

# Rules, Regulations, and Guidelines

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## **SECTION 1 - Recognized Divisions- No Year End Points**

### **Leadline**

Open to any beginning rider. Riders to be led by a ground person or have a ground person walk beside them. Leadline riders are only allowed to go into the Beginner Walk Trot no-diagonals classes and no other division.

## **Section 2- Recognized Division- Year End Points and Prizes**

### **Beginner Walk/Trot No Diagonals**

Open to all junior/amateur riders. Riders to show at the walk and trot. Riders are not required to know their diagonals. The division may be split into two or more groups at the show manager's discretion. Riders may not cross enter into any other division at that show. The division is to be run with one Equitation, and one under saddle and one Pleasure class.

Horse/Ponies may have martingales. If only one Beginner Walk/Trot rider, the rider may be allowed in the regular walk/trot division at the manager's discretion without penalty. The division will run with two or more riders. However the manager can choose to run the class with only one entry if the rider is not comfortable joining the regular walk/trot division.

### **Walk/Trot**

Open to all junior and adult amateur riders. Riders to show only at the walk and trot. The division may be split into two or more groups at the show manager's discretion. However the division must be split as equally as possible (ex. 2 groups of 8 or 3 groups of 5). Riders may not cross enter into any other division. The division is to be run with one Equitation, one Under Saddle, and one Pleasure class. A rider is eligible for Walk/Trot in their first or second years of showing. Horse/Ponies may have martingales. Riders who have been Champion or Reserve Champion in this Division at the CEC Year End Awards must graduate to the Walk/Trot/Canter Division.\*

**Walk/Trot Poles – (Equitation Class)** - Riders to show only at a walk and a trot. The division may be split into two or more groups/sections at the show manager's discretion. The division must be split as equally as possible (ex. 2 groups of 8 or 3 groups of 5). The Walk/Trot Pole division is to be run with two Equitation over Poles classes, and one Equitation on the Flat class. There will be four poles in each over poles class. Riders will travel over the poles tracking left the first direction and tracking right the second direction. Horse/Ponies may use martingales. Riders may cross enter into the Walk/Trot Division or the Walk/Trot/Canter Division but not both divisions in the same show or show year.

### **Walk/Trot/Canter**

Open to all junior and adult amateur riders in their 1st or 2nd year of showing at a canter. Riders may not cross enter into any other division except crossrails or future hunter/future rider. They cannot enter crossrails and future hunter at the same show if entered in Walk/Trot/Canter. The division is to be run with one Equitation, one Under Saddle, and one Pleasure class. Horses/Ponies may have martingales. Riders who have been Champion or Reserve Champion in this Division at the CEC Year End Awards must graduate to another division (either Crossrails, or Future Hunter, or Stirrup/Long Stirrup Hunter).\*

#### Hunter Hack

Open to all horses and riders. To be judged on the rail at a walk, trot, and canter. Will be asked to jump two crossrail jumps traveling away from the gate. Horses may be asked to halt and back. The class will be judged as a hunter class. The class will be split if there are more than 12 riders in the class.

#### Green Horse/Adult Walk and Trot

These classes will be available to green horses in their first or second year of showing and all adults 18 years or older. Under Saddle will focus on the smoothness of the horse's gait, free-flowing stride, and willingness to perform. Pleasure will be judged on the quiet manner, performance, quality of movement, and conformation of the horse. The horse is to give the impression of being a pleasure to ride. The rider will typically offer a looser rein and the horse will demonstrate a relaxed gait.

#### Green Horse/Adult Walk, Trot, & Canter

These classes will be available to green horses in their first or second year of showing and/or to all adults 18 years or older. The horse or pony will be judged at a walk, trot, canter, halt, and/or back. Under Saddle will focus on the smoothness of the horse's gait, free-flowing stride, and willingness to perform. Pleasure will be judged on the quiet manner, performance, quality of movement, and conformation of the horse. The horse is to give the impression of being a pleasure to ride. The rider will typically offer a looser rein and the horse will demonstrate a relaxed gait.

#### Open Pleasure Walk/Trot/Canter

This class is open to all horses & ponies. This class is to be judged on the horse or ponies ability to display good manners, responsiveness to the rider, well balanced movement with a calm consistent pace. The horse or pony should be smooth and a pleasure to ride.

