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Missouri Hunter Jumper Organization



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**WWW.MOHJO.ORG**

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# Rules

*The Missouri Hunter Jumper Organization defers to standard and accepted national rules pertaining to the classification, conduct, and operation of competitions and to general matters affecting exhibitors, judges, stewards, and competition officials. For reference, contact United States Equestrian ([www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org)) or the United States Hunter Jumper Association ([www.ushja.org](http://www.ushja.org)).*

## Part I: Affiliation

**Section 1.** MOHJO is an Affiliate member of the United States Hunter Jumper Association.

## Part II: Officers and Directors

**Section 1.** Officers and directors are posted on the organization's website, [www.mohjo.org](http://www.mohjo.org).

## Part III: Nomination of Horses

**Section 1.** A horse or pony is eligible for MOHJO's annual point system awards if the owner (the party who submits the nomination) is a current MOHJO member in good standing and has paid the nomination fee for the horse or pony in question.

**Section 2.** Horses, ponies, and riders must compete in a given division in at least two separate MOHJO-sanctioned shows over the course of a show year to be eligible for year-end awards.

**Section 3.** Horses or ponies nominated after February 1 of the current show season will receive points from the date of nomination only. Horses or ponies nominated between December 1 and January 31 will receive points retroactively to December 1.

**Section 4.** In the event that a nominated horse or pony changes ownership during the current show season, the horse's accumulated points will be credited to the new owner, provided that the new owner is a MOHJO member in good standing or joins the organization. If the new owner is not a member, is a member but is not in good standing, or does not join, the points will remain with the seller.

**Section 5.** Any change in the ownership or name of a nominated horse or pony must be submitted in writing to the MOHJO Membership Secretary.

**Section 6.** Nominations are not transferable from one horse or pony to another.

## Part IV: Member Shows

*Show managers are advised to submit their show applications and pay membership fees as early as possible to secure show dates and to benefit from publication of dates on MOHJO's website, [www.mohjo.org](http://www.mohjo.org).*

**Section 1.** Horse show membership is open to shows held in the United States.

**Section 2.** Under no circumstances will a show be granted membership after the competition has been held.

**Section 3.** When more than one show is held in a competition year by the same management under the same name, each show is considered a separate entity.

### Section 4. Show Dates

- To apply for a show date from the current competition year for the next show year, the MOHJO Horse Show Secretary must receive the show management's application by November 1 of the current competition year.
- MOHJO does **not** follow the USEF competition calendar, i.e. we do not specify dates as "weeks", such as "week 17". Show Managers must specify specific dates in their request, such as November 19-20 or July 7-11.
- To be included in the Initial Competition calendar, requests for show dates for a new competition year must be submitted either A. online to the MOHJO show secretary on or before November 1<sup>st</sup> of the current competition year, or B. on a printed show membership form postmarked no later than November 1, along with the show membership fees.
- Effective for the 2022 competition year, fees for MOHJO show membership will be \$50 per show, and no discounts will be given. Once a date has been awarded, requests to change the date will incur an additional fee of \$100.
- Requests for dates received after November 1 will be considered after all the dates requested for the Initial Competition calendar have been awarded.
- All requests are subject to a vote of the Board of Directors. Show managers will be notified of successful requests and the initial competition calendar will be posted to the MOHJO website by December 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Requests for dates made subsequent to the posting of the Initial

competition calendar will be considered by the Board and awarded as space in the calendar permits. The initial membership fee of \$50 will apply.

- Show managers may appeal the decision of the Board with regard to the dates of the shows they manage, and may not contest the awarding of dates to other shows, by submitting a written request to the President of the Board of Directors. Appeals should include a brief statement of support for changing a date. Any unsportsmanlike conduct revealed in the written request, including but not limited to verbal abuse, explicit or implicit threats, toward the MOHJO Board, any MOHJO member or member show, may lead to the show's dates being forfeit in the following show year and the show will have to reapply for dates.

**Section 5.** Two local horse shows being held on the same day(s) in the MOHJO recognized area of Missouri/Metro East Illinois may not both be recognized by MOHJO unless they are to take place more than 50 miles apart. In the event of a conflict, the show whose application and payment are received first by the MOHJO Horse Show Secretary will be given priority. If the two shows' applications and payments are received by the MOHJO Horse Show Secretary on the same date, the show that has held the date previously will be given priority.

**Section 6.** A member show must notify all MOHJO members of the event by posting the prize list online or by mailing or emailing it, using the mailing labels and/or electronic mailing list provided by the MOHJO Horse Show Secretary, to members more than 30 days before the show. If it is determined by the Board of Directors that a good-faith effort has not been made by a show's management to provide all MOHJO members with reasonable advance notice of the event, no points will be awarded.

