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North Texas Hunter Jumper Club

Rules and Guidelines

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NTHJC's Disclaimer of Responsibility for Safety of Show Participants

The sponsor of a NTHJC approved show is responsible for condition of show premises, including the arena and exercise arenas; the conduct and competence of show activities; and all other aspects of the show.

NTHJC does not assume or accept duty or responsibility for safety at any show in regard to participants or any other third parties, or for the horses or other property thereof. NTHJC's limited objective is to encourage "a level playing field" of competition. The designation of "NTHJC approved show" means that if a show's management fully complies with NTHJC rules as contained in the "North Texas Hunter Jumper Club Rules and Guidelines," NTHJC will accept show results as official and use such results to calculate year end awards.

As an express condition of the privilege to participate at a NTHJC approved show and by participating at a NTHJC show, each owner, exhibitor, trainer, and employees of any of these individuals, and all other participants, assume the risk of participation, and release and discharge NTHJC, its officers, directors, representatives and employees, from any and all liability, whenever or however arising, as to personal injury or property damage occurring as a result of participation.

NTHJC Show Schedule

The NTHJC SHOW SCHEDULE is available on our website, <http://www.nthjc.com/>. Be sure to check there for updates to the schedule caused by rain-outs.

You can also find information about our member barns, current point standings, classified ads, public awareness notices, and NTHJC news. Our membership registration form is available to download from the website, as well.

Rules of the NTHJC shall generally be influenced by the Rules and Regulations of the USEF, unless such rules are knowingly adapted by the NTHJC to be in conflict with the USEF.

NORTH TEXAS HUNTER JUMPER CLUB

RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR APPROVED SHOWS

1.0 MEMBERSHIP

1.1 NTHJC memberships will consist of:

Individual memberships (\$35 annually); individual members under 18 years of age are considered junior members and will not have voting privileges.

Family memberships (\$50 annually); family memberships consist of parents and junior riders. A family membership has two (2) votes, if 2 adults of the family are present at an election. Upon reaching eighteen (18) years of age as of December 1st, a junior member formerly part of a family membership must pay individual member dues and may no longer be covered under his/her family's membership.

Barn Memberships (\$100 one-time fee); information must be verified annually by submitting a membership form. Barns will be listed on the website as a Member Barn, with links to their barn web page if available. If a barn's name changes, a new membership charge applies.

Life Memberships (\$350 one-time fee); only life members over 18 years of age shall have voting privileges. NTHJC past presidents shall be given honorary lifetime memberships with full voting privileges.

1.2 A rider's age is determined by how old a rider is on December 1st of any given year. Junior members are those members who are under eighteen (18) years of age at the start of the fiscal year (December 1st.)

1.3 Each rider who is not a member of NTHJC, as defined in Article IV, Sections 1 and 2 of the NTHJC Bylaws, and is competing in a NTHJC recognized show will be required to pay a \$20.00 non-membership fee per show. Rider's name must appear on the NTHJC membership list, or rider must have proof of membership card or online registration. This fee will be refunded by the NTHJC treasurer if needed. Riders showing only in unrecognized divisions at NTHJC shows are not required to pay nonmember fees. Each show sponsor must collect and remit with its show results the correct number of non-membership fees. Recognition of show and/or future show dates will be withheld until this information is received.

1.4 Trainers/instructors accompanying riders at NTHJC shows must be members of the NTHJC for the current show year, regardless of whether they are riding horses in any classes or divisions.

1.5 To ensure adherence to NTHJC rules, guidelines and practices, the individual designated as Show Manager must be a member of the NTHJC for the current show year.

2.0 GENERAL RULES

2.1 It is the responsibility of show management, exhibitors, trainers and spectators to conduct themselves in a civilized and sportsmanlike manner. Show sponsors must have a current NTHJC Rules Book on hand at all shows. Failure to abide by NTHJC rules could result in elimination from the show. The NTHJC Show Committee will recommend to the NTHJC Board of Directors appropriate action to be taken for violations.

2.2 On the show grounds, mounted riders must wear hard hats. ALL RIDERS must wear ASTM/SEI helmets. NTHJC does not endorse any particular manufacturer's product. No helmet can protect the wearer against all foreseeable injuries.

