Yellow ribbon.....2 points
Red ribbon.....3 points White ribbon.....1 point

Only the first four ribbons in each class shall be counted regardless of the number offered. Ribbons shall have the same point value even if less than the specified four places are awarded due to lack of entries, etc. Exception: See the Jumper Division, Bonus Point Classes. In Hunter sections only the first six ribbons in each class are counted regardless of the number offered. Ribbons have the same value even if less than the specified six places are awarded due to lack of entries. First place...10 points, Second place...6 points, Third place...4 points, Fourth place...2 points, Fifth place... 1 point, Sixth place...½ point.

(b) A Show Committee must designate all qualifying classes and may require any or all winners in a qualifying class to compete in a performance Championship Class provided it is so stated in the prize list and the gaits required are the same as in the qualifying class. Any exhibitor failing to comply shall forfeit all winnings in the qualifying class. If an exhibitor qualifies more than one horse for a championship class he may elect to show only one. To be eligible for entry in a Performance Championship Class a horse must be properly entered, shown and judged in one qualifying class in the same division or section. In a show not permitting post entries an entry which fails to qualify during a qualifying class by reasons of equipment repair, showing time, illness (certified by the official veterinarian) or failure of a class to fill shall be permitted to pay double fee and make a post entry in another qualifying class in the section, provided the horse has previously entered in the Championship or Stake, or if no subsequent qualifying class is available for such post entry, the horse shall be considered qualified for the Performance Championship class.

Sec. 10. To be "shown and judged" in any class in which horses compete together, an animal must perform at all required gaits both ways of the ring, in the original work-out and must remain in the ring up to the point of the judge excusing it.

Sec. 11. Junior Breeding or In-Hand championships may be offered for two-year-olds and under, Senior Breeding or In-Hand Championships for three-year-odds and over. In the event a show offers junior place ribbon winners are eligible to compete for the Show Championship unless division rules prohibit foal and yearlings.

(a) In a Breeding Section of the Arabian Division, the Championship shall be awarded to one of the horses which has placed first in a qualifying class. After the Championship has been awarded, the horse which has placed second in the qualifying class of the horse awarded the championship shall compete with the remaining first place winners for the Reserve Championship.

(b) In a Breeding Section of the Hunter, Morgan, Saddle, or Walking Divisions the Championship and Reserve championship shall be awarded to horses that have placed first or second in their qualifying classes. In either case, should any first or second

place winners in a qualifying class not compete for the championship be disqualified for being unsound, being unruly or not performing the class routine in the Championship class, the horse receiving the next highest ribbons in the qualifying class shall have the option of moving up for the Championship and Reserve only.

RULE 12-NON-RATED SHOWS

Superseded by Section 28

SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR BENEFIT

The prize list must include the Association Page and the Ratings for the Division. All shows must submit a copy of the prize list to the office postmarked at least 14 days prior to the show. The office will proof your prize list prior to publication without charge.

The prize list must carry the names and addresses of Judges, Stewards, and Veterinarian who have accepted to serve.

Prize lists should be mailed to exhibitors not less than 3 weeks prior to show.

Remember classes may not start after midnight. It is recommended that a minimum of 2 classes per day, per section, be in the Hunter Division and that "A" and "B" Pony and Junior Divisions be completed within 2 days.

It is recommended that show management give one ribbon for every 6 entries in large classes. The VHSA Steward is a representative of the Association. He is not there to set courses, aid in the paddock, or manage the schooling area. This is management's responsibility. Competitions using more than three performance areas simultaneously must have at least two stewards on duty.

Eating facilities for both exhibitors and grooms should be continuous from the time horses start to arrive, until the show is completed.

Proper sanitary facilities are a must.

Many shows run too long and too late. For one ring, three classes an hour is a rule of thumb method of estimation or 20 classes a day. Keep competent people on the in and out gates; maintain a spectator-free paddock with a good paddock master; and where necessary the posted order of go must be legible to a person on horseback.

Always award championships as soon as possible after the final class in the division, never hold over to a later session.

Post championship charts in a conspicuous, easily accessible place.

All show committees should maintain a strict rule that dogs must be kept on leashes and away from all courses.

THE ASSOCIATION OFFERS PRE-ADDRESSED LABELS, GUMMED AND READY FOR YOUR PRIZE LIST. These labels are available upon request to all VHSA Regular recognized horse shows free of charge and to non-members at a cost of $250 per set of labels.

RULES 13 TO 27 which describe the classes for all Divisions together with definitions as to appointments.

Entries in various classes are judged on some of the following qualifications.

Appointments (equipment)	Presence (style)
Breed Character	Quality (fineness)
Brilliance	Soundness
Color	Speed
Conformation (build)	Substance (strength)
Handiness (promptness)	Suitability (of purpose)
Manners	Type
Performance	Uniformity (of groups)

The particular qualifications for each class are hereinafter set forth and in each class the order of precedence indicated how the emphasis is to be placed adjudication.

The following class specifications are mandatory. However, underscored material is optional or indicates a choice, the italicized material represents instructions or suggestions to the committees.

Any class described herein may be confined to exhibitors within a desired area by prefixing "LOCAL" to the class title and clearly describing the area involved (e.g., "Open to horses owned and stabled within... miles of the show grounds") or ("Owned by residents of the town of...")

Entry fees, trophies and cash awards should always be indicated. If classes not included herein are offered, extreme care should be exercised in the proper working of the specifications.

RULE 13-ARABIAN HORSE DIVISION

See USEF Arabian Rule

RULE 14-EQUITATION DIVISION

Part I. Regulations for all Seats.

Sec. 1. The Equitation Division is divided into three distinct sections - Hunter, Saddle-Seat and Judges are licensed accordingly. The prize list must state which competition is to be offered.

Sec. 2. Entries shall not have reached their 18th birthday. Shows are encouraged to offer adult equitation classes for riders who have reached their 18th birthday.

Sec. 3. 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 contestant 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.

Sec. 4. Offering of money prizes in Equitation classes is forbidden.

Sec. 5. The Maiden, Novice and Limit status of riders at Regular and Non-Rated Member shows is determined from the closing date of entries. Blue ribbons won in the Hunter section shall not affect a rider's status in the Saddle or Stock sections, etc.

In the Hunter Seat Section, ribbons won in classes not to jump shall not affect a rider's status in classes over jumps. However, ribbons won in classes over jumps shall affect a rider's status in classes not to jump. Only ribbons won at Regular Member Shows and in classes at Non-Rated Shows with eighty or more entries shall count in reckoning a rider's Maiden, Novice, Limit and Intermediate status in the Hunter Seat Section.

Ribbons won in lead-line classes and classes where entries are not required to ride at all gaits will not be counted in reckoning eligibility for Maiden, Novice and Limit classes in any section of the Equitation Division.

In the Hunter Seat Equitation section, ribbons won in restricted classes (such as short stirrup, beginner and in classes over fences 2'8" and lower) will not be counted in reckoning eligibility for Maiden, Novice, Limit, Intermediate or Open classes.

Sec. 6. In Hunter and Stock seat, including in Medal and Equitation on Ponies, all classes with 50 or more entries at the beginning of the class must be divided and separate trophies and ribbons must be awarded. For Saddle Seat classes see Part III, Sec. 3. Classes may be divided by sex, age or rider or every other number. Except in Medal and Equitation on Ponies, if there are 50 or more entries remaining in a class after it has been divided, the class must be re-divided by every other number and separate trophies and ribbons must be awarded. Once a class has been re-divided, it may not be divided further.

Sec. 7. 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. 2. 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. 3. 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 contestants 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. Contestants 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. 4. Class Specifications.

(a) VHSA HUNTER SEAT MEDAL 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. To be shown over a course of not less than six obstacles at 3'6" which must include a 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. Judges may at their discretion test the top four riders. Jumping faults of mount not to count. Fall of horse or rider or three disobediences shall eliminate a contender. Judges may use any of the VHSA Tests 1-14. 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 cannot be combined with any other VHSA Medal or any other Division/Class.

(b) 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.

(c) 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.

(d) 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.

(e) 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.

(f) 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.

(g) 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.

(h) 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. This Class can be split by age, 35 & Under and Older, if number of entries warrant. Must have a minimum of three exhibitors in each 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.

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. Points will only be awarded to current VHSA members.

Sec. 5. Medal Finals.
(a) GENERAL. On or before July 1st of each year, the Association will announce the shows at which the final events will be held. Medal Classes at shows following the previous year's competition will count towards the next year's competition.
(1) The entry fee of $100 shall be paid at the VHSA registration office at the Host Show.
(2) All entry numbers must be picked up at the VHSA registration office at the Host Show.
(3) All entry checks must be made payable to VHSA and cannot be paid to the Host Show.
The Finals will be offered when there is a minimum of four riders qualified. The Judge or Judges will be provided by the Association. The winner of these competitions will receive the VHSA Award at the Annual Meeting. Previous Medal Final Winners are allowed to continue to compete in the same Medal in future qualifying classes and Medal Finals.
(4) To qualify for the VHSA Medals and Flat the top twenty point accruers based on a 10-6-4-2-1-.5 multiplied by the number of entries in the class point system will be chosen. However, two blue ribbons will be an automatic qualification. Points to be scored 10-6-4-2-1-.5 multiplied by the number of entries in the class regardless of classification of the show.
(5) All Equitation on the Flat Class 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 must request additional tests on the flat as a group or individually. Regulation snaffles, pelhams, and full bridles, all with cavesson nosebands are permitted. A judge at their discretion may penalize unconventional bits or nosebands. Martingales are prohibited.