**Section 7.** A horse show's prize list must state that the show is recognized by MOHJO. If this information is not included in the prize list, MOHJO will not award points to the show's exhibitors.

**Section 8.** Printed or electronic show results must be received by, or online results made available to, the MOHJO Point Secretary within 10 days of the completion of a member show. Results should include class numbers, the number of entrants in the first over-fences class of a division, and each horse's name, owner's name, rider's name and age, and class placings.

**Section 9.** The manager of any horse show for which MOHJO affiliation is desired must register the show with the MOHJO Horse Show Secretary and pay the necessary registration fee.

**Section 10.** All MOHJO-affiliated shows, both schooling and rated, will be scored equally in the calculation of year-end standings..

## Part V: Conduct of Member Shows

**Section 1.** Failure to submit show results (either printed or electronic and accompanied by a prize list and/or premium list) or failure to post results online within 10 days of the completion of a show will result in the denial of points for that show. Shows that do not comply with this rule may become ineligible for subsequent MOHJO recognition.

**Section 2.** A competitor who fails to satisfy a debt at a MOHJO-recognized show or who has a check returned for insufficient funds will receive a written notice from MOHJO stating that the competitor has 10 days to satisfy the debt by submitting cash, a money order, or a cashier's check, payable to MOHJO, to the MOHJO Horse Show Secretary. If, after 10 days, the debt remains unsatisfied, MOHJO will (1) ban the competitor from MOHJO-recognized shows until the debt is paid and (2) inform the managers and secretaries of all MOHJO-sanctioned shows that, under MOHJO rules, they are not to accept the competitor's entries until full payment has been made.

**Section 3.** In the event that a show is canceled, the MOHJO Horse Show Secretary must be notified as far in advance as possible. If said notification is not received, all of that show's dates may be forfeit in the following show year and the show will have to reapply for dates.

**Section 4.** Participation in any MOHJO-affiliated show assumes the participant agrees with the following statement:

I am voluntarily participating as a member of the Missouri Hunter Jumper Organization ("MOHJO") and I am participating in the organization and any ancillary activities related thereto, entirely at my own risk. Accordingly, I agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless MOHJO and all of its affiliates, managers, members, agents, attorneys, staff, volunteers, representatives, predecessors, successors, and assigns and further releases them from liability for any and all claims or causes of action for accident, injury, property damage or otherwise to the undersigned or to any property or any horse owned by the undersigned or to any family member or spectator accompanying the undersigned to any MOHJO-sanctioned activity. I agree to voluntarily give up or waive any right that I otherwise have to bring a legal action against MOHJO.

## Part VI: Protests

**Section 1.** Protests involving interpretation of MOHJO's rules will be accepted by the Board of Directors if accompanied by a written charge providing a complete and detailed description of the event in question, signed by the show secretary and the member protesting and accompanied by their names and addresses. The protest must be filed with the MOHJO Horse Show Secretary. In the event that a protest is sustained and an entry is disqualified, the entry standing next in award status shall be moved up.

**Section 2.** A judge's decision, representing his or her individual preference, is not open to protest unless it is alleged to be in violation of MOHJO rules.

**Section 3.** A protest at a USE-recognized show that is sustained, causing the entry standing next in award status to be moved up, should be brought to the attention of the MOHJO Points Secretary so the points can be adjusted accordingly.

**Section 4.** Any unsportsmanlike conduct revealed in the written request, including but not limited to verbal abuse, explicit or implicit threats, toward the MOHJO Board, any MOHJO member or member show, will result in automatic denial of the protest.

## Part VII: Violations and Penalties

**Section 1.** MOHJO defers to and supports the definitions, violations and penalties set forth by the national governing bodies of the sport.

## Part VIII: Judges

- Section 1.** A judge may not adjudicate at any show in which a member of his or her family, a client of the judge or a member of the judge's family, or any of the judge's horses is competing.
- Section 2.** No horse may be shown before a judge after having been sold or leased by said judge in the 30 days preceding the show.
- Section 3.** No horse may be shown before a judge who has received or contracted to receive remuneration for the sale, purchase, or lease of any horse to or from, or for the account of, the exhibitor in the 30 days preceding the show unless the transaction was made at public auction.
- Section 4.** No exhibitor may show before a judge who boards, rides, or trains (for horse show purposes) any horse under the exhibitor's ownership or lease in the three months preceding the show. (Stud fees are excluded.)
- Section 5.** No exhibitor may show before a judge who has remunerated the exhibitor for the board or training of any horse for horse show purposes in the 30 days preceding the show. (Stud fees are excluded.)
- Section 6.** No rider may compete in an Equitation class before a judge with whom the rider's parents, guardian, or instructor has had any financial transaction in connection with the instruction, sale, lease, board, or training of a horse in the 30 days preceding the show unless the sale or purchase is made at public auction.