2.3 Proper attire, traditional color ratcatchers (with long or short sleeves or sleeveless), riding pants: either jodhpurs with paddock boots, or breeches with tall riding boots, is required. Polo shirts may only be

worn in jumper classes. Chaps may not be worn in any class. Wearing coats will be waived by the NTHJC Show Committee in extreme heat.

- 2.4 A professional (pro), defined by NTHJC is any person who receives monetary or any compensation (board, training, rent, gifts, bartering services, etc.) for riding, training, or instructing a horse or rider. Pros may ride in the open divisions for end of year awards. Pros wishing to regain amateur status with NTHJC must present a current USEF Amateur Card to the NTHJC Board or apply in writing to the NTHJC Board of Directors, and then wait one year.
- 2.5 Supervision of schooling must be done by a responsible adult or the accompanying riding instructor. If the junior rider is not accompanied by an instructor to the show, schooling must be supervised by the parent or legal guardian. Riders may not jump unless the instructor/parent/guardian is present in the ring. Only the instructor/parent/guardian and riders can be in the schooling ring during schooling.
- 2.6 All dogs must be on a leash or otherwise confined. NO EXCEPTIONS!
- 2.7 The NTHJC's insurance does not cover any member of NTHJC.
- 2.8 All formal complaints and protests must be written and signed, then sent to the show committee chairperson.
- 2.9 Failure to pay for entries or returned checks within ten (10) business days of written notification may result in loss of points for the horse/rider and loss of eligibility to compete in NTHJC shows until payment is made. Show managers may be informed of any ineligible members and any participants associated with nonpayment or returned checks may be notified that they are ineligible to show until charges are cleared.
- 2.10 NTHJC shall publish scheduled board meetings with date, location, and time on the NTHJC website. All board meetings are open to NTHJC members. The first board meeting of each calendar year shall be designated the annual meeting.
- 2.11 Any member of the Board of Directors absent from two (2) meetings within any one (1) year term may, at the discretion of the President, be replaced on his/her third (3rd) absence from a meeting, and shall not be eligible to serve on the Board of Directors the following year.
- 2.12 ANIMAL WELFARE
 - 2.12.1 Every horse shall at all times, be treated humanely and with dignity, respect and compassion.
 - 2.12.2 The standard by which conduct of treatment will be measured is that which a reasonable person, informed and experienced in generally accepted equine training and exhibition procedures or veterinary standards, would determine to be cruel, abusive and inhumane.
 - 2.12.3 PROHIBITED CONDUCT: Conduct on the show grounds of NTHJC members, and non-members, exhibitors, trainers, owners, and their representatives shall be orderly, responsible, sportsmanlike, and humane in the treatment of horses. Unsportsmanlike or irresponsible conduct or any other form of misconduct shall be grounds for disciplinary action.
- 2.13 DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE: In regards to any violation of NTHJC rules and regulations, the NTHJC Board of Directors shall have jurisdiction to invoke sanction, including revocation or denial of membership privileges and assessment of a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

3.0 SHOW MANAGEMENT

3.1 Show Dates

- 3.1.1 The show season may begin on February 1st and ends with the NTHJC Year End Show.
- 3.1.2 There will be no more than 24 NTHJC recognized show dates in a year.
- 3.1.3 All show dates belong to the club - show dates are not transferable. It is a privilege not a right to host a show.