#### Go As You Please

Open to all horses and riders. This is a pleasure class to be judged on the horse or pony. Horse and ponies will travel both direction of the ring at a walk and trot (jog and canter (lope). Then the judge will request the Horses or ponies to "Go As You Please". Go As You Please means the rider may choose their gait of pleasure they think their horse performs the best. You may choose a trot (jog), canter (lope), or whatever gait your horse performs the best. Horses & ponies are judged on their manners, way of going, and quick response to their rider's requests.

#### **CEC Crossrail Equitation Division- Fence height not to exceed 18"**

No age limit. Open to riders in their first or second year of showing over crossrail fences. Riders may cross enter into either Walk/Trot/Canter or Future Hunter/Future Rider, but not both at the same show. Riders may not cross enter into any other divisions. Martingales are allowed. Riders who have been Champion or Reserve Champion in this division at the CEC Year End Awards must graduate to another division (either Future Hunter/Future Rider, Short/Long Stirrup, or CEC Hunter). Amateur riders must meet amateur status requirements. Simple lead changes are permitted in the correct location and should not be penalized. The three-inch rule does not apply in this division.\*

### **CEC Crossrail Hunter Division- Fence height not to exceed 18"**

To be judged by, and points given to horse/rider combination. More than one person may ride the same horse in this division. Both horse and rider must be a CEC member for points to count. Same rules and eligibility requirements as the Crossrail Equitation Division.\*

### **CEC Future Hunter/Future Rider Equitation Divisions-Fence height 18" vertical**

#### **Future Hunter**

Open to riders on any horse or pony who have not shown higher than crossrails or to any rider showing a horse or pony who have not shown higher than crossrails.

#### **Future Riders Equitation**

Open to riders who have not shown higher than crossrails on any horse or pony.

**CEC Future Classes-** No martingales allowed in the under saddle class or equitation flat class.

**\*Martingales** Are allowed in the walk/trot, walk/trot/canter and the crossrails hunter under saddle and equitation flat class.. All other divisions do not allow Martingales in under saddle classes.

### **Schooling Hunter- Fence height 2'3"-2'6"**

Open to any horse or pony/rider combination.

### **Pre-Green Working Hunter - Fence height 2'3" to 2'6"**

Open to horses that have not shown over fences exceeding 2'0" feet in height at a recognized show prior to the beginning of the current show year. Pre-Green Hunters may cross enter into Schooling Hunter, Age Group Equitation with fences not exceeding 2'6", CEC Medal 2'3" or 2'6".. Pre-Green Hunters may show in CEC Hunter at 2'3". Pre-Green Hunters may show in Open Hunter or Pre-Child/Adult Hunter if the fence height is 2'3"-2'6". Pre-Green Hunters are not eligible to show in Children's Hunter at 2'9" or Junior/Amateur Hunter at 3'. Horses/ponies are no longer eligible for Pre-Green Hunter if they show in Regular Working Hunter, Children's Hunter, or Junior/Amateur Hunter with a fence height of 2'9" or higher. Pre-Green Hunters may participate in Schooling Jumper if the fence height does not exceed 2'6".

### **CEC Hunter and Equitation- Fence height 2'3" CEC shows must offer these divisions**

Open to junior and adult amateur riders on a horse or pony who are showing at the 2'3" fence height. Riders may not cross enter into any classes having a fence height greater than 2'3" with exception of age group equitation, CEC Medal. The rider may only participate in schooling hunter, and pre-green hunter at 2'3"-2'6" fence height.

### **Short Stirrup Working Hunter - Fence height 2'**

Open to horses or ponies ridden by a junior rider age 12 and under whose rider is in their first or second year of recognized or unrecognized showing over fences exceeding 18 inches in height. The year in which

a rider shall be deemed to begin showing shall be deemed to begin on the date the rider first competes in a show which is recognized by any other state or local horse show organization. The three-inch rule does not apply to this division. Riders may not cross enter into any other classes where fence heights exceed 2'0" inches except age group equitation where fences are 2'6" inches or lower. The rider may show in the Future Hunter division, 18" vertical.