## Part IX: Point System and Year-End Awards

MOHJO Point System		
Placing	Points	
	Three or more in class	Two or less in class
First	10	5
Second	6	3
Third	4	
Fourth	2	
Fifth	1	
Sixth	.5	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If any class in the division has 15 or more exhibitors, five bonus points will be awarded to each placing, first through sixth.</li> <li>• If a class is double-pinned, bonus points will not be awarded unless the number of exhibitors in each class split warrants it.</li> </ul>		

**Section 1.** Only current MOHJO members in good standing and nominated horses are eligible for year-end awards.

**Section 2.** A year-end awards party will be held for the purpose of presenting awards to those horses and Equitation riders who earn the six highest standings in each MOHJO-recognized division for the just-ended competition year. Standings are based on the number of points accrued for the competition year in each division.

**Section 3.** To be eligible for a division's year-end award, a horse or equitation rider must have placed first, second, third, fourth, fifth, or sixth in that division in at least two shows during that show year.

**Section 4.** Year-end award ribbons will be presented for first through sixth place, with ties counted as one place — for example, first, second, third (tie), third (tie), fourth, fifth, and sixth.

**Section 5.** Divisions may be split or combined for year-end awards, if entries warrant, at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

**Section 6.** Divisions may be combined at individual shows at the show manager's discretion as long as the fences in each division to be combined are the same height, there is concurrence from the impacted competitors at the show, and no rated sections are combined with non-rated sections. Any combination of rated sections must follow USEF/USHJA Zone 7 specifications.

**Section 7.** Points will not count for any class whose description is worded improperly on the prize list. (If the class title on the prize list is worded with the obvious intent of complying with MOHJO specifications, the class shall count for points.) The prize list that has been mailed to and received by exhibitors before the show shall be the prize list recognized for point tabulation. If a change such as added classes is made with MOHJO approval, these classes will count for points.

**Section 8.** In the event that a nominated horse changes ownership during the current show season, please notify the MOHJO Points Secretary to have points transferred and contact the MOHJO Membership Secretary to ensure that the change is recorded.

**Section 9.** Eligibility for Beginner and Limit divisions is determined by the exhibitor's status as of December 1 of the new show year. Exhibitors may finish the competition year after "winning out."

**Section 10.** The Point Secretary will make every effort to calculate standings accurately, but neither the Secretary nor the organization shall be liable for the failure of any member horse show to file results or for errors or omissions in the filing thereof. Nor will the Secretary or organization be held responsible beyond the point of accuracy in computing the final standings from the results submitted by the proper authorities of each show.

**Section 11.** Exhibitors whose points are important to them are strongly advised to consult the MOHJO website over the course of the competition year to ensure accuracy of standings or submit a record of each horse's or rider's placings to the MOHJO Point Secretary before November 1 of the competition year for comparison to official MOHJO records.

## Part X: Special Awards

**Section 1.** The following awards are presented at the year-end awards party:

***High-Point Hunter*** is awarded to the horse or pony that has accumulated the most points in all MOHJO-recognized Hunter divisions during the competition year. Points for the horse, not the rider, are counted. All divisions with fences 2' or higher in which the horse or pony is eligible count toward the award.

***High-Point Jumper*** is awarded to the horse or pony that has accumulated the most points in all MOHJO-recognized Jumper divisions during the competition year. Points for the horse, not the rider, are counted. All divisions with fences 2' or higher in which the horse or pony is eligible count toward the award.

***High-Point Equitation*** is awarded to the Junior or Amateur Adult rider who accumulates the most points in all MOHJO-recognized Equitation classes during the competition year. Points for the rider, not the horse, are counted. All divisions with fences 2' or higher in which the rider is eligible count toward the award.

***MOHJO Sportsmanship Awards***—one Amateur, one Junior, and one Professional—may be nominated by the MOHJO Board of Directors and announced at the year-end awards party. Nominees must be current members of MOHJO in good standing and possess the following qualifications: honesty, integrity, good sportsmanship, involvement in local hunter/jumper activities, service to the horse community (Juniors only), and academic achievement (Juniors only). Each of the three nominations may or may not be made each year.