- 3.1.4 No show outside the radius of one hundred twenty (120) miles from DFW Airport will be approved as a recognized NTHJC show. One day shows must be located within 65 miles of DFW Airport or provide at least 150 overnight stalls.
- 3.1.5 All show dates must be applied for in writing to the NTHJC Show Committee Chairperson. Anyone applying for NTHJC shows must be a current member in good standing. The following will be considered by the NTHJC Show Committee in assigning future and additional show dates: general benefit to the club membership, general benefit to the community and quality of facility. (See Safety Guidelines, Section 8.0) Each applicant will be considered on its own merit - not on a first come first serve basis.
- 3.1.6 Each show facility may have a maximum of two (2) sanctioned NTHJC shows a calendar year, excluding NTHJC Club shows. If dates are available and the above criteria are met, new sponsors and/or facilities may have one (1) NTHJC recognized show their first year. For the 2010 show year the number of shows for current facilities is increased to three(3).
- 3.1.7 NTHJC will allocate show dates each year to the facility/manager upon approval by the Show Committee.
- 3.1.8 A \$200 deposit (non-refundable) is required to sanction each show. If the show is to be held over 2 days, a \$200 deposit (non-refundable) is required for each day. A show facility whose riders/trainers participate in more than 30% of NTHJC shows in the previous show year will receive a 50% discount on show deposits.
- 3.1.9 In order to change a show date, venue, or to increase number of days a show is to held, written notice must be given within thirty (30) days to the show committee chairperson, excluding acts of God. If show dates are not used by the host barn for any reason other than rain, the date/dates may be rescinded. When a show date is rescinded, the show must wait one (1) year (excluding the year it was rescinded) before applying for another date.
- 3.1.10 If there is a change in the prize list (different judges, fewer rings, fewer days, etc.) the NTHJC show committee chairperson must be notified immediately and approval obtained.
- 3.1.11 If a show cancels with 30 days notice, the board may substitute a show for that show date that year only.
- 3.1.12 **RAINOUTS**
 - 3.1.12.1 If a decision is made that the show is a rainout by 10:00 pm the evening prior to the start day of the show and a message is announced, the facility will receive the next available rain date, unless an exception is asked for and granted by the show committee. If a decision is not made by that time, the NTHJC Board of Directors will decide if a rain date will be awarded.
 - 3.1.12.2 Eligible Host barns who have scheduled jumper divisions for Saturday, may declare a rainout, and receive a rainout date, for one or both days, provided they make notification by 10:00 pm the evening prior to the start day of the show. Host barns that cancel only one day of the show will be eligible for only that day as a rain date.
- 3.1.13 The NTHJC Show Committee has the responsibility to make suggestions and resolve problems at all NTHJC shows. It will be the responsibility of the NTHJC show committee to determine any penalties for broken rules.
- 3.1.14 If a rule violation occurs, the NTHJC Show Committee may provide supervision to a host barn for a fee of \$100 at the next show given by that host barn.

3.2 **Host Barns**

- 3.2.1 All shows except the Club shows are managed by the facility hosting the show. The facility management has the responsibility of running their show by the NTHJC rules and guidelines, but the decisions are made by the facility management.
- 3.2.2 Host barns with less than 200 stalls available are permitted to hold NTHJC jumper divisions on the Saturday before their show date. Host barns with 200 stalls available are permitted to hold NTHJC shows over two days. Host barns with less than 200 stalls shall not start show before 8:00 am, in order that there is sufficient time available for schooling before show.
- 3.2.3 NTHJC requires all host barns to carry \$1,000,000 of liability insurance by an approved insurance company for each horse show, listing North Texas Hunter Jumper Club as an additional insured. A copy of the declarations page of the insurance policy showing this information must be sent to the Show Committee Chairperson before the prize list for a show can be approved.
- 3.2.4 Each show is required to have a first aid kit on the grounds. NTHJC requires that a host barn hire an EMT or Paramedic for each show. The EMT/Paramedic should be available for the duration of the show, including all posted schooling times. A \$5.00 per EMT/Paramedic fee per entry, per show day may be charged at each show, and this is the only job the EMT/Paramedic can do at the show.
- 3.2.5 STALLIONS - It is up to show management whether or not a stallion is allowed at their show. Stallions must be well mannered, in control, and ridden by a professional rider only. Competitors desiring to enter stallions in a NTHJC recognized show must notify host barn by entry deadline date and receive approval from host barn.
- 3.2.6 Show sponsors will be prepared to show their course designs and facilities to a representative of the show committee no later than twenty-four (24) hours before a show, or at the discretion of the show committee, before the start of the show.
- 3.2.7 All shows are required to have two (2) jumps set up in a schooling area of adequate size with one (1) vertical and one (1) spread.
- 3.2.8 Schooling will be left up the discretion of the show management. Schooling must be monitored and regulated by the show management. Open schooling the morning of the show and/or the day before the show and/or ticketed schooling must be stated in the prize list. There will be a separate ten minute schooling break set aside for the Limit divisions only.
- 3.2.9 - If two rings are being used, show management should designate the priority ring. NTHJC recommends that the 18" ring be designated as the priority ring. Holds for trainers to observe flat classes in divisions where fence height is 2'6" (ages 14 & Over) or higher will not be allowed.
- 3.2.10 Show managers may not compete in a show at which they are managing, and must be members of NTHJC for the current show year.
- 3.2.11 The show manager may not serve as the show secretary for the show they are managing.
- 3.2.12 Every host barn must have a qualified gate master.
- 3.2.13 It is required that all shows have an adequate sound system and communication from gates to schooling rings. It is recommended to have communication between rings when more than one ring is used.
- 3.2.14 Shows are encouraged to provide adequate trash containers.
- 3.2.15 Every show must provide a minimum of 2 toilet facilities for the show.
- 3.2.16 Shows are encouraged to make water available for riders at each in-gate for horse shows during summer months where the temperature is going to be over 85 degrees.
- 3.2.17 Electrical cords will be positioned so as to avoid the possibility that a horse might walk over and/or stand on them.
- 3.2.18 Ribbons or trophies for Champion and Reserve Champion must be given in each division except equitation. Ribbons are required in all classes through sixth (6th) place.