#### **Short Stirrup Equitation - Fence height 2'**

Open to any rider who is eligible to ride in the Short Stirrup Hunter Division.

#### **Long Stirrup Hunter - Fence height 2'**

Open to horses or ponies ridden by a rider age 13 and over in their first or second year of recognized or unrecognized showing over fences exceeding 18 inches in height. The year in which a rider shall be deemed to begin showing shall be deemed to begin on the date the rider first competes in a show which is recognized by any other state or local horse show organization. The three-inch rule does not apply to this division. Riders may not cross enter into any other classes where fence heights exceed 2'0" inches except age group equitation where fences are 2'6" inches or lower. . (15-17 Age Group Equitation must be 2'6" or lower for the Long Stirrup rider to participate) (Long Stirrup riders are not eligible for the CEC Medal class)

#### **Long Stirrup Equitation - Fence height 2'**

Open to any rider who is eligible to ride in the Long Stirrup Hunter Division.

#### **Pre-Children/Adult Hunter- Fence height 2'6"**

Open to junior and adult amateur riders on a horse or pony. Adult amateur riders must meet amateur status requirements. Riders cannot cross enter into any hunter classes where a fence height is greater than 2'6 at the same show. Pre-Children/Adult Hunter riders may not cross enter into CEC Hunter at 2'3". If a rider has competed in Pre-Child/Adult Hunter at any recognized horse show they are no longer eligible for CEC Hunter. Pre-Children/Adult Hunter riders are eligible to compete in the CEC Medal.

#### **Thoroughbred (TB) Hunter- Fence Height-2'3"- 2'6"**

A Thoroughbred is considered any horse that has been registered or eligible to be registered with The Jockey Club. Open to all riders.

#### **Children's Working Hunter - Fence height 2'9"**

Horses and riders competing in this division will be eligible to show in any other classes at the same show for which they are otherwise eligible. Show management may restrict the horses and riders showing in this Division from showing in other classes at their show if other association rules conflict with this rule. Cross entering into the Junior/Amateur Division on the same horse is not allowed. A different rider may cross enter into another division if qualified for it. Cross entering in Pony Hunter is allowed at CEC shows. Children's Hunter, Adult Hunter, and Pony Hunter may be combined at CEC Shows if there are not enough entries to hold the class and will run at the expected fence height if there are not enough entries to hold the class.

Riders may not cross enter into Pre-Children/Adult Hunter or CEC Hunter. Riders may participate in Age Group Equitation Classes, CEC Medals. Riders may participate in Schooling Jumper classes.

## **Equitation Classes- By Age Group**

**11 and Under** - Fence height not to exceed 2'

**12 through 14** - Fence height not to exceed 2'6"

**15 through 17** - Fence height not to exceed 2'9" **Adult Equitation** - Fence height not to

exceed 2'6" - Open to riders 18 years or older who are amateurs.

### **CEC Medal Class - Fence height 2'3"-2'6"-**

#### **CEC Shows must offer a CEC Medal Class.**

Open to junior riders who are members of CEC. (Junior- 17 and Under as of Dec. 1 of the current show year). Fence heights not to exceed 2'6" over an equitation course. Only one rider per horse or pony. The CEC Medal is to be judged on seat, hands, guidance and control of the horse or pony. Only two (2) riders needed to fill the class. Riders may be asked to return for a flat phase during regular show season shows. In order to qualify for the CEC Medal Finals, a rider must have competed and placed (1st-6th) in three or more CEC medal classes throughout the year. A rider must be in the top 80% in the class prior to the year-end horse show. Fractions or decimals will be calculated prior to the medal finals and those with .5 or higher will be rounded up and qualify and those with .499 or lower will not qualify. During the CEC Medal Finals no more than eight riders will be required to return for a test phase that may include flat work and/or several jumps (4 or less). The flat phase counts 20% of the riders score. Winners of the CEC Medal Finals will no longer be eligible to compete in the class.