## Part XI: Class Specifications

**Section 1.** For Hunters, at least 50 percent of the obstacles in a class must be the required height, and none may be more than 2” over or under.

**Section 2.** A Jumper may be a horse or pony of any breed or height and of either sex. Unless otherwise specified, Jumper classes are open to all riders, regardless of age or professional status.

**Section 3.** A Junior exhibitor is an individual who has not reached his or her 18th birthday by December 1 of the current show year.

**Section 4.** An Adult exhibitor is an individual who is no longer eligible to compete as a Junior.

**Section 5.** Entering a class hors de concours (riding without competing for prizes) is allowed at the discretion of show management.

### Hunters

**Performance Working Hunter** is open to any horse or rider, regardless of age or showing experience, although the horse must be nominated to be eligible for a year-end award. Two sections, based on height, will be offered as entries warrant. *Fence height: 3’3” or 3’6”*

**Green Hunter** is open to horses of any age in their first or second year of showing in any classes over fences 3’ or higher, including Equitation classes, at any USE- or MOHJO-recognized show. *Fence height: 3’ & 3’3” or 3’6 & 3’9”*

**Baby Green Hunter** is open to any horse or pony in its first or second year of showing over fences higher than 2’. *Fence height: 2’3” to 2’6”*

**Amateur Owner Hunter** is open to any Amateur Adult owner or Amateur member of the owner’s family. A rider who competes in this division may not show a horse over fences for someone else in any division, including Amateur Adult Hunter, at that show. *Fence height: 3’3” or 3’6”*

**Junior Hunter** is open to any horse or pony ridden by a Junior exhibitor.  
*Fence height: 3’3” or 3’6”*

**Amateur Adult Hunter** is open to any horse or pony ridden by an Amateur Adult exhibitor. The rider/horse (or pony) combination may not compete at the same show over fences in any class (except Equitation) in which fence heights exceed 3'5". The rider may compete on a different horse or pony at the same show in any other division or section for which that rider/horse (or pony) combination is eligible. The horse or pony may be shown by a different rider in any other division or section at the same show except Amateur Owner Hunter. Courses will not be adjusted for ponies. *Fence height: 2'9" to 3'0"*, with spreads not to exceed fence height.

**Pony Hunter** is open to any pony, 14.2 hands or smaller, ridden and handled by a Junior exhibitor. No Junior older than 12 years may ride in the Small Pony Hunter section. No Junior over 14 years may ride in the Medium Pony Hunter section. Exhibitors under the age of 18 may ride for other exhibitors who have more than one entry in the Under Saddle class and/or exhibit the pony in the Model class. No exhibitor may show more than three ponies in one height section. The division may be divided into Small, Medium, and Large. Fence heights and distances must be adjusted for each height division as shown here:

<b>Pony Height</b>	<b>Fence Height</b>
Small (12.2 hands and smaller)	2'3" with spreads of 2'3"
Medium (above 12.2 to 13.2 hands)	2'6" with spreads of 2'6"
Large (above 13.2 to 14.2 hands)	2'9" to 3' with spreads of 3'

**Green Pony Hunter** is a pony in its first or second year of showing at any USE- or MOHJO-rated show, to be ridden by a Junior exhibitor. Fence heights and distances must be adjusted for each height division as shown here:

<b>Pony Height</b>	<b>Fence Height</b>
Small (12.2 hands and smaller)	2'3" with spreads of 2'3"
Medium (above 12.2 to 13.2 hands)	2'6" with spreads of 2'6"
Large (above 13.2 to 14.2 hands)	2'9" with spreads of 2'9"

**Children's Hunter Horse/Pony** is open to any horse or pony ridden in all phases of competition by a Junior exhibitor. The same rider/horse (or pony) combination may not compete at the same show in any class (Equitation excepted) in which fence height exceeds 3'5". The rider may compete on a different horse or pony at the same show in any other division or section for which that rider/horse (or pony) combination is eligible. Horses and ponies entered in the Children's Hunter division may not cross-enter the Junior Hunter, Pony Hunter, Low Child/Adult Hunter or Novice Children's Hunter division at the same show. Courses will not be adjusted for ponies. If entries warrant, the division may be split by age for year-end awards. *Fence height (commensurate with pony height):* 2' Small; 2'3" Medium; 2'6" Large; 3' for horses.

**Intermediate Child/Adult** is open to any Junior or Amateur Adult exhibitor. The horse/rider combination may not cross-enter any division higher than 2'6" at the same show. Competing in this division will cause loss of eligibility in Short Stirrup divisions. *Fence height:* 2'3"

**Low Child Hunter (formerly Child Hunter I) & II** are open to any Junior exhibitor. Riders may cross-enter any other unrestricted division at the same show.