(b) VHSA HUNTER SEAT MEDAL CLASS. Finalists will be required to ride over a hunter course of not less than eight obstacles at 3'6" which must include a 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. Jumping faults of mount not to count. Fall of horse or rider or two disobediences shall eliminate the finalist. No less than four riders MUST return for additional testing from VHSA Tests 1-14.

(c) VHSA JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP EQUITATION ON THE FLAT CLASS. All Finalists 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 must request additional tests on the flat as a group or individually. Martingales are prohibited.

(d) VHSA PONY MEDAL CLASS. Finalists will be requested to ride over a hunter course of not less than 8 jumps; 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 3'. Jumping faults of mount not to count. Fall of pony or rider or two disobediences shall eliminate the finalist. No less than four riders will return for additional testing from VHSA tests 1-14.

(e) VHSA PONY EQUITATION ON THE FLAT. Finalists 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 judge must request additional tests on the flat as a group or individually. Regulation snaffles, pelhams, and full bridles, all with cavesson nosebands are permitted. A judge at their discretion may penalize unconventional bits or nosebands. Martingales are prohibited.

(f) VHSA CHILDREN'S PONY MEDAL CLASS. Finalists will be requested to ride over a hunter course of not less than 8 jumps; 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. Jumping faults of mount not to count. Fall of pony or rider or two disobediences shall eliminate the finalist. No less than four riders will return for additional testing from VHSA tests 1-14.

(g) VHSA CHILDREN'S MEDAL CLASS. Finalists may not compete in any class where the fence height exceeds 3 feet, 3 inches (1.0m) with the exception of the Children's/Adult Jumper division, at the same show, where a rider may not jump higher than 3'9" (1.15m). To be shown over a hunter course of not less than eight (8) 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. The judge must call back at least four exhibitors for further testing over fences. Fall of horse or rider or two disobediences shall eliminate a contender.

(h) VHSA ADULT AMATEUR MEDAL CLASS. Finalist to show over a hunter course of not less than eight (8) 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 Children's/Adult Jumper division, at the same show, where a rider may not jump higher than 3'9" (1.15m). 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 two disobediences shall eliminate a contender.

(i) AMATEUR EQUITATION ON THE FLAT. This Final can be split by age, 35 & Under and Older, if number of entries warrant. Must have a minimum of three exhibitors in each class. Finalists 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 must request additional tests on the flat as a group or individually. Martingales are prohibited.

Sec. 6. 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

RULE 15-HACKNEY AND HARNESS PONY DIVISION

See USEF Rule

RULE 16-HUNTER DIVISION

See USEF Rule. Exceptions: Do not use USEF HU112.4 a & b, HU159, HU160, HU161. Do not use any of USEF HU165. Replace USEF HU108 with Part III below. Replace USEF HU146 with Part IV below.
Part I. Green Hunter. A First Year Green Hunter is a horse in his first year of showing over fences 3' in height at Regular Member Competitions who has not broken his Green status according to USEF Rule Green Hunter. *"2. A horse's green status is considered to be broken once it competes over fences 3'6" or higher..."*. A Second Year Green Hunter is a horse in his second year of showing over fences 3'3" in height at Regular Member Competitions who has not broken his Green status according to USEF Rule Green Hunter. *"2. A horse's green status is considered to be broken once it competes over fences 3'6" or higher..."*. (Exception: Horses who have shown as three year olds over heights not

exceeding 3'3" are entitled a Green Year .) No jog allowed. Division same rating as highest Hunter Division at same show. Awards will be presented annually to the 3'0 Green Hunter Champion and to the 3'3" Green Hunter Champion.

Part II. Small Hunter. Limited to horses over 14.2 hands and not exceeding 16.0 hands. Classes to follow the same specifications as those listed for green conformation and working hunters, except fences shall be 3'0". Small Hunter may be divided into Conformation and Working sections offered in each section. Unless both sections are offered Conformation and Working Hunter classes shall count toward a Small Hunter Championship with only one under saddle counting. When a Small Hunter Section is offered, points shall not count towards nor make a horse eligible for any other championship. Height of Obstacles: 3'0" spread must not exceed obstacle height.

Part III. Adult Amateur Hunter. To be ridden by an Amateur in possession of a valid Amateur Card. A rider in the Adult Amateur Division is not eligible to compete in any class where fence heights exceed 3'3" with the exception of the Children's/Adult Jumper Division. Course shall consist of no less than eight fences. Fence height shall be 3', spreads not to exceed height of fence. To be judged on performance, manners, way of going and soundness. Suitability as an Adult Amateur Hunter to be stressed. Horses to be jogged in accordance with USEF Rule.

Part IV. Low Adult Hunter. Open to horses only. To be shown by an amateur. Riders may not cross enter into any class or section at the same competition where fences exceed 2'9", with the except VHSA Medal classes. Course shall not consist of no less than eight fences. Fence height shall be 2'6", spreads not to exceed height of fence. No combinations allowed. To be judged on manners, performance, soundness and suitability as an Adult Hunter. A minimum of three (3) classes shall be held in any section in which a championship is offered. In the event there are less than three entries in either of the Low Children's Division or the Low Adult Division, these divisions may be combined at management's discretion.

Part V. Low Children's Hunter. Open to horses only. To be shown by a junior exhibitor. Riders may not cross enter into any class or section at the same competition where fences exceed 2'9", with the except VHSA Medal classes. Course shall not consist of no less than eight fences. Fence height shall be 2'6", spreads not to exceed height of fence. No combinations allowed. To be judged on manners, performance, soundness and suitability as a Children's Hunter. A minimum of three (3) classes shall be held in any section in which a championship is offered. In the event there are less than three entries in either of the Low Children's Division or the Low Adult Division, these divisions may be combined at management's discretion.

Part VI. Three Year Old Hunter. Section must include two or three Over Fences classes and one Under Saddle class with a Championship and Reserve Championship awarded. Fences shall be 2'9" and courses are to be simple. One Over Fences class must be judged on at least 25% conformation.

Part VII. Hunter Classics. Points from Hunter Classics will be awarded to their respective divisions and point value will be the same as the rest of the divisions at the same show.

Part VIII. Thoroughbred Hunter. The VHSA Thoroughbred Hunter is limited to horses who are registered with or are eligible to be registered with the Jockey Club. To be judged on performance and soundness. To be shown over a minimum of 8 fences 3' in height. Horses may be jogged for soundness. Points will be awarded according to the rating of the horse show. Horses must be registered with the VHSA and owners must be current VHSA members in order to accrue points towards VHSA year-end awards.

RULE 17-HUNTER PONY DIVISION

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). Replace USEF HP165 ~ HP168 Special rating requirements with the following:

Part I. Class Specifications. Classes shall be the same as those listed for Hunters. Pony Hunters Under Saddle are to be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Ponies may be asked to hand gallop collectively one way of the ring at the judge's discretion, but never more than eight at one time. Maiden, Novice, Limit and Green Ponies are not to gallop. 25% conformation is required in at least two classes in "A" sections and one class in "B" sections. In "A" and "B" sections, at least one conformation class must be an over fences class. Conformation must not exceed 25% in any class except a Model Class. Appointment classes are prohibited in all shows. Uniformity and similarity may count 15% in team and pair classes. Any show with an "A" rated pony hunter section may offer a Pony Hunter Classic in accordance with Rule 16, Part I. The height of fences to be the same as the Pony Hunter section. Manners and suitability

of a pony for the rider shall be emphasized in all classes. Extreme speed shall be penalized. Suitability of a pony for a rider shall be determined by height and weight of the rider as related to the size of a pony as well as the compatibility of the rider and pony. Judges must penalize but shall not necessarily eliminate any entry not having such manners and suitability.
Omit USEF Subchapter HP-7. USEF Hunter Pony Competition.
Part. II. Children's Pony Hunter. To be run in accordance with USEF Zone 3 specifications. Open to all ponies not showing in a rated section or division ridden by juniors not showing over fences exceeding 3' at same show. Small and medium ponies to jump 2', large ponies to jump 2'6". To be judged on performance and soundness. Ponies must be jogged for soundness.

RULE 18-JUMPER DIVISION

See USEF Rule Chapter JP.
Exception: "Childrens/Adult Jumper. Open to Juniors and Adults holding an Amateur card. Jump heights 3'6" (1.10 m) to 3'9" (1.15m) Riders in this division not eligible to show in any other jumper classes where fence heights exceed 3'9" except equitation classes".