CEC Medal riders may participate in the CEC Hunter, Pre-green Hunter, Schooling Hunter, Open Hunter, Green Hunter, Regular Hunter, Children's Hunter, Pre-Children's Hunter, and Junior Hunter. Crossrail Hunter, Short Stirrup Hunter, and Long Stirrup Hunter riders may not participate in the CEC Medal. Riders must have competed at 2'3" fence height or higher at horse show competitions. The competitor has to be in good standing with all CEC management and be a member as of the first day they start accumulating points. To be eligible, you must show in one division either equitation or hunter at the same show.

### **CEC "THE TACK ROOM" MINI DERBY**

Open to horses/ponies and rider combinations to show at their appropriate 2' or 2'3" fence height. Entries must enter and show in a complete 2' or 2'3" hunter or equitation division at the show to be eligible. The first round will be a classic hunter course of 8 fences. The top 8 scores will return for a second handy hunter round over a course of 5-6 fences to include 2 changes of direction and two appropriate tests. Scores from both rounds will be totaled to determine results. CEC will give first thru sixth place points for each derby with year-end awards at the CEC banquet. Shows are encouraged to give cash payouts for each derby. Suggested a \$25 entry fee with a \$10 payback with 50% for first, 30% for second and 20% for third. **YEAR-END DERBY AWARDS. THE TACK ROOM HAS OFFERED THESE GIFT CERTIFICATES: FIRST PLACE \$200/SECOND PLACE \$150/THIRD PLACE \$100/ FOURTH PLACE \$50/FIFTH-EIGHTH PLACE-RIBBONS**

## **SECTION 3 -Non-Recognized Divisions- No Year End Points or Prizes**

***Pony Hunter- Fence height 2'0", 2'3", 2'6"***

This will be a combined division including small, medium and large ponies. Fences for small ponies shall be 2'0 in height with spreads not to exceed 2'. Fences for medium ponies shall be 2'3 in height, with spreads not to exceed 2'3". Fences for Large ponies are not to exceed 2'6" with spreads not to exceed 2'6". Pony sizes: Small Ponies not to exceed 12.2, Medium Ponies not to exceed 13.2 hands, and Large Ponies not to exceed 14.2 hands. Division may be combined with Pre Children's/Adult hunter or Children's/Adult hunter if the show only has one pony entry.

**Junior Working Hunter - Fence height 3'**

Open to horses shown by a junior exhibitor. To be judged on performance, manners, way of going and soundness. Cross entering into the children's hunter division with the same horse/rider combination is not allowed. Junior hunters and amateur hunters may be combined.

**Amateur Rider Working Hunter - Fence height 3'**

Open to horses shown by a amateur exhibitor (horses do not have to be owned by the rider). To be judged on performance, manners, way of going and soundness. Cross entering into the Adult Hunter Division with the same rider/horse combination is not allowed.

**Adult-Amateur Rider Working Hunter - Fence height 2'6"**

Horses and riders competing in this Division will be eligible to show in any other classes at the same show for which they are otherwise eligible. Show management may restrict the horses and riders showing in this Division from showing in other classes at their show, if it is necessary to comply with the requirements of other associations which it is also recognizing at the Show. Exhibitors may not cross enter into the Junior/Amateur Division on the same horse. Riders do not have to own their horses.

**Green Working Hunter - First Year fence height 2'9". Second Year fence height 3'.**

Horses are limited to two years of showing in this division. First year horses may show over the second year height fences but second year horses may not show over the first year height fences.

**Regular/Open Working Hunter - Fence height not to exceed 3'6"** Open to all horses, with no restriction on previous showing.

**Jumper Classes (Schooling/Children's/Adult)- Fence height not to exceed 3'6"**

**Class Entries:** Two entries are necessary to fill a class and to accumulate points, otherwise the following divisions may be combined at proper fence heights:

- Short and Long Stirrup Hunter
- Short and Long Stirrup Equitation
- Pre-Child/Adult Hunter and Children's/Adult Hunter, Pony Hunter, Thoroughbred Hunter
- Schooling Hunter and Pre-Green Hunter

- All Age Group Equitation Divisions (11 and Under, 12-14, 15-17, Adult)

Show management and the points secretary must be notified which division they would like their points to count.