*Fence height:* 2'6" and 2'9"

**Low Adult Hunter (formerly Adult Hunter I) & II** are open to any Amateur exhibitor. Riders may cross-enter any other unrestricted division at the same show. *Fence height:* 2'6" and 2'9"

**Limit Rider Hunter** is open to any horse or pony/rider combination ridden by a Junior or Amateur Adult exhibitor who has not won six blue ribbons over fences at any recognized show before December 1 of the current show year. Riders may finish the competition year after "winning out." (Equitation classes are included.) Ribbons won over fences 2'3" or lower do not affect eligibility for this division. Riders may cross-enter 2'6" classes at the same show but may not show in Limit classes after competing in classes in which fence height is 3'6" or higher. If entries warrant, the division may be split by age (Child/Adult) for year-end awards. If no Limit division is offered at a show but a division with a corresponding fence height and class description is offered, any points earned by the exhibitor will count toward his or her total Limit points for the calculation of year-end awards.

*Fence height:* 2'6"

**Short Stirrup Hunter** is open to any horse or pony, of any age or show experience, ridden by a Junior exhibitor who has not reached his or her 12th birthday by December 1 of the current show year. Riders may not have shown over fences higher than 2', with the exception of 11-and-Under Equitation over fences. The rule applies to Short Stirrup Hunter and Short Stirrup Equitation classes; competing in the Intermediate Child/Adult Hunter will result in loss of eligibility in these divisions. The suggested course consists of eight fences with no combinations. *Fence height: 18" to 2'*

**Long Stirrup/Masters Rider Hunter** is open to any horse or pony ridden by a Junior exhibitor who has reached his or her 12th birthday before December 1 of the current show year, or by an Amateur. Riders may not cross-enter any division with fences higher than 2' at the same show. May be split Child/Adult/ Master by age as entries warrant; Child ages 12-17; Adult 18 - 49; Masters 50 and over. *Fence height: 2'*

**Beginner Rider Hunter** is open to any horse or pony ridden by a Junior or Amateur Adult exhibitor who has not won three blue ribbons over fences at any recognized show before December 1 of the current show year. Riders may finish the competition year after "winning out." (Equitation classes are included.) Ribbons won in Short Stirrup do not affect the rider's eligibility for this division. Riders may cross-enter 2'6" classes at the same show but may not show as a Beginner after competing in classes in which fence height is 3' or higher. If entries warrant, this division may be split by age (Child and Adult) for year-end awards. *Fence height: 2'*

**Crossrail Hunter** is open to any horse or pony and exhibitor of any showing experience. The division may be split Child/Adult at year end if entries warrant. Suggested courses should not contain a change of direction. Points earned in this division do not count toward High Point Awards. *Fence height: Xs only to a maximum of 18"*

**Puddle Hunter** is open to any horse or pony and exhibitor of any showing experience. The division may be split Child/Adult at year end if entries warrant. Courses may require change of direction; fences to be set as verticals, without boxes or spreads. Points earned in this division do not count toward High Point Awards. *Fence Height: 18"*

**The Hunter Derby** is open to any member horse or pony. There is no limit to the number of horses a rider may ride in the class. Horses and riders competing in this class may cross-enter any other division of the same show for which they are eligible. Horse/rider combinations should compete in a Derby class at the same height at which they are competing in the rest of the show. Formal turnout and attire are encouraged for horse and rider, respectively. Year-end ribbons and prizes will be awarded, and may be split by height as entries warrant.

**Course requirements:** Two fence heights 3', and 3'5" may be offered and judged as one class, or split into sections based on fence height as entries warrant. The course must offer a variety of classic jumps simulating obstacles found in the hunt field: natural post-and-rail, stone wall, white board fence or gate, coop, aiken, hedge, oser, brush, logs, and other natural foliage. Natural obstacles such as banks and ditches are permitted. For appropriate jumps, no ground line is required. Flat cups may only be used for log fences. Accommodations for pony strides maybe made by the show manager on request.

**Classic Hunter Round (Round 1):** This round must consist of at least eight obstacles and is to be judged on hunter style, quality, movement, and brilliance. A maximum of 10 bonus points may be awarded to each horse/rider combination, with one additional point awarded for each higher option fence jumped. The bonus score must be announced separately and added to the Round 1 score.