3.2.19 All information (results, money, class lists, judge's sheets) requested by the Show Committee Secretary must be received within ten (10) days after the show date. Show sponsors must keep all the show records until the end of the calendar year.

3.3 Judges

- 3.3.1 If two (2) rings are to be run, then two (2) judges must be used. If there is a lack of entries, one judge may be used, provided show management calls all entrants or representative by noon the Saturday before the show. This call must be made to explain the schedule change.
- 3.3.2 A hunter judge may judge each division height at no more than 2 (two) shows during a show year. A jumper judge may be hired for as many shows they are available. Please allow flexibility if a judge cancels at the last minute. Each replacement judge must be approved by the NTHJC show committee chairperson before the show.
- 3.3.3 A person can judge a NTHJC show even if they have had students or children attend NTHJC shows. However, these students or children may not compete at the show that he/she is judging.
- 3.3.4 Judges cards are notes the judge makes to himself about each class. They are not to be reviewed by trainers, riders or parents. If there is a question, the trainer may submit it in writing (include the riders number & reason for the question) to the show manager. The show manager will check on the question at his/her convenience.
- 3.3.5 Show management may have judges hold multiple cards open if needed.

3.4 Prize Lists

- 3.4.1 Upon receipt of the deposit and the approval of the prize list, the show sponsor will receive the NTHJC show packet. NTHJC membership forms will be supplied by the NTHJC Show Committee Secretary.
- 3.4.2 Show management must ask for proof of a negative coggins within twelve months on each horse entered in their show. This must be stated on the prize list. As a courtesy to NTHJC members, the NTHJC Show Committee Secretary will accept copies of coggins. The copy must have the horses show name, legible coggins number and date of test. This information (not coggins copy) will be sent to each host barn prior to their show. Host barns may still require the actual proof of negative coggins, so have the originals available at all times. **IT'S THE LAW!**
- 3.4.3 The show manager must be identified on the show prize list (TBA is not acceptable and manager must be stated as an individual not an entity).
- 3.4.4 The name of the judge, the prize list and the show committee (3 NTHJC members, including one from the NTHJC Show Committee) must be submitted for approval to the NTHJC Show Committee chairperson. Show management is encouraged to use one (1) NTHJC Show Committee member that is not a member of their barn.
- 3.4.5 Show sponsors may charge a maximum of \$15 per class, except for special classes (Col. Nance Memorial Hunter Classic, for example) and Add Back classes, which will be \$25.00 per class. For the Add Back Classes \$10 of this fee will be designated as prize money pot which will be paid back as credit on show invoices in following amounts: 1st place-30% of pot; 2nd place-22%; 3rd place-16%; 4th place-14%; 5th place-10%; 6th place-8%.
- 3.4.6 Additional Fees
- 3.4.6.1 An additional maximum \$5.00 late fee per class permitted for entries received after due date published on prize list;
- 3.4.6.2 Show sponsors may charge a returned check fee of \$25.00;
- 3.4.6.3 An EMT fee of \$5.00 per EMT per entry may be charged,
- 3.4.6.4 An NTHJC office fee of \$5.00 per entry (please note on prize list that this fee benefits NTHJC, not host barn) shall be charged and remitted to NTHJC Show Committee Secretary with show results;