Delete USEF JP118.4. Pony Jumper section.

RULE 19-JUNIOR AND CHILDREN'S HUNTER DIVISION

Part I. General
(a) Children eligible for Junior Hunter and Jumper sections shall not have reached their 18th birthday.
(b) Entries must be handled by Junior Exhibitors in all phases of a class.
(c) Horses or ponies which lose their Maiden, Novice, Limit or other ratings in any section or division shall not regain those ratings when shown in the Junior Exhibitors Division. Horses or ponies shown in this Division or Sections, unless specific regulations are set forth (e.g., Jumper Division).
(d) Stallions shall be barred from all classes.
(e) A minimum of three classes shall be held in any section in which a championship is offered.
(f) An "A" section may not be offered at a one-day show. No "A" Junior Jumper section may be held in one day.
(g) Junior Hunter section cannot offer more classes than the required amount for the section rating.
(h) 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 show. 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).
(I) Ponies may not be entered in Junior Hunter classes if Pony Hunter classes are offered at the same competition.
Part II. Children's Hunter. Open to horses only. To be shown by a Junior Exhibitor. A rider in the Children's Hunter Division is not eligible to compete in classes where fences exceed 3'3" except age group equitation, Medal Classes and Childrens/Adult Jumper. Course shall consist of no less than eight fences. Fence height shall be 3'; spreads not to exceed height of fence. To be judged on performance, manners, way of going and soundness. Suitability as a Children's Hunter to be stressed. Horses to be jogged in accordance with USEF Rule.

Part III. Junior Hunters.
(a) Eligibility. Junior Hunters may be of any height except in classes restricted to ponies. However, a pony may not enter a Junior Hunter class of a Pony Hunter class is offered at the same show.
At any show offering an "A", "B", or "C" section in the Hunter Division, the show may stipulate, provided it is so stated in the prize list, that all horses shown in the Junior Hunter sections offering a championship may not compete in any other hunter classes of the show unless ridden by Junior Exhibitors. Special classes, Amateur-Owner classes when riders are members of the same family, and classes which do not count towards any Hunter Championship or High Score award are excepted when the above restriction is used by a show.
(b) All horses showing at Regular Member Shows in the Junior Hunter Section must have a measurement card. A large junior hunter is a horse 16 hands and over. A small junior hunter is a horse under 16 hands.
(c)Height of Fences. The height of fences shall be 3'3" or 3'6". No minimum at Non-Rated Shows.
(d) Courses. Same as for Hunters.

(e) Scoring. Same as for Hunters. After all horses have had an opportunity to compete over a course, entries with major faults, which would eliminate entry from ribbon, may be excused at management's discretion, provided four more horses than the number of ribbons awarded have completed the course.
(f) Division of Classes. Classes for Junior Hunters may be divided as follows: (1) a) by age of rider (suggested are: 15 and under and 16-17), b) by size of horse.
If divided by size in an "A" section, it must be divided under 16 hands and over. This height division is recommended in all section.
If there are 60 or more entries in the division it must be divided by jump height, size of horse, age of rider and the prize money must be doubled. No horse may compete in both section.
If there are 60 or more entries remaining in a section after it has been divided by (1)-(3) above, the section must be re-divided and the prize money must be doubled. Once a section has been re-divided, it may be divided further, if management so desires. Method of dividing sections must be stated in the prize list. Shows may divide with fewer than 60 entries, provided the prize list stipulates method of division of entries and prize money. A section with less than thirty entries cannot be split.
If one class in a section is divided, the entire section must be divided, the prize money must be stated in the prize list and on judge's card.
If a challenge trophy for a championship is being offered in a section that has not previously been divided, it shall be awarded to the horse which has obtained the most points toward the championship in its respective section. If a challenge trophy is being offered in a class that has not previously been divided it shall be awarded to the first place winner with the best performance as designated by the judge.
(g)Class Specifications. Classes shall be the same as those listed for Hunters except that Conformation shall not exceed 25% in any class except a Model Class. Unless a separate championship is offered for Junior Conformation Hunters, no more than 50% of the classes may include conformation. When a separate championship is offered for Junior Conformation Hunters, the Model Class, if offered, must be the first class of the section and may be counted as one of the classes required for a section rating. In all classes manners shall be emphasized and extreme speed shall be penalized. This must be clearly stated in the prize list and on judge's card.
(h) Appointment. Protective, conservative colored head gear with no additional adornments is mandatory.
(I) Championships. Separate championships must be offered when all classes are divided but cannot be offered unless they are divided.
Unless divided as to Junior Conformation and Junior Working Hunters, the Champion and Reserve Titles shall be awarded
to two of the four horses which have acquired to most points performing over a regulation course in Conformation and Working classes (no Jumper Classes). In addition to these points, only these horses will receive half points for ribbons won in Model classes and full points for ribbons won in one Under Saddle class, if otherwise qualified. The prize list must specify which classes shall count. See Rule16, Part V, Sec 2. Ties shall be broken as in the Hunter Division.

RULE 20-MORGAN HORSE DIVISION

See USEF Rule Chapter MO.

RULE 21-PLEASURE DIVISION

Part I. General.
The Pleasure Classes are restricted to ponies and horses that do not show in classes where the performance of the pony or horse counts other than in Pleasure or Plantation Classes. THE PRIZE LIST SHALL SO STATE.
Sec. 1. Pleasure Pony Section. Pleasure classes are restricted to ponies that do not show in classes where the performance of the pony counts other than pleasure or plantation classes.
Pleasure Pony Classes are classified as Small (12.2 hands and under), and Large (over 12.2 hands not exceeding 14.2 hands). When entries are sufficient to have at least four (4) small and four (4) large ponies, the class MUST be divided. Pleasure ponies to be shown in English tack only.
Sec. 2. Class Specifications. Ponies to be shown at a walk, pleasure gait and canter. To be judged on manners, performance, quality and suitability of pony to rider, with emphases on suitability and manners. Excessively long feet or heavy shoes are discouraged and may be penalized by the Judge.
Part I a. Pleasure Horse Class. Pleasure Horse must be shown in English tack. Pleasure Ponies and Pleasure Horses may be combined at the discretion of Show Management.
Part II. Walking Pleasure Horse Section

Sec. 1. General. Horses competing in this section are ineligible to compete in any other classes in the Walking Horse Division at the same show in which the performance of the horse is the deciding factor. To be ridden by an Amateur, and/or professional as specified by show management. Horses shown in this division should conform as to gaits and conformation to Rule 24, Part III and IV. Points won count towards Walking Pleasure High Score award.

Sec. 2. Class Specifications.

PARK PLEASURE WALKING HORSES, OPEN AMATEUR, AMATEUR-OWNER, STALLION, MARE, GELDING, 15.2 HANDS AND UNDER, OVER 15.2 HANDS, LADIES, JUNIOR EXHIBITOR. English or Western Tack permitted. Shows may divide if so specified in the prize list. To be shown at the flat walk, Plantation gait and canter or lope. To stand quietly and back readily. To be judged as a pleasant riding horse with true road and trail qualities; disposition, mouth, manners, responsiveness to rider, soundness and conformation to be considered.

RULE 22-ROADSTER DIVISION

See USEF Rule Chapter RD.

RULE 23-SADDLEBRED HORSE DIVISION

See USEF Rule Chapter SB.

RULE 24-TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE DIVISION

See Rules of WHOA (Walking Horse Owner Association).

RULE 25-MEASUREMENT

No animal may be shown in a class restricted to height unless the owner possesses a current measurement card issued by the USEF.

Part I. (a) For animals other than Hunter Pony, Children's Hunter Pony and Welsh Pony: Management shall not permit an animal to be shown in a performance class at a VHSA show in any division or section that requires a measurement card unless the owner is in possession of a current measurement card issued by USEF or CEF, or he possesses a copy of a valid measurement form. Management may not give out an exhibitor's number for an animal showing in a division or section that requires a measurement card before the valid card has been shown to management. A show Committee may require the measurement of all animals in any division in which height is a qualifying factor. Animals in competition in any division or section that requires a measurement card are subject to measurement by the official veterinarian and steward at the show. Measurements must take place at a recognized competition in which the animal is entered to compete. The animal must be measured by any two of the following officials acting together: a veterinarian, a judge or a steward who is officiating in the competition at which the animal is measured. Measurements may be made by two stewards acting together if both are officiating at the competition.

An animal must be measured each competition year until it reaches the age of 6. Animals five years and under will be issued a card designating the year measured. In the event an animal has been officially measured and the owner does not have the measurement card or valid measurement form in his immediate possession, the animal must be re-measured for the purposes of competing in that particular competition only. If an owner fails to present a valid measurement card at a competition the owner must have the animal re-measured at said competition. If the shoeing status of an animal changes from that which is indicated on its measurement card a new card reflecting the new shoeing status may be issued provided the animal is remeasured and the original measurement card is surrendered to the USEF office. If the owner of the animal is not a USEF member a fee of $10 will be charged for the measurement.