**Handy Hunter Round (Round 2):** The handy round must consist of eight to 10 obstacles and is to be judged on hunter style, quality, movement, and brilliance. The course should include at least two of the following options: tight turns, different tracks, clever options for jump approaches, hand galloping a jump, trotting an obstacle not to exceed 2'6" in height, halting and/or backing, and at least two higher option fences. A maximum of 10 bonus points may be awarded to each horse/rider combination for handiness of round and brilliance of pace, with one additional point awarded for each higher option fence jumped. The bonus score must be announced separately and added to the Round 2 score.

**Hunt and Go:** At the show manager's discretion, the Derby may be run in a Hunt and Go format, in which the first 5 to 7 fences are designated as the Classic round, and the subsequent 5 to 7 fences are designated as the Handy Round. Competitors will complete both portions in one continuous ride, without leaving the ring. Each phase will be scored separately, and the 2 scores added together to determine the final placings. The end of the Classic round and the beginning of the Handy portion of the course must be clearly marked on the posted course plan.

**The Junior/Amateur Hunter Derby** is run under the same specifications as a Hunter Derby, with a Classic and a Handy round; may be run as a Hunt and Go. Open to Juniors and Amateurs only; Horse/rider combinations should compete at the same height at which they are competing in the rest of the show. Year-end ribbons and prizes will be awarded. May be run as separate sections or judged as one class as entries warrant. High options (HO) may be offered, see fence heights for maximum high option fence height. Points earned in the 3' section will appear in the Hunter Derby 3' and over Year End award. The same horse/pony cannot compete in the Hunter Derby or the Mini Derby at the same show. *Fence height: 2'3" – 2'5" (HO); 2'6" – 2'9" (HO); 3' – 3'3" (HO)*

**The Pony Hunter Derby** is run under the same specifications as a Hunter Derby, with a Classic and a Handy round, for ponies and riders competing in the Pony and Green Pony Hunter divisions. May be offered in the Hunt and Go format. The same pony may not compete in the Pony Hunter Derby and the Hunter Derby, Junior/Amateur Hunter Derby, or the Mini Derby at the same show. *Fence height: Small 2'3", Medium 2'6", Large 2'9" to 3'.*

**The MOHJO Mini Hunter Derby** is run under the same specifications as a Hunter Derby, with a Classic and a Handy round, but may be run as a Hunt and Go. High options may not be offered. Year-end ribbons and prizes will be awarded. Exhibitors may not cross-enter any division with fences higher than 2'3" at the same show. Any rider showing over 2'3" in any show in a show season will lose eligibility for the Mini Derby for the remainder of the season. Open to Junior and Amateur exhibitors only. *Fence height: 2'*

**Academy Horse Hunter** is open to horses and ponies owned by a professional or barn, registered with MOHJO and actively working in a lesson program; must be shown by a Junior or Amateur. Neither horse nor rider may cross-enter any division with fences higher than 2'6" at the same horse show. Academy exhibitors cannot show another horse at the same show, but may compete with the Academy horse in any other division for which the horse/rider combination are eligible. Simple changes on course will not be penalized. Once a rider has competed any horse at fences over 2'6", they will lose eligibility to compete as an Academy rider. Special note: Only one ribbon per place will be awarded at year end. If multiple riders compete on an Academy Horse during the show year, contributing to the year end award, it is the horse owner's responsibility to determine which rider is recognized. *Fence height: 2', 2'3" and 2'6" sections may be offered by show management and split as entries warrant; no oxers permitted.*

## Jumpers

**Beginner Jumper** is open to any horse (pony) and rider without restriction. *Fence height:* .65 to .70 m

**Beginner Rider Jumper** is open to any horse or pony ridden by a Junior or Amateur Adult exhibitor. Horse and rider may not cross-enter any division with fences higher than 3' at the same show.  
*Fence height:* .65 to .70 m

**Intermediate Jumper** is open to any horse (pony) and rider without restriction. *Fence height:* .75 to .80 m

**Intermediate Rider Jumper** is open to any horse or pony ridden by a Junior or Amateur Adult exhibitor. Horse and rider may not cross-enter any division with fences higher than 3' at the same show.  
*Fence height:* .75 to .80 m

**Novice/Modified Jumper** is open to any horse or pony ridden by a Junior or Amateur Adult exhibitor. Division may be split Child/Adult based on interest.  
*Fence height:* .85 to .95 m

**Children's/Adult Jumper** is open to any horse or pony ridden by a Junior or Amateur Adult exhibitor. Cross-entry of other divisions or classes is permitted unless otherwise stated in the prize list. Classes are to be scored under Table I; Table II, Section 2, 3, or 4; or Table IV.

*Fence height:* Low 1.0 m; 1.1m High. Points will accrue in the division from both Low and High Child/Adult Jumper sections offered at any show.