- 3.4.6.5 A grounds fee of no more than \$35.00 may be charged for any horse not reserving a stall if there are sufficient stalls available for all horses at show;
- 3.4.6.6 A fee of \$15.00 may be charged for open checks not closed out by end of show.
- 3.4.7 Prize lists will be posted on the NTHJC website after approval by the show committee, who will send them to the corresponding secretary. A mailing list will be made available to any show manager requesting labels. If a show date is rained out, the host barn must notify all barns of the change of date. Directions or map to the facility must be in the prize list.
- 3.4.8 NTHJC show sponsors must offer at least five NTHJC divisions at a show to be recognized by NTHJC.
- 3.4.9 All classes must be listed on the prize list.
- 3.4.10 A maximum of thirty-four (34) classes per ring may be offered in any NTHJC show. The show must end thirty (30) minutes after sunset except for indoor arenas with lights. Show facilities with fewer than 200 stalls may use outdoor arena lights, with a 2/3 approval vote by the Show Committee or Safety Committee. Such shows are allowed a maximum of 12 hours to conduct the show.
- 3.4.11 All fence heights must be listed on the prize list.
- 3.4.12 Limit classes are to be defined on the prize lists as four (4) blue ribbons over fences. Blue ribbons won in Add Back or Warm Up classes shall be counted in the allowed total of blue ribbons. In order for a rider to receive an award for limiting out of a division, he/she must have competed at that fence height during that year.
- 3.4.13 If adding and scratching is to be penalized on the day of a show, it must be stated on the prize list. The NTHJC Show Committee suggests that there be no more adds at the gate. All adds have to be done with the show secretary.

4.0 COURSE GUIDELINES

- 4.1 It is recommended that fence construction be in accordance with USEF minimum standards, with the following being mandatory:
 - 4.1.1 The top element of all fences in a hunter course must be a pole.
 - 4.1.2 Jump elements must have no more than 3" of space between the elements.
 - 4.1.3 Jumping elements in hunter classes must have winged standards: for oxer elements a non-winged standard may be used for the back pole.
- 4.2 Fence heights may vary per division in NTHJC rules.
- 4.3 An in and out (1 stride = 24'6" 2 stride = 36') may be offered at fence heights of 2'9" and higher.
- 4.4 All lines should be jumped in one direction only.
- 4.5 All hunter and equitation courses must have at least 7 jumping elements and not more than 9 jumping elements.
- 4.6 All shows should have the footage for the lines on the posted courses. Courses must be posted thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of the show or thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of each class.

5.0 DIVISIONS AND CLASS RULES

5.1 NTHJC Divisions

Division	Category	Fence Height	No. Classes
I	Limit Walk-Trot Over Crossrails	Cross rails	3
II	Limit Beginner Rider Equitation	18"	3
III	Junior/Amateur Hunter	2'0"	3
IV	Junior/Amateur Hunter	2'3"	3
V	Junior Hunter (13 & under)	2'6"	3
VI	Junior/Amateur Hunter (14 & over)	2'6"	3
VII	Pony Hunter	S-2'0" M-2'3" L-2'6"	3
VIII	Pre-Green Hunter	2'6"	3
IX	Low Hunter	2'9"	3
X	Children/Adult Hunter	2'9"	3
XI	Working Hunter	3'0"	3
XII	Puddle Jumper	2'6"-2'9"	3
XIII	Schooling Jumper	3'0"-3'3"	3

EQUITATION CLASSES

Junior/Amateur Eq.	2'0"	2
Junior/Amateur Eq.	2'3"	2
Junior Eq. (13 & under)	2'6"	2
Junior/Amateur Eq. (14 & over)	2'6"	2
Children/Adult Eq.	2'9"	2
Junior/Amateur Eq.	3'0"	2

MEDAL CLASSES

Junior/Amateur NTHJC Medal	2'0"	1
Junior/Amateur NTHJC Medal	2'3"	1
Junior/Amateur NTHJC Medal	2'6"	1
Junior/Amateur NTHJC Medal	2'9"	1
Junior/Amateur NTHJC Medal	3'0"	1

5.2 Division Rules

- 5.2.1 **DIVISION I. LIMIT WALK-TROT OVER CROSSRAILS:** The course for this division will be 4 crossrails (once around). This division is for riders who have not won four (4) blue ribbons over fences. Once a rider has won four (4) blue ribbons over fences, the rider must move out of this division. The riders may only cross enter into Limit Beginner Rider 18". Certificates will be given to riders who have won out of this division at the end of year awards presentation. No Champion or Reserve Champion awards will be given at the end of year awards presentation in this division.