Part I. (b) See USEF Rule, Measurement of Entries. Omit GR513, 2.

Part II (a) Hunter Pony Measurement. Management shall not permit an animal to be shown in any Hunter Pony, Children's Hunter Pony or Welsh performance class at a VHSA show unless the person presenting the animal is in possession of a measurement card issued by the USEF or a copy of a valid measurement form. Show management may not give out an exhibitor's number for an animal showing in a Hunter Pony class before the above requirements have been complied with. Animals in competition in any Hunter Pony class are subject to measurement. Measurements are to be conducted by a steward and the official show veterinarian. Written reports of every measurement or attempt to measure must be sent to the VHSA office together with the steward's report. If the official show veterinarian is not present at the competition or not available when on call the measurement may be conducted by a steward and a judge officiating at the

competition, or another steward officiating at the competition, however, the measurement will be for the purposes of that competition only and no measurement card will be issued. Measurement forms will be sent to the USEF but will not be given to the owner. Measurements must be made with the USEF approved measurement stick. Measurements must take place at a recognized competition in which the animal competes. An animal must be measured each competition year until it reaches the age of 6. Animals 5 years and under will be issued a temporary measurement card designating the year measured. Animals 6 years and older will be issued a standard measurement card which does not have to be renewed. With the exception of animals under 6 once an animal is issued a measurement card, a new card will not be issued unless the height of the animal is protested and upheld, or unless an appeal is made or unless a new measurement request is made by the owner or trainer and the remeasurement results in the animal moving to a greater height section than that indicated on its current measurement card. In the event an animal has been measured and the person presenting the animal does not have the measurement card or valid measurement form in his immediate possession, the animal must be remeasured for the purposes of competing in that particular competition only.
Measurement forms are sent to the USEF office, but are not to be given to the owner. Non-members must pay a fee of $10. The measurement form must be filled out completely before the animal is measured. Before an animal is measured it must be jogged for soundness and show no evidence of lameness. If found lame by the official show veterinarian, said animal cannot show at that show and no measurement may be conducted. If an animal whose height has been protested is found to be lame by the official show veterinarian, the measurement card will be held by the USEF and the owner must request an appeal measurement in order to reinstate the card. The owner will retain his copy of the form which when properly signed by the two officials who have made the measurement is valid until the measurement card is received**.**

Part II. (b)
1. An owner or trainer may protest the height of only one animal competing in a class in which he is also competing. (See GR603) If a protest is filed the animal's heel must be measured by the officiating steward immediately upon exiting the arena so that no change can be made by re-shoeing or the animal must be accompanied by an official until the measurement procedure is completed. The heel measurement will be taken from the skin line to the ground (see USEF GR510), recorded by the competition Steward and signed by the exhibitor. The animal must be measured for height within one hour of the conclusion of the session, at an officially designated measurement location for that competition. If it is determined that the animal's shoeing has been changed between the time of the measurement of the heel and the official measurement of the animal, the protest will be upheld and the owner will forfeit entry fees and winnings for the entire competition and the animal is barred from competing for the balance of the competition year. All points accumulated for Horse of the Year Awards are nullified.
2. Animals Five Years of Age or Under
a. If it is determined that an animal five years of age or under is being shown with the same heel measurement as indicated on its measurement card or valid measurement form, or a lower heel measurement than as indicated on the measurement card or valid measurement form, said animal may continue to show at the height indicated and its height cannot be protested.
b. If it is determined that the animal is being shown with a greater heel measurement than as indicated on its measurement card or valid measurement form, the animal must be measured in accordance with USEF Rule

Part III. Measuring: Only the USEF approved measuring stick may be used. Measurement surface must be level and must not be dirt or gravel. A concrete slab or other paved surface is most desirable but a sheet of heavy plywood can be used only for Junior Horses. If a suitable surface is not available animals must be measured to compete in that competition, but no measurement form shall be given to the owner or returned to the VHSA and no fee shall be charged. Animal must stand squarely on all four feet in such a position that the front legs are vertical to the ground and the back of the hocks are in a vertical line with the point of the animal's quarters. The head must be held low enough to reveal the highest point of the withers and no lower. The animal must be free of all appliances and handlers must not interfere with the animal in any way that will prevent it from standing in this position. With the animal in this position, measure the vertical distance from the highest point of the withers to the ground. The arm of the measuring device must be placed over the highest point of the withers and no measurement taken at any other part of the animal's body will count. Additional pressure must not be applied to the cross-piece or arm. The animal may be presented for measurement with or without shoes regardless of how it is shown.
NOTE: VHSA competitions having Hunter Pony classes are responsible for providing an USEF approved measurement stick and a suitable surface for measurements or a sheet of plywood in good condition at least 1" thick for measurements.

Part IV. Measuring Toe and Heel. Using a 6 inch ruler, the length of the toe is determined by measuring the front of the hoof, in the center, from the skin line on the lower side of the coronary band to the ground. The skin line on the lower side of the coronary band is to be defined by palpation. The thumb should be used to press on the horny hoof wall proceeding from the ground toward the hairline. The first compressible soft tissue palpated is the lower side of the coronary band. The hair line does not necessarily coincide with the lower side of the coronary band. The height of heel is determined by measuring from the skin line on the lower side of the coronary band to the ground, with the ruler perpendicular to the ground.

RULE 26-CLASSIFICATION OF SHOWS

Part I. Classification

For the purpose of equalizing competition for High Score Awards, Divisions and Sections of Member Shows fall into one of four classification: "AA", "A", "B" or "C". The difference between an "AA" rating and an "A" rating is that if a horse show is held over five (5) days, the show rating is "AA". A horse show held over four (4) days or less is an "A" rated horse show.

Each prize list and catalogue shall announce the show's rating.

RULE 27-HIGH SCORE AWARDS

Part I. Sec. 1. (a) The VHSA offers High Score Awards in the following:

VHSA Regular Program:

VHSA Pony Equitation Medal
VHSA Pony Equitation on the Flat
VHSA Children's Pony Medal
VHSA Hunter Seat Medal
VHSA Hunter Seat On The Flat Medal
VHSA Junior Horsemanship
VHSA Children's Medal
VHSA Adult Medal
Adult Amateur Hunter - 50 and Over
Adult Amateur Hunter - 36 - 49
Adult Amateur Hunter - 18 - 35
Amateur Owner Hunter 3'6" - 36 +
Amateur Owner Hunter 3'6" - 18 - 35
Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3" - Older
Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3" - Younger
Low Children's Hunter
Low Adult Hunter
Children's Hunter - 15 and Over
Children's Hunter - 14 and Under
Green Hunter - 3'0"
Green Hunter - 3'3"
Green Conformation Hunter
Green Working Hunter - 3'6"
Green Working Hunter - 3'9"
High Performance Conformation Hunter
High Performance Working Hunter
Small Hunter
Large Green Pony Hunter
Small Green Pony
Medium Green Pony
Large Pony Hunter
Medium Pony Hunter
Small Pony Hunter
Children's Large Pony Hunter
Children's Medium Pony Hunter
Children's Small Pony Hunter
Junior Hunter 3'6" Large - Older
Junior Hunter 3'6" Large - Younger
Junior Hunter 3'6" Small - Older
Junior Hunter 3'6" Small - Younger
Junior Hunter 3'3" Large - Older
Junior Hunter 3'3" Large - Younger
Junior Hunter 3'3" Small - Older
Junior Hunter 3'3" Small - Older
Ladies Sidesaddle
Thoroughbred Hunter
Yearling Hunter Breeding
Two Year Old Hunter Breeding
Three Year Old Hunter Breeding
Hunter Broodmare
Pony Foal Breeding
Pony Yearling Breeding
Pony Two Year Old Breeding
Pony Three Year Old Breeding
Pony Broodmare
Breeding Junior/Amateur Handler Class
Overall Breeding Handler Grand Champion
Jumper
Low Junior/Amateur Owner Jumper
Medium Junior/Amateur Owner Jumper
High Junior/Amateur Owner Jumper
Children's Jumper
Adult Jumper
Young Jumper
Arabian Horse
Half-Arabian Horse
Morgan Horse
Senior Morgan Exhibitor
Junior Morgan Exhibitor
America Saddle Bred

VHSA Associate Program:
Associate Working Hunter
Associate Green Horse
Associate Junior/Children's
Associate Amateur
Associate Small/Medium Pony
Associate Large Pony
Associate Green Pony
Associate Adult Hunter Pleasure Horse
Associate Junior Hunter Pleasure Horse
Associate Hunter Pleasure Pony
Associate Hunter Short Stirrup
Associate Thoroughbred Hunter
Associate Pony Equitation
Associate Children's/Junior Equitation
Associate Adult Equitation
Associate Equitation on the Flat - Amateur
Associate Equitation on the Flat - 15-17
Associate Equitation on the Flat - 14 & Under
Associate Novice Jumper
Associate Novice Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper
Associate Low Jumper
Associate Schooling Jumper
Associate Modified Jumper
Associate Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper
Associate Thoroughbred Jumper