**Junior/Amateur Jumper** is open to any horse or pony ridden by a Junior, or an Amateur.  
*Fence height:* 1.20 to 1.45 m, with spreads of 1.20 to 1.45 m

**.85–.95 m Jumper** is open to any horse and rider, without restrictions.  
*Fence height:* .85 to .95 m, with spreads of .85 to .95 m

**1.00–1.20 m Jumper** is open to any horse and rider, without restrictions.  
*Fence height:* 1.00 to 1.20 m, with spreads of 1.00 to 1.20 m

Jumper Height Equivalents	
Ft/In	Meters
2'1"	.65
2'3"	.70
2'5"	.75
2'7"	.80
2'9"	.85
2'11"	.90
3'1"	.95
3'3"	1.00
3'5"	1.05
3'7"	1.10
3'9"	1.15
3'11"	1.20
4'1"	1.25
4'3"	1.30
4'5"	1.35
4'7"	1.40
4'9"	1.45
4'11"	1.50
5'1"	1.55
5'3"	1.60

**MOHJO Mini Prix** is open to all horses and riders. Riders may not compete in the MOHJO Jumper Classic and the MOHJO Mini Prix at the same show.  
*Fence height: .95m – 1.0 meter*

**The MOHJO Jumper Classic** is open to any MOHJO member horse or pony. “MOHJO Jumper Classic” must be the name of the class for points to count. Ribbons must be awarded for first through eighth place. There is no limit to the number of horses a rider may compete in the class. Horses and riders competing in this class may cross-enter any other *division* of the same show, but may not compete in both the Classic and the MOHJO Mini-Prix at the same show. Formal attire is encouraged for horse and rider. Year-end ribbons and prizes will be awarded.  
*Fence height: .75 m - .85m, with class run as Table II, Section A*

## Equitation

**11- and-Under Equitation** is open to any junior exhibitor who has not reached his or her 12th birthday by December 1 of the current show year. An in-and-out is not required.

*Fence height: 2'*

**12- to-14 Equitation** is open to any junior exhibitor who has reached his or her 12th birthday but has not reached his or her 15th birthday by December 1 of the current show year.

*Fence height: 3'*

**15-to-17 Equitation** is open to any junior exhibitor who has reached his or her 15th birthday but has not reached his or her 18th birthday by December 1 of the current show year.

*Fence height: 3' to 3'6"*

**Children's/Amateur Adult Equitation** is open to Junior and Amateur riders.

*Fence height: 3'*

**2' 6" Equitation** is open to any Junior or Amateur exhibitor. Riders may not enter classes with fences of 2'9" or higher at the same show.

*Fence height: 2'6"*

**Beginner Equitation** is open to riders of any age who have not won three blue ribbons over fences at any USE- or MOHJO-recognized show before December 1 of the current show year. Ribbons won in the Short Stirrup division do not affect the rider's eligibility. Once a rider has shown in a 2'6" equitation class, he or she is no longer eligible for this division. If entries warrant, the division may be split by age (Child/Adult) for year-end awards.

*Fence height: 2'*

**Limit Equitation** is open to riders of any age who have not won six blue ribbons over fences at any USE- or MOHJO-recognized show before December 1 of the current show year. Ribbons won in the Short Stirrup and Beginner divisions do not affect the rider's eligibility. Once a rider has shown in a 3' equitation class, he or she is no longer eligible for this division. If entries warrant, the division may be split by age (Child and Adult) for year-end awards.

*Fence height: 2'6"*

**Intermediate Rider Equitation** is open to any Junior or Amateur Adult exhibitor. The horse/rider combination may not cross-enter any division higher than 2'6" at the same show. Competing in this division will cause loss of eligibility in Short Stirrup divisions. *Fence height: 2'3"*

**Short Stirrup Equitation** is open to any Junior exhibitor who has not reached his or her 12th birthday by December 1 of the current show year. Riders may not have shown over 2', with the exception of 11-and-Under Equitation over fences. Rule applies to Short Stirrup Hunter and Short Stirrup Equitation classes. *Fence height: 18" to 2'*

**Long Stirrup/Masters Equitation** is open to Junior and Amateur exhibitors age 12 and older. Riders may not cross-enter any division with fences higher than 2' in the same show. May be split by age group Child/Adult/Masters as entries warrant; Child ages 12 -17; Adult 18- 49; Masters 50 and over. *Fence height: 2'*

**Crossrail Hunter Equitation** is open to riders of any showing experience. The division may be split Child/Adult at year end if entries warrant. Points earned in this division do not count toward High Point Awards. *Fence Height: Xs only to a maximum of 18"*