- 5.2.2 DIVISION II. LIMIT BEGINNER RIDER EQUITATION 18": The type of course for this division must be stated on the prize list; either crossrails or vertical fences, and whether division will have full courses or twice around the outside. The maximum allowed height for any part of fence in the division is 18". This division is for riders who have not won four (4) blue ribbons over fences. Once a rider has won four (4) blue ribbons over fences, the rider must move out of this division. Certificates will be given to riders who have won out of this division at the end of year awards presentation. No Champion or Reserve Champion awards will be given at the end of year awards presentation in this division.
- 5.2.3 DIVISION III. JUNIOR/AMATEUR HUNTER 2'0": Open to junior and amateur riders.
- 5.2.4 DIVISION IV. JUNIOR/AMATEUR HUNTER 2'3": Open to junior and amateur riders.
- 5.2.5 DIVISION V. JUNIOR HUNTER 2'6": Open to riders thirteen (13) years old and younger.
- 5.2.6 DIVISION VI. JUNIOR/AMATEUR HUNTER 2'6": Open to junior and amateur riders fourteen (14) years old and older.
- 5.2.7 DIVISION VII. PONY HUNTER: Open to junior riders mounted on ponies. Small ponies to be shown at 2'0". Medium ponies to be shown at 2'3". Large ponies to be shown at 2'6".
- 5.2.8 DIVISION VIII. PRE-GREEN HUNTER 2'6": Open to horses and ponies in their first or second consecutive year of showing in any competition over fences. Open to all riders.
- 5.2.9 DIVISION IX. LOW HUNTER 2'9": Open to all riders.
- 5.2.10 DIVISION X. CHILDRENS/ADULT HUNTER 2'9": Open to junior and adult amateur riders.
- 5.2.11 DIVISION XI. WORKING HUNTER 3'0": Open to all riders.
- 5.2.12 DIVISION XII. PUDDLE JUMPER 2'6"-2'9": Open to all riders. It is requested that the first class of this division be judged on Optimal Time. See Jumper Division Rules section for specific rules.
- 5.2.13 DIVISION XIII. SCHOOLING JUMPER 3'0" - 3'3": Open to all riders. See Jumper Division Rules section for specific rules.

5.3 **Class Rules**

- 5.3.1 A rider must exhibit the correct number for the horse/rider combination upon entering the ring. Failure to do so will result in disqualification. When a horse is entered in an add-back class for a division height, the add-back must be the first class the horse is ridden in at that height, before any hunter or equitation classes are ridden.
- 5.3.2 If a rider falls off on course, the rider must be excused - NO COURTESY FENCE.
- 5.3.3 If a rider has three (3) refusals, the rider must be excused – NO COURTESY FENCE.
- 5.3.4 A horse may only cross enter into divisions with fence heights of a six (6) inch difference, except the 18" divisions. This includes flat and under saddle classes. The NTHJC Show Committee will remove points if the 6" rule is broken. The NTHJC Show Committee will notify the trainer, owner and rider(s) of the infraction in writing, along with it's intent to remove points from the higher fence classes. Trainer/owner/rider have the ability to request removal of points for lower fence heights and point reinstatement for higher fence heights; such notification to be received by the Show Committee in writing within 10 days of the Committee's notification.
- 5.3.5 A rider may enter a maximum of two (2) horses or ponies per hunter class except the open divisions (Pre green, Low, Working Hunter 3').
- 5.3.6 A horse may only be exhibited by one rider per class; multiple riders may not exhibit the same horse in the same class.