### **Year End Points –Champion and Reserve Champion Calculation**

- Annual memberships required:
  - Horse must be current member in order to accumulate hunter points. Rider must be current member in order to accumulate equitation points.
- There must be at least two or more riders in a class for points to count towards year end awards and Champion and Reserve at a horseshow.
- There must be two hunter over fences classes and one hunter under saddle class to award Champion and Reserve at a horse show in hunter divisions. The horse with the most points in that division will be Champion- (20 pts). The horse with the 2<sup>nd</sup> most points in that division will be Reserve Champion –(12 pts)
  - Ties for Champion and Reserve are broken by the horse in hunter classes that have the most points over fences in that division. Poles classes will break the tie for the w/t poles division. If a tie still occurs based on the first tie breaker rule, show management may request an Under Saddle hack off for Hunter divisions.
- There must be one Equitation, one Under Saddle, and one Pleasure class in Walk/Trot, and Walk/Trot/Canter to award champion and reserve champion.
  - Ties for Champion and Reserve in Walk/Trot, Walk/Trot/Canter are broken by the rider who has the most points in Equitation since points are carried in the riders name. If a tie still occurs based on the first tie breaker rule, show management may request an Equitation Flat phase return for the Walk/Trot or Walk/Trot/Canter division.
- Champion and Reserve Champion points are not accumulated for Equitation divisions (11 and Under, 12-14, 15-17, Adult, CEC Equitation, Crossrail Equitation) However some shows reserve the right to award Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons to the high point winners for their divisions at their horse shows.

If the number of entries warrants a split division, then Champion and Reserve Champion should be awarded for each section as long as the requirements listed above are met.

**Hunter Points-** A rider must register his/her horse for membership with CEC in order for the horse to earn points in their division for year-end awards. (Schooling Hunter, Pre-Green Hunter, CEC Hunter, Pre-Child/Adult Hunter, Children's/Adult Hunter, Crossrail Hunter, CEC TIP Class, (Points on Hunter Page)

\*Points will be added from the date the membership registration is received.

**Equitation Points-** A rider must register himself/herself for membership with CEC in order for the rider to earn points in an equitation division for year-end awards. (Beginner Walk/trot, Walk/Trot equitation poles, Walk/Trot, Walk/Trot/Canter, Crossrail Equitation, Future Rider Equitation, CEC Equitation, 11 and Under Equitation, 12-14 Equitation,

15-17 Equitation, Adult Equitation, CEC Medal

\*Points will be added from the date the membership registration is received.

### CEC POINT SYSTEM

Place in Class Points

1st	10
2nd	6
3rd	4
4th	2
5th	1
6th	.5
Champion	20
Reserve	12

### Year End Awards

**Champion, Reserve, and 3rd-6th Place Ribbons-** Schooling Hunter, Pre-Green Hunter, CEC Hunter, CEC Equitation, Pre-Child/Adult Hunter, TIP Low Hunter, Children's/Adult Hunter, Future Hunter, Future Rider Equitation, Age Group Equitation, CEC Medal

**Champion, Reserve, and 3rd-8th Place Ribbons-** Short Stirrup Hunter & Equitation, Long Stirrup Hunter & Equitation

**Champion, Reserve, and 3rd-10th Place Ribbons-** Crossrail Hunter & Equitation, Walk/Trot/Canter, Beginner Walk/Trot, Walk/Trot Equitation poles, Walk/Trot

**Participation Recognition-** Leadline

- Champion and Reserve Champion winners will receive a prize in addition to their ribbons



- Divisions with only 1-2 horses/riders accumulating points will receive Champion and Reserve Champion Ribbons only- (no prizes)
- CEC Medal winners receive ribbons only

## **General Rules and Regulations**

### **Prize lists**

Must be mailed out or received and posted on the website 30 days from show date and anyone riding under the judge (such as lessons or coaching) may not do so 25 days before the show.

### **Judges Rule**

Judges should not judge the same show ring more than 2 times in the same show season. Judges should not judge same show two years in a row. Judges should not be directly associated with the trainer/show manager (related, boarding, student receiving instruction, employed). Riders should not show under a judge if they have received instruction in the last 25 days from that person. It is the responsibility of the rider, rider's parent, and/or trainer to ensure a rider does not show under someone who is related to a judge or has a financial commitment or a personal tie (living with or on their property, boarding, participating in their riding program).