**Puddle Hunter Equitation** is open to riders of any showing experience. The division may be split Child/Adult at year end if entries warrant. Courses may require change of direction; fences to be set as verticals, without boxes or spreads. Points earned in this division do not count toward High Point Awards. *Fence Height: 18"*

**Academy Rider Equitation** is open to Junior and Amateur academy riders who are members of MOHJO and to horses that have been registered with MOHJO. Exhibitors may not cross-enter any division with fences higher than 2'6" at the same horse show. An academy horse or pony must be owned by a professional or barn and must be actively working in a lesson program. Simple changes on course will not be penalized. Once a rider has competed any horse at fences higher than 2'6", they lose eligibility to compete as an Academy rider.

*Fence height: : 2', 2'3" and 2'6" sections may be offered by show management and split as entries warrant. no oxers permitted*

**The USHJA Pony Mini Medal**, based on our affiliation with USHJA, is part of that organization's outreach program. No year-end ribbons or prizes will be awarded by MOHJO, however, points will be tracked and accumulated throughout the season, and USHJA will award the high point/champion at the end of the year. MOHJO members can only compete for the USHJA high point if they are also full or outreach members of USHJA.

The class is open to riders who have not reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday by December 1 of the current show year and who have never shown over fences higher than 2' 6". Riders may not cross-enter any other medal class at the same show. *Fence height:* Small/medium 2'; Large, 2' 6".

## Divisions Eligible for Year-End Awards

Hunters	Equitation		
Performance Working Hunter Green Hunter (3' & 3'3", 3'6" & 3'9") Baby Green Hunter Amateur Owner Hunter Adult Amateur Hunter Junior Hunter Pony Hunter (Small, Medium, Large) Green Pony Hunter Children's Hunter Horse Children's Hunter Pony Hunter Derby 3' and Over Jr/Amateur Derby 2'3", 2'6" Pony Hunter Derby MOHJO Mini Hunter Derby	11-and-Under Equitation 12-to-14 Equitation 15-to-17 Equitation Children's/Amateur Equitation 2' 6" Equitation Beginner Rider Equitation Limit Rider Equitation Intermediate Equitation Short Stirrup Equitation Long Stirrup/Masters Equitation Crossrail Equitation Academy Equitation Puddle Hunter Equitation		
Intermediate Hunter Child Hunter I & II Adult Hunter I & II Beginner Rider Hunter Limit Rider Hunter Short Stirrup Hunter Long Stirrup/Masters Hunter Crossrail Hunter Novice Hunter Puddle Hunter Academy Hunter	<th data-bbox="538 675 1015 722">Jumpers</th> <tr> <td data-bbox="538 722 1015 1105">                     Beginner Jumper                      Beginner Rider Jumper                      Intermediate Jumper                      Intermediate Rider Jumper                      Novice Jumper                      Child/Adult Jumper                      Junior/Amateur Jumper                      .85-.95 m Jumper                      1.00-1.20 m Jumper MOHJO                      Mini Prix MOHJO                      Jumper Classic                 </td> </tr>	Jumpers	Beginner Jumper Beginner Rider Jumper Intermediate Jumper Intermediate Rider Jumper Novice Jumper Child/Adult Jumper Junior/Amateur Jumper .85-.95 m Jumper 1.00-1.20 m Jumper MOHJO Mini Prix MOHJO Jumper Classic
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*MOHJO, the Missouri Hunter Jumper Organization, is dedicated to the promotion of hunter/jumper competition in Missouri and the Metro East area of Illinois.*

*We pursue the mission by promoting competitions, tracking points during the competition year, and recognizing achievements at the organization's end-of-year awards party; by providing informational clinics to educate and support riders and trainers; by supporting local organizations dedicated to equine welfare; and by sponsoring events to foster camaraderie in the hunter/jumper community.*

*Since 2002 our organization has adhered to the principles and rules of the national governing bodies of our sport. We represent more than 200 riders and nearly 250 horses each year. Jump on board and let your MOHJO start working for you!*

### **Did you know?**

*MOHJO is an affiliate of the United States Hunter Jumper Association.*

*MOHJO supports the St. Louis National Charity Horse Show each year sponsoring a box.*

*MOHJO fosters better horsemanship and sportsmanship by sponsoring judging clinics, and other special events.*

*Sponsorships are a great way to show support for your organization and get your business, thank-you, or other acknowledgment noticed. Classes, year-end divisions, and the awards party itself are all open for sponsorship. Interested? Contact a MOHJO board member for details!*

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