In the event that the competition in any of the High Score Award Classifications is so slight as of September 1, as not to warrant the giving of an award, such award may be cancelled or combined by vote of the Executive Board. High Score Trophies will not be mailed or shipped to anyone. All Trophies must be picked up from the VHSA office after the Annual Meeting has been held. High Score Trophies must be returned to VHSA office by September 1 (or thereabouts, depending on fall of Holidays) of the next competition year (with the exception of the Medal Trophies which must be returned to the VHSA office prior to the Medal Finals of the next competition year) . **If the trophy is not returned to the Association by the deadline, there is a $100 fine. If the trophy is not returned by October 1st, there is an additional $200 fine and if the trophy is not returned by November 1st there is an additional $400 fine and the recipient will be considered *"not in good standing"* and any current points may be removed. If the trophy is returned to the Association uncleaned and unpolished, a $100 cleaning fee will be charged for the trophy. Any damages to the trophy will be fixed at the recipient's expense or if the trophy is missing, the recipient will replace the trophy with a trophy that is equal or greater in value of the missing trophy, including all engraving.**

Sec. 2. (a) Perpetual Trophies. A perpetual trophy is a trophy donated to the VHSA, which never is awarded permanently to an exhibitor, but remains the property of the VHSA. The conditions of such trophy are identical with those of a challenge trophy insofar as moving from one class to another, etc. are concerned, except that previous winners need not be consulted when and if specifications are changed. The trophy must be returned to the VHSA cleaned and polished or the exhibitor will be fined $100 per trophy.

Part II

Sec. 1. (a) The winner of the award shall be that animal which scores the highest number of points in its classification at member shows in the period of December 1st through November 20th. An exception may be made by the Board of Directors upon written application six months prior to the date of show. If a show is in progress on any October 31st, points won at said show shall be allowable in reckoning the total score for that year.

(b) To be eligible for an award, a horse must be recorded with this Association and the owner must be an individual member in good standing. Points won previous to the date the owner becomes a member will not count. Ownership of an animal may be transferred during the competition without affecting the animal's score, as long as the new owner is a current member of the VHSA, the award being made to the owner as shown in the VHSA recording files at the time the horse wins its last point in competition.

(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.

Sec. 2. (a) No credit will be given for classes whose specifications are not in accordance with VHSA Rules.

(b) No credit will be given in any class that does not count toward a division or section rating, except in Hunter and Jumper Classics.

(c) Credit will be given for the first six places in any VHSA recognized division at all VHSA sanctioned Horse Shows.

Sec. 3. The Association will not consider a new division or section for High Score Award until at least a year's trial finds sufficient interest.

Sec. 4. No credit will be given in any classes with less than three entries (with the exception of the Breeding Classes). Points in all classes, including Stake Classes, shall be scored as follows:

The following Point System is for Hunters, non-Hunters, Breeding, Children's Jumpers and Adult Jumpers (Junior Jumpers, Amateur Owner Jumpers & Jumpers are based on money won):

Exhibitors	*"Heritage"*	*"AA" Rated 5 Days or More*	*"A" Rated 4 Days or Less*	*"B" Rated*	*"C" Rated*
1st	30	25	20	15	10
2nd	25	20	15	10	6
3rd	21	16	12	8	4
4th	17	12	9	6	3
5th	16	11	8	5	2
6th	15	10	7	4	1.5
Championship Pts	60	50	40	30	20
Reserve Chmp Pts	36	30	24	18	12

Heritage Horse Shows will be awarded an additional 5 points per placing (1-6) and Champion and Reserve will receive an additional 10 points than the actual rating of Horse Show. The Heritage Horse Shows recognized by the VHSA are:

Blowing Rock I Show	**Deep Run Horse Show**	**Tryon Spring 6 Show**	**Warrenton Pony Show**
Blowing Rock II Show	**Jump For the Children I Show**	**Upperville Colt & HS**	
Capital Challenge Show	**Keswick Horse Show**	**Warrenton Horse Show**	

Sec. 5. Hunter Breeding Divisions.

(a) Hunter Breeding classes must be offered as printed in the prize list. Classes may not be combined, however, they may be split if the number of entries warrant.

(b) A show may offer two sets of classes to count for Horse of the Year Awards and the prize list must clearly state which classes count for VHSA points. Additional classes and division championships may be offered, but will not count for VHSA points.

(c)Ribbons in all Hunter Breeding classes must be presented to the winners while in the ring.

(d)Classes with combined age groups do not count toward the Horse of the Year Awards. Exception: Best Young Horse class.

(e) Points for the Hunter Breeding Classes with more than three entries will be as follows:

	First	**Second**	**Third**	**Fourth**	**Fifth**	**Sixth**	**Champion**	**Reserve Champion**
"AA" Shows	25	20	16	12	11	10	50	30
"A" Shows	20	15	12	9	8	7	40	24
"B" Shows	15	10	8	6	5	4	30	18
"C" Shows	10	6	4	3	2	1.5	20	12

(f) If a Hunter Breeding Class has less than three entries, the point system will be as follows:

	First	**Second**
Two Entries	2	1
One Entry	1	N/A

If any of these entries becomes overall Champion or Reserve Champion (i.e., Best Young Horse) then the Champion and Reserve Champion will receive full Championship and Reserve Championship points. The Champion or Reserve Champion who was in a class with less than three entries will now receive full points for that class instead of just the one or two points that they would have received if they did not become the Champion or Reserve Champion.

(g) VHSA Hunter & Pony Breeding Junior/Amateur Handler Class: To be shown on the line by a non-professional handler. To be judged 100% on showmanship, turn-out and conditioning of the animal. Any age horse or pony may be shown. Horses and ponies will be walked and/or jogged. In order to accrue points towards the Hunter & Pony Breeding Junior/Amateur Handler Class the handler must be a current VHSA member and the animal must be recorded with the VHSA. The non-professional handler with the most points at the year-end will receive the Eileen Beckman Junior/Amateur Handler Champion Perpetual Trophy that will be presented at the VHSA Awards Ceremony in December of each year.

Sec. 6. The Frances Newbill Rowe Junior Exhibitor Award presented by Fantasy Farm. Candidates for this Award must be Junior Members.

Sec. 7. Virginia Horseperson of the Year. Candidates for the awards must be individual Senior Members as of April 1 of the current year and must be current participants in Member Horse Shows as either Exhibitors, Riders, Drivers, or Trainers. Previous winners of this award are allowed to be nominated again, however, not within five years of winning this award. Eligible persons are to be nominated by a senior member of the VHSA, in writing and include the names of the shows in which the candidate participated and in what capacity, plus a statement as to why the nominator feels that the person deserves the award. Nominations must be received in the VHSA office by October 1 of the current year and all votes must be received in the office by November 1 of the current year. Ballots will be published by separate mailing. All nominations will be forwarded to a committee appointed by the President, which will make the selection of the candidates upon whom the membership shall vote. The winners will be determined by popular vote and the awards will be made at the Annual Meeting.

Sec. 8. Virginia Horse Show of the Year Candidates for this award must be current member horse shows. Horse shows are to be nominated by members of VHSA**,** in writing, and must include a statement as to why the nominator feels that this show deserves this award. Nominations must be received in the VHSA office by October 1 of the current year and all votes must be received in the office by November 1 of the current year. Ballots will be published by separate mailing. All nominations will be forwarded to a committee appointed by the President, which will make the selection of the candidates upon whom the membership will vote. The winners will be determined by popular vote and the awards will be made at the Annual Meeting.

Sec. 9. Virginia Junior Exhibitor of the Year. The Fantasy Farm Perpetual Trophy. Candidates for this award must be individual Junior Members as of April 1 of the current year and must be current participants in member shows. Previous winners of this award are **not** allowed to be nominated again. Eligible persons are to be nominated by a Junior Member of the VHSA, in writing and include the names of the shows in which the candidate participated and in what capacity, plus a statement as to why the nominator feels that the person deserves the award. Nominations must be received in the VHSA office by October 1 of the current year and all votes must be received in the office by November 1 of the current year. Ballots will be published by separate mailing. All nominations will be forwarded to a committee appointed by the President, which will make the selection of the candidates upon whom the membership will vote. The winners will be determined by popular vote and the awards will be made at the Annual Meeting. only junior members may vote for Junior Exhibitor of the Year.

Sec. 10. Andrew M. Montgomery Perpetual Memorial Trophy. The Andrew M. Montgomery Perpetual Memorial Trophy is presented by his friends to the person, show, manager, exhibitor, horse, etc. who has done the most for the Virginia Horse Shows Association during the past year**.**

Sec. 11. The Susan H. Hagan Memorial Trophy. The Susan H. Hagan Memorial Trophy, donated by Mrs. Iris McNeil, is to be presented to a loyal VHSA member who exemplifies sportsmanship, comradery, and fairness, qualities that were genuinely important to Susan.

Sec. 12. Mrs. Elizabeth Nelms Memorial Owner of the Year. The Elizabeth Nelms Memorial Owner of the Year Award is selected by friends of Elizabeth Nelms and is contributed by Cismont Manor Farm.