### **Ring Procedure**

Show management reserves the right to close a class. Show management determines which class in one ring takes priority over a class in another ring. The announcer, gate crew, and trainers should contact the show manager when delaying a class for approval or requesting to close a class.

### **Courses-**

Horse show fences and course construction are the responsibility of show management. A hunter course shall be any course which management deems a fair test of a show hunter. Fences shall simulate obstacles found in the hunting field such as a natural post and rail, brush, stone wall, white board fence or gate, chicken coup, aiken, hedge or oxer. A ground line is recommend for all fences. Course diagrams must be posted before the scheduled time of the class. The diagram of the course must show the obstacles and the order and direction from which the obstacle must be taken. Fence distances of 90' from base to base must be indicated on the diagram so that striding may be determined.

### **Horse/Pony Use Rule**

Horses/ponies are not allowed to be used more than 10 classes per show in which 7 of those may be jumping classes.

### **Acceptable Equipment**

Trainers/Riders must be familiar with acceptable legal bits and riding equipment allowed in the show ring based on USEF rules. A judge/show manager may disqualify a rider and/or excuse the rider from the show ring if appropriate equipment is not being used properly.

### **Bell Boots and Wraps**

These are not allowed in Hunter Divisions but may be used in Equitation and Medal classes if appropriate. The only exception to this rule is upon judge's approval prior to showing (ie. muddy and/or deep footing)

### **Martingales**

Are allowed in the walk/trot, walk/trot/canter and the cross-rails hunter under saddle and equitation flat class. All other divisions do not allow Martingales in under saddle/flat classes.

### **Proper Riding Attire**

Such as Head Gear (Helmets), and Foot Wear (Boots) are required at all CEC horse shows.

### **Helmet Rule**

Only ASTM/SEI approved Helmets must be worn at all CEC shows. Chin straps should be tight to prevent disqualification.

**Coggins** All horses/ponies must have a current negative coggins.

### **Division Waiver**

Rider who are not ready to progress to the next division based on current CEC rules but have not been Champion or Reserve Champion may request a placement waiver and submit a request to the board for approval prior to showing in the division in that current show season.

### **Schooling Rule**

There should be no more than 8 horses schooling in the beginner ring at one time (ring with W/T, W/T/C, Crossrails, Future Hunter/rider, Short/Long Stirrup). There should not be more than 10 horses schooling in the main ring 1 at one time. If a horse/rider combination appears to be unsafe, show management reserves the right to refuse entry in a division above the rider/horses level for liability reasons.

### **Entry Fees**

All entry fees and additional fees should be paid in full prior to leaving the show grounds. Any nonpayment or returned checks must be paid in full along with bank handling fees before points will count and any further participation in any other CEC events will be allowed.

### **Complaints**

All complaints should be addressed to a CEC Executive Board member at a horse show or in writing to the CEC board within two weeks of the horse shows. If there are any discrepancies or questions about points, you have 30 days from the date the points are posted on the website to contact the points secretary.

### **Final Points**

All points are final two weeks prior to the banquet. It is the responsibility of the rider to check their points on the website monthly.

### **Class Splits**

It is recommended to split classes at 12 entries for Beginner Walk/Trot, Walk/Trot Equitation poles, Walk/Trot, Walk/Trot Canter, Crossrails, Future Hunter/rider, and Long/Short Stirrup. It is recommended not to hack more than 12 horses on the rail at one time for all under saddle and flat classes. The

division may be split into smaller groups if a horse/pony is being shared by more than one rider (ex. 2 groups of 3 or 4 with a shared horse in each group)

### **Rider/Horse Initial Placement**

A junior rider is 17 years and under as of Dec. 1. An adult rider is 18 years and older as of December 1st. Rider placement is based on the age of the rider and all classes they have previously participated in at any sanctioned show (CEC or non-CEC- SCHJA, PSJ, IEA, BRHJA, 4H, NCHJA, GHJA). Horse placement is based on the previous fence height the horse has jumped at any recognized show (see class/division specifications).

### **Three Inch Rule**

In order to comply with other organizations, fence heights may be raised or lowered by 3 inches except in division or classes which restrict the use of the 3 inch rule.