- 5.3.7 No open hunter division (Pre-green, Low, Working Hunter 3'), Add Back/Warm Up class or jumper division will be split. One set of ribbons will be given.
- 5.3.8 All classes (except open divisions [Pre-green, Low, Working Hunter 3'], Add Back/Warm Up classes, or jumper divisions) with 20 or more competitors must be divided. If the first class of the hunter division has 20 or more competitors go in the class, all 3 classes in the division will be split. Equitation classes will be split based on the number of entries in each class. Two sets of ribbons and points must be given. If a second set of ribbons are not available, the show management must order ribbons immediately and send the ribbons to each rider.
- 5.3.9 When there are twenty (20) or more entries competing in the class and the classes are split, two sets of ribbons must be awarded. The class will have two 1st places, two 2nd places etc. For example: the highest score will be 1st place, the second highest score will also be 1st place. The third highest score will be 2nd place; the fourth highest score will also be 2nd place. There will be no "sections or groups" when determining champion and reserve. The horse with the highest point total is champion. The next highest point total is also champion. It is less confusing for show announcers to announce 2 firsts, 2 seconds etc, rather than announcing "Group A and Group B". The paddock master will divide flat classes as evenly as possible. These sections will be placed separately.
- 5.3.10 Divisions and Equitation classes involving 13 & under and 14 & over in the same fence height may be combined if one of the divisions does not have three (3) entries. One set of ribbons will be offered, but points for ribbons received will be given for each age group. Divisions and classes may not be combined on the prize lists.
- 5.3.11 **ADD BACK/WARMUP CLASSES** – When a horse is entered in an Add Back or Warm Up class for a division height, the Add Back/Warm Up must be the first class the horse is ridden at that height, before any hunter or equitation classes are ridden. Add Back and Warm Up classes will not be split, regardless of entries. The Add Back/Warm Up cards will remain open until the conclusion of all hunter and equitation classes held at the fence height.
- 5.3.12 **EQUITATION CLASSES** - A rider may enter any equitation class as long as the 2' and 6" rules are followed. There will be no Champion or Reserve awards given at individual shows, but cumulative awards will be given at the end of year awards presentation. Equitation classes are open to junior and amateur riders only.
- 5.3.13 **NTHJC MEDAL CLASSES** - The rider must be a current member and the horse must be registered to a current member of NTHJC in order to enter this class. A rider must follow the 6" cross entry rule when entering medal classes. If a rider qualifies for more than one Medal Final, he/she must compete in the Medal Final with the highest fence height. The top two riders in each medal class qualify for the finals. Once a rider wins the medal class, he/she may not ride that class again. The second (2nd) place rider may keep riding until he/she wins the class. Three(3) riders must compete for the medal classes to be held. The medal classes are open to junior and amateur riders only.
- 5.3.13.1 During the show year, a work off, according the NTHJC guidelines, is **optional** for the 2' and 2/3" medal classes, and **mandatory** for the 2'6", 2'9" and 3'0" medal classes. At the Medal Finals, a ride-off will be mandatory for **all** fence heights. NTHJC Medal Finals will be held during the year end show at a location determined by the NTHJC Show Committee.
- 5.3.14 **TESTS FOR NTHJC MEDAL CLASSES:** The following are tests from which a judge must choose. Tests may be performed either collectively or individually, but no other test may be used.

A judge may ask riders to re-jump an abbreviated or shortened form of the original course. Other tests are:

1. Halt (4 to 6 seconds) and/or back.

2. Hand gallop.
3. Figure eight at trot, demonstrating change of diagonals. At left diagonal, the rider should be sitting the saddle when the left front leg is on the ground; at the right diagonal, rider should be sitting the saddle when the right front leg is on the ground; when circling clockwise at the trot, rider should be on the left diagonal; when circling counterclockwise, rider should be on the right diagonal.
4. Figure eight at the canter on the correct lead, demonstrating simple change of lead. This is a change whereby the horse is brought back into the walk or trot and restarted into the canter on the opposite lead. Figures are to be commenced in center of two circles so that one change of lead is shown.
5. Work collectively at a walk, trot or canter.
6. Pull up and halt (4 to 6 seconds)
7. Jump obstacles on figure eight course.
8. Ride without stirrups or drop and pick up stirrups.
9. Jump low obstacles at a walk and trot as well as canter. The maximum height for a walk obstacle is 3'. The maximum height for a trotting obstacle is 3'.
10. Dismount and mount, individually.
11. Turn on the forehand.
12. Figure eight at a canter on correct lead demonstrating flying change of lead.
13. Execute serpentine at a trot and/or canter on correct lead demonstrating simple or flying changes of lead.
14. Change leads on a line demonstrating a simple or flying change of lead.

Jr/Amateur NTHJC Medal 2'0" - Tests 1-6 may be used for a work-off on the flat.

Jr/Amateur NTHJC Medal 2'3" – Tests 1-7 may be used for a work-off.

Jr/Amateur NTHJC Medal 2'6" - Tests 1-9 may be used for a mandatory work-off.

Jr/