Sec. 13. The Joan Cozart Perfect Parent Perpetual Trophy. This award is to honor the VHSA members' parents who have dedicated so much of their time towards supporting their child(ren).

Sec. 14. The Amateur Sportsmanship Award. Eligible persons are to be nominated by a senior member of the VHSA, in writing and include the names of the shows in which the candidate participated and in what capacity, plus a statement as to why she nominator feels that the person deserves the award. Nominations must be received in the VHSA office by October 1 of the current year and all votes must be received in the office by November 1 of the current year. Ballots will be published by separate mailing. All nominations will be forwarded to a committee appointed by the President, which will make the selection of the candidates upon whom the membership shall vote. The winners will be determined by popular vote and the the Katherine Hardin Amateur Sportsmanship award will be made at the Annual Meeting.

Sec. 15. The Frances Newbill Rowe Memorial Trophy. The Francis Newbill Rowe Award is awarded to the junior exhibitor who best epitomizes the qualities that Franics Rowe stood for in the horse show world. The winner is chosen annually by a committee of the friends of Francis Rowe.

Sec. 16. Junior Exhibitor of the Year. Eligible persons are to be nominated by a senior member of the VHSA, in writing and include the names of the shows in which the candidate participated and in what capacity, plus a statement as to why she nominator feels that the person deserves the award. Nominations must be received in the VHSA office by October 1 of the current year and all votes must be received in the office by November 1 of the current year. Ballots will be published by separate mailing. All nominations will be forwarded to a committee appointed by the President, which

will make the selection of the candidates upon whom the membership shall vote. The winners will be determined by popular vote and the Fantasy Farm Junior Exhibitor of the Year award will be made at the Annual Meeting.

Sec. 17. Adult Amateur - 50 and Over. The Lady Like Perpetual Trophy donated by Dotty Gray will be awarded to the Adult Amateur - 50+ Champion.

Sec. 18. Adult Amateur - 36-49. The Sandstorm Perpetual Trophy donated by Mrs. Polly Cooley will be awarded to the Adult Amateur - 36-49 Champion.

Sec. 19. Adult Amateur - 18 - 35. The Fantasy Farm Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the Adult Amateur - Under 35 Champion.

Sec. 20. Grand Champion Adult Amateur Hunter. The Castle Hill Farm Perpetual Trophy donated by Mr. and Mrs. Jud Fischel will be awarded to the Adult Amateur Hunter scoring the most points in either section.

Sec. 21. Amateur Owner Hunter 3'6" - 35 and Over. The Incentive Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the Amateur Owner Hunter - 35 and Over Champion.

Sec. 22. Amateur Owner Hunter 3'6" - Under 35. The Saving Grace Perpetual Trophy donated by Patty Mathis will be awarded to the Amateur Owner Hunter - Under 35 Champion.

Sec. 23. Grand Champion Amateur-Owner Hunter 3'6". The Mr. and Mrs. Ernest M. Oare Perpetual Trophy donated by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest M. Oare will be awarded to the Amateur Owner Hunter scoring the most points in either section.

Sec. 24. Amateur Owner 3'3" - Younger. The Loving Grace Perpetual Trophy donated by the Stuntz Family will be awarded to the Amateur Owner 3'3" Younger Champion.

Sec. 25. Amateur Owner 3'3" - Older. The Hampden Row Perpetual Trophy donated by Jan Simpson & Eric Dirks will be awarded to the Amateur Owner 3'3" Older Champion.

Sec. 26. Grand Champion 3'3" Amateur Owner. The Estrella Grand Champion 3'3" Amateur Owner Trophy, donated by Mr. And Mrs. Ernest M. Oare will be donated to the 3'3" Amateur Owner scoring the most points in either section.

Sec. 27. Children's Hunter-15 and Over. The Coat of Many Colors will be presened to the Horse scoring the most points in the Children's-Older, Hunter Section.

Sec. 28. Children's Hunter-14 and Under. The Turnabout Perpetual Trophy donated by Mrs. Nardeen Henderson will be presented to the Horse scoring the most points in the Children's Hunter Section.

Sec. 29. Grand Champion Children's Hunter. The Justin Tyme Trophy donated by Kerry Parker will be presented to the Children's Hunter scoring the most points in either section.

Sec. 30. Low Children's Hunter. The Low Children's Hunter Perpetual Trophy will be presented to the Low Children's Hunter scoring the most points in this Section.

Sec. 31. Low Adult Hunter. The Low Adult Hunter Perpetual Trophy will be presented to the Low Adult Hunter scoring the most points in this Section.

Sec. 32. Grand Champion Low Adult/Children's Hunter. The Low Adult/Children's Hunter Perpetual Trophy will be presented to the Low Adult or Low Children's Hunter scoring the most points in either section.

Sec. 33. 3'0" Green Hunter. The Ruxton Perpetual Trophy, donated by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth M. Wheeler, will be presented to the 3'0" Green Hunter scoring the most points.

Sec. 34. 3' 3" Green Hunter. The Hunter's Way Perpetual Trophy donated by Nardeen Henderson and Peg Seals, will be presented to the 3'3" Green Hunter scoring the most points.

Sec. 35. Grand Champion Green Hunter. The Delphine Challenge Trophy presented by Nancy Peterson will be presented to the overall Grand Green Hunter Champion.

Sec. 36. 3'6" Green Working. The Carol Harris Memorial Perpetual Trophy presented by friends of the late Carol Harris will be awarded to the 3'6" Green Working Hunter Champion.

Sec. 37. 3'9" Green Working. The Sin City Perpetual Trophy presented by Rachel Howell will be awarded to the3'9" Green Working Hunter Champion.

Sec. 38. Grand Champion Green Working Hunter. Cismont Manor Farm Challenge Trophy presented by Cismont Manor Farm to the Green Working Hunter scoring the most points in either section.

Sec. 39. Green Conformation Hunter. The Early Light Perpetual Trophy presented by Mrs. Sylvester Johnson will be awarded to the Green Conformation Hunter Champion.

Sec. 40. Overall Grand Champion Green Hunter. The Eugene Cunningham Memorial Perpetual Trophy presented by The Barracks will be presented to the Horse who has the most points between the 3'0", 3'3", 3'6", 3'9" Green Working and the Green Conformation Divisions.

Sec. 41. Grand Champion Hunter. The Mrs. W.T. Meredith Perpetual Trophy presented by the late August A. Busch, Jr. and Cismont Manor Farm will be presented to the Horse who has the most points between the High Performance Conformation Division, High Performance, Green Conformation, 3'6" & 3'9" Green Working Hunter.

Sec. 42. Owner Recognition. The Belcort Farm Perpetual Trophy presented by Walter J. Lee to the owner of the high score horse between the High Performance Conformation and the High Performance Division.

Sec. 43. Trainer Recognition. The Sign The Card Perpetual Trophy presented by Walter J. Lee to the trainer of the high score horse who has the most points between the High Performance Conformation and the High Performance Division.
Sec. 44. 3'3" Performance Working Hunter. The Times Square Perpetual Trophy presented by Joan Alberti will be awarded to the 3'3" Performance Working Hunter Champion.
Sec. 45. 3'6" Performance Working Hunter. The Trump Card 3'6" Performance Working Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the 3'6" Performance Working Hunter Champion.
Sec. 46. Grand Champion 3'3"/3'6" Performance Working Hunter. The Grand Champion 3'3"/3'6" Performance Working Hunter Perpetual Trophy will be presented to the Performance Working Hunter scoring the most points in either section.
Sec. 47. High Performance Working Hunter. The Tindle and Carino Perpetual Trophy presented by Wendy Mathews & Hilary Scheer-Gerhardt will be awarded to the High Performance Working Champion.
Sec. 48. High Performance Conformation. The Purple Heart Regular Conformation Perpetual Trophy presented by Lynn Ellen Rice to be awarded to the High Performance Conformation Champion.
Sec. 49. Small Hunter. The Blue Ridge Perpetual Trophy presented by Mrs. Nardeen Henderson will be awarded to the small hunter champion.
Sec. 50. Thoroughbred Hunter. The Tumblin' Dice Perpetual Trophy presented by Joan Alberti will be awarded to the Thoroughbred Hunter Champion.
Sec. 51. Large Green Pony Hunter. The Slipring Perpetual Trophy presented by Gretchen Ewalt will be awarded to the Large Green Pony Hunter Champion.
Sec. 52. Medium Green Pony Hunter. The Wish Me Luck Perpetual Trophy, donated by Carrie Kline and Family, will be awarded to the Medium Green Pony Hunter Champion.
Sec. 53. Small Green Pony Hunter. The Shenandoah Pony Stud Challenge Trophy presented by Hetty Abeles to Small-Medium Green Pony scoring the most points. To be won three times by the same owner for permanent possession.
Sec. 54. Grand Champion Green Pony Hunter. Liz Malone Memorial Trophy presented by Walter J. Lee, will be awarded to the Green Pony scoring the most points in either section.
Sec. 55. Large Pony Hunter. The Large Pony Hunter Perpetual Trophy will be awarded the Large Pony Champion.
Sec. 56. Medium Pony Hunter. The Shining Moment Perpetual Trophy, presented by Laurel Mullen, will be awarded to the Medium Hunter Pony Champion.
Sec. 57. Small Pony Hunter. The Pony Dot Com Perpetual Challenge Trophy presented by Kathy Newman & Family will be awarded to the Small Pony Hunter Champion.
Sec. 58. Grand Champion Hunter Pony. The Showday Magazine Challenge Trophy will be awarded to the pony scoring the most points in the regular pony hunter section. To be won three times by the same owner for permanent possession.
Sec. 59. Mary Drury Perpetual Memorial Trophy. Due to the value of this trophy, it is to be kept in the VHSA office. The Mary Drury Perpetual Memorial Award is presented to the small, medium or large regular pony hunter scoring the most points in its division at the "A" Pony Junior Shows designated by the committee. The pony hunter scoring the greatest number of points at these shows will receive a keeper plate at the Annual Meeting. The prize list must contain the statement that points won at this show will count toward the Mary Drury Memorial Award. Consult office for details.
Sec. 60. Children's Large Pony Hunter. The Wellen Goldsmith Perpetual Trophy is awarded to the Children's Large Pony Hunter Champion.
Sec. 61. Children's Medium Pony Hunter. The Dreams Happen Perpetual Trophy presented by the Orcutt Family to the Children's Medium Pony Hunter Champion.
Sec. 62. Children's Small Pony Hunter. The Pam Freeley Perpetual Trophy presented by Mrs. Pam Freeley to the Children's Small Pony Hunter Champion.
Sec. 63. Grand Champion Children's Pony Hunter. The Cavallo Farm Perpetual Trophy presented by the Bertozzi Family is awarded to the pony scoring the most points in the Children's Pony Hunter section.
Sec. 64. Large Junior 3'6" Hunter Younger. The Green Hill Farm Perpetual Trophy presented by Green Hill Farm will be awarded to the Large Junior Hunter Younger Champion.
Sec. 65. Large Junior 3'6" Hunter Older. The VHSA Older Large 3'6" Hunter Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the Large Junior 3'6" Hunter Older Champion.
Sec. 66. Small Junior 3'6" Hunter Younger. The Tinkling Cap Perpetual Trophy presented by Joy Hodges will be awarded to the Small Junior 3'6" Hunter Younger Champion.

Sec. 67. Small Junior 3'6" Hunter Older. The 3'6" Small Junior Hunter Perpetual Trophy, donated by Hidden Hollow and Ginny Edwards, will be awarded to the Small Junior 3'6" Hunter Older Champion.
Sec. 68. Grand Champion Junior 3'6" Hunter. The J. Arthur Reynolds Challenge Trophy will be awarded the Junior 3'6" Hunter scoring the most points in either section. To be won three times by the same owner for permanent possession
Sec. 69. Large Junior Hunter 3'3" Hunter Younger. The TuDane Farm Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the Large Junior 3'3" Hunter Younger Champion.
Sec. 70. Large Junior Hunter 3'3" Hunter Older. The Large Junior Hunter 3'3" Older Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the Large Junior 3'3" Hunter Older Champion.
Sec. 71. Small Junior 3'3" Hunter Younger. The ES Equine Broker Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the Small Junior 3'3" Hunter Younger Champion.
Sec. 72. Small Junior 3'3" Hunter Older. The 3'3" Small Junior Hunter Older Perpetual Trophy, donated by Shades of Bay, will be awarded to the Small Junior 3'3" Hunter Older Champion.
Sec. 73. Grand Champion Junior 3'3" Hunter. The Barracks Cowboy Up Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the Junior 3'3" Hunter scoring the most points in either section.
Sec. 74. Three-Year-Old Hunter. The Donald R. Motch Perpetual Trophy presented by his children, Sallie MacBain and Robert Adophus, will be presented to the three-year-old hunter scoring the most points in three-year-old performance classes. In addition, credit will be given for the champion and reserve at said shows.
Sec. 75. Ladies Side Saddle. The Smokey Everhart Challenge Trophy awarded to the Ladies Side Saddle Champion. To be won three times by the same owner for permanent possession.
Sec. 76. Low Junior/Amateur Owner Jumper. The French Twist Perpetual Trophy presented by the Morris Family to be awarded to the Low Junior/Amateur Owner Jumper Champion.
Sec. 77. Medium Junior/Amateur Owner Jumper. The Sandra Ruiz Perpetual Trophy donated by Carol Miller to be awarded to the Medium Junior/Amateur Owner Jumper Champion.
Sec. 78. High Junior/Amateur Owner Jumper. The High/Junior Amateur Owner Jumper Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the High Junior/Amateur Owner Jumper Champion.
Sec. 79. Grand Champion Junior/Amateur Owner Jumper. The Dr. Burno Memorial Trophy presented by Beth Newman to be presented to the Junior or Amateur who has won the most prize money in either Division.
Sec. 80. Young Jumper. The Young Jumper Perpetual Trophy to be awarded to Young Jumper Champion.
Sec. 81. Children's Jumper. The Advantaged Cup presented by the Winslett Advantage to be presented to the Children's Jumper Champion.
Sec. 82. Adult Jumper. The Central Virginia Jumping Trophy to be presented to the Adult Jumper Champion.
Sec. 83. Grand Champion Children's/Adult Jumper. The Response Perpetual Trophy presented by the Prokopchak Family will be awarded to the Child or Adult Jumper scoring the most points in either Division.
Sec. 84. Jumper. The Daisy Field Perpetual Trophy presented by Paul & Wendy Mathews will be presented to the Jumper Champion.
Sec. 85. Double R Partners Perpetual Trophy in Memory of Amy Reistrup, in honor of Thin Air is awarded to the VA owner whose horse or horses have won the most money in all Grand Prix held in Virginia.
Sec. 86. VHSA Children's Medal. The Children's Medal Perpetual Trophy presented by Ms. Sarah Boston, will be awarded to the winner of the VHSA Children's Medal Class Finals.
Sec. 87. VHSA Adult Amateur Medal. The Blackie O'Tetherstone Perpetual Trophy Presented by Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Miska will be awarded to the winner of the VHSA Adult Amateur Medal Class Finals.
Sec. 88. VHSA Hunter Seat Medal. The Mrs. Douglas Mitchell Memorial Trophy presented by the Mitchell Family will be awarded to the winner of the VHSA Hunter Seal Medal Finals.
Sec. 89. VHSA Junior Horsemanship Trophy. The Walter J. Lee Perpetual Trophy presented by Mr. Walter J. Lee will be awarded to the winner of the Junior Horsemanship Competition held in conjunction with the VHSA Medal Finals.
Sec. 90. Hunter Seat Championship On The Flat. The Iris McNeil Trophy, donated by Mr. Walter J. Lee will be awarded to the winner of the Hunter Seat Champion on the Flat from the VHSA Medal Finals.
Sec. 91. VHSA Pony Medal. The Robert M. Reel Perpetual Trophy, donated by the Virginia Horse Center will be awarded to the High Score Winner of the Pony Equitation Medal Finals.
Sec. 92. VHSA Pony Equitation on the Flat. The Laura Beckman Rodes Perpetual Trophy to be awarded to the High Score Winner of the Pony Equitation on the Flat Finals.
Sec. 93. VHSA Children's Pony Medal. The Deep Blue Sea "Fortune Favors The Bold", donated by the Theurich Family, will be awarded to the High Score Winner of the Children's Pony Medal Finals.
Sec. 94. Foal Pony Breeding. The GaLa Farm Stars of Tomorrow, presented by Ms. Gail Forrest, will be awarded to the Foal Pony Breeding Champion.
Sec. 95. Yearling Pony Breeding. The Karen L. Bacon Memorial Perpetual Trophy, presented by Ms. Karen Greenwood, is awarded to the Yearling Pony Breeding Champion.
Sec. 96. Two Year Old Pony Breeding. The Ottercreek Farm Perpetual Trophy, presented by Laura Rodes, will be awarded to the Two Year Old Pony Champion.

Sec. 97. Three Year Old Pony Breeding. The In Memory of Virginia Skeens by Her Family Perpetual Trophy will be will be awarded to the Three Year Old Pony Champion.
Sec. 98. Pony Broodmare. The Woodlands Magic Rain Memorial Perpetual Trophy presented by Edee & Dale McGregor will be awarded to the Pony Broodmare Champion.
Sec. 99. Grand Champion Hunter Pony Breeding. The Virginia Pony Breeders Association Perpetual Trophy presented by the Virginia Pony Breeders Association to the Hunter Pony scoring the most points overall in the Pony Breeding Division.
Sec. 100. Hunter & Pony Breeding Junior/Amateur Handler Class Trophy. The Eileen Beckman Junior/Amateur Hunter & Pony Breeding Handler Champion Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the non-professional handler with the most points in Hunter & Pony Breeding Junior/Amateur Handler Class.
Sec. 101. Yearling Futurity. The Randy DeWitt Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the Yearling Futurity Grand Champion.
Sec. 102. Yearling Hunter Breeding. The Kenneth M. Wheeler Perpetual Trophy presented by Mr. B.J. Meeks to the Hunter Yearling scoring the most points in the Yearling Breeding Division.
Sec. 103. Two Year Old Hunter Breeding. The Deer Meadow Farm Perpetual Trophy is presented to the Two Year Old Hunter Breeding Champion.
Sec. 104. Three Year Old Hunter Breeding. The Virginia Thoroughbred Breeders Association Trophy is presented by the VTA to the Hunter three-year old horse scoring the most points in the Three Year Old Breeding Division.
Sec. 105. Hunter Broodmare. The Catching McGraw Perpetual Trophy presented by Owl Hollow Farm to be presented to the Hunter Broodmare Champion.
Sec. 106. Grand Champion Hunter Breeding Memorial Trophy. The Bold Conqueror Memorial Trophy presented by Carla DiGuillian in memory of her stallion to the yearling, two-year-old, or three-year-old scoring the most points in the Hunter Breeding Section. Classes will carry the same rating as the Green Conformation Section.
Sec. 107. Morgan. The Betholly Farm Perpetual Trophy presented by Mr. and Mrs. George L. Long to the Morgan Horse Scoring the most points overall.
Sec. 108. Morgan Senior Exhibitor. The Crosslane Farm Perpetual Trophy presented by the Lee Cross Family to the VHSA senior Morgan exhibitor scoring the most points.
Sec. 109. Morgan Junior Exhibitor. The Green Bay Perpetual Trophy presented by Green Bay Morgans to the VHSA junior Morgan exhibitor scoring the most points.
Sec. 110. American Saddlebred Three Gaited Saddlebred/Pleasure Horse. The Carbonaire Perpetual Trophy donated by Rudy and Barbara Bova, Busy "B" Stables, will be awarded to the Three Gaited Saddlebred/Pleasure Horse Champion.
Sec. 111. American Saddlebred Three Gaited Horse. The Spool's Top Star, R.H.F. Perpetual Trophy donated by Carol Reedy, will be awarded to the Three Gaited Horse Champion.
Sec. 112. Saddlebred Three-Year Old and Under In Hand. The Cismont Manor Farm Perpetual Trophy presented by Cismont Manor Farm to be presented to the Saddlebred Three-Year Old and Under In Hand Champion.
Sec. 113. Roadster Pony. The John Huffines Memorial Trophy, presented by ASHAV, will be awarded the Roadster Pony Champion.
Sec. 114. Arabian. The Bayview Farm Perpetual Trophy, presented by Kimberly Graves, will be awarded to the Arabian Champion.
Sec. 115. Half-Arabian. The Bayview Farm Perpetual Trophy, presented by Kimberly Graves, will be awarded to the Half-Arabian Champion.
The following Perpetual Trophies are for the VHSA Associate Program Year-End Awards:
Sec. 116. The Barry A. Jackson Memorial Award. *The Barry A. Jackson Memorial Perpetual Trophy is to be presented to an Amateur Adult or Junior individual active in the VHSA Associate Program who has done the most for the VHSA Associate Program by dedicating their time and talents during the show year.*
Sec. 117. Associate Adult Amateur Hunter. *The Kennett Square Perpetual Trophy to be awarded to the Associate Adult Amateur Champion.*
Sec. 118. Associate Junior/Children's Hunter. *The Strawberry Hill High Score Trophy donated by Strawberry Hill to the Associate Junior/Children's Hunter exhibitor scoring the most points.*
Sec. 119. Associate Hunter Pleasure Pony. *The Zone V Trophy, donated by VHSA Zone V, to be awarded to the Associate Hunter Pleasure Pony exhibitor scoring the most points.*
Sec. 120. Associate Adult Hunter Pleasure Horse. *The Zone V-Pleasure Horse Perpetual Trophy to be awarded to the Associate Hunter Pleasure Horse Champion.*
Sec. 121. Associate Junior Hunter Pleasure Horse. *The Fox Chase Farm Perpetual Trophy (Donated by Maureen Hanley - Fox Chase Farm) to be awarded to the Associate Junior Hunter Pleasure Horse Champion.*

Sec. 122. Associate Hunter Short Stirrup. *The Windridge Zephyr Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the Hunter Short Stirrup Champion.*

Sec. 123. Associate Thoroughbred Hunter. *The VHSA Associate Thoroughbred Hunter Perpetual Trophy, presented by Kathy Hall-King will be awarded to the Associate Thoroughbred Champion.*

Sec. 124. Associate Small-Medium Pony Hunter. *The Zone V- Small/Medium Pony Hunter Perpetual Trophy to be awarded to the Associate Small/Medium Pony Hunter Champion.*

Sec. 125. Associate Large Pony Hunter. *The Highland Cricket Memorial Perpetual Trophy to be awarded to the Associate Large Pony Hunter Champion.*

Sec. 126. Associate Green Pony Hunter. *The James E. Buerkley Memorial Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the Associate Green Pony Hunter Champion.*

Sec. 127. Associate Green Hunter. *The Tom Terrific Memorial Perpetual Trophy (donated by the Crosson Family) to be awarded to the Associate Green Hunter Champion.*

Sec. 128. Associate Working Hunter. *The VBHSA Perpetual Trophy to be awarded to the Associate Working Hunter Champion.*

Sec. 129. Associate Pony Equitation. *The Ever So Ready Perpetual Trophy, presented by Maggie Burrus & Family, will be awarded to the Associate Pony Equitation Champion.*

Sec. 130. Associate Adult Equitation. *The Virginia Equine Appraisal Perpetual Trophy, donated by Kendall Brent, will be awarded to the Associate Adult Equitation Champion.*

Sec. 131. Associate Children's Equitation. *The Associate Children's Equitation Perpetual Trophy to be awarded to the Associate Children's Equitation Champion.*

Sec. 132. Associate 14 & Under Equitation on the Flat. *The Associate 14 & Under Equitation on the Flat Perpetual trophy to be awarded to the Associate 14 & Under Equitation on the Flat Champion.*

Sec. 133. Associate 15 & Older Equitation on the Flat. *The Associate 15 & Older Equitation on the Flat Perpetual trophy to be awarded to the Associate 15 & Older Equitation on the Flat Champion.*

Sec. 134. Associate Adult Amateur Equitation on the Flat. *The Associate Adult Amateur Equitation on the Flat Perpetual trophy to be awarded to the Associate Adult Amateur Equitation on the Flat Champion.*

Sec. 135. The Barbara Meegan Young Rider Award. *The Barbara Meegan Young Rider Award is presented to an Junior rider who is in their first year of competition in the VHSA Associate Program and has competed in Hunter or Equitation Divisions. The rider must have exhibited primarily in the Associate Program, but may have competed in divisions at USEF rated shows, with the exclusion of Regular Hunter, Working Hunter, Junior Hunters, Amateur Owner and Conformation Hunter Classes. (Limited showing to divisions such as: Short Stirrup, Maiden Equitation, Local Classes- mostly Unrated Divisions). Riders are to be nominated by their trainer and they have been chosen by a committee of friends of the late Babs Meegan. Points of consideration will be as follows: Points accumulated in the VHSA Associate Program; Performance at the Year End Show; Conduct and sportsmanship at the Associate Championship Show. The recipient will receive a ribbon at the show and the trophy at the VHSA Awards Banquet in December of the show year.*

Sec. 136. Associate Novice Children/Adult Jumper. *The CVSJA Perpetual Trophy, presented by the Central Virginia Show Jumping Association, will be awarded to the Associate Novice Children/Adult Jumper Champion.*

Sec. 137. Associate Novice Jumper. *The Sir Blur Memorial Perpetual Trophy, presented by Mr. Mike Rowe, will be awarded to the A7ssociate Novice Jumper Champion.*

Sec. 138. Associate Childrens/Adult Amateur Jumper *The Associate Childrens/Adult Amateur Jumper Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the Associate Childrens/Adult Amateur Jumper Champion.*

Sec. 139. Associate Schooling Jumper. *The CVSJA Perpetual Trophy, presented by the Central Virginia Show Jumping Association, will be awarded to the Associate Schooling Jumper Champion.*

Sec. 140. Associate Low Jumper. *The Mike Rowe Memorial Trophy, presented by GaLa Farm and Gail Forrest, will be awarded to the Associate Low Jumper Champion.*

Sec. 141. Associate Modified Jumper. *The Austination Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the Associate Modified Jumper Champion.*

Sec. 142. Associate Thoroughbred Jumper. *The Associate Thoroughbred Jumper Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the Associate Thoroughbred Jumper Champion.*

Sec. 143. Associate Jumper Grand Champion Rider. *The Mike Rowe Associate High Point Jumper Rider Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the rider who holds the most points in all of the Associate Jumper Divisions.*

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 2024 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)

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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: ( )_____ (Day)
( )_____ (Night)
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: ( )_____ (Day)
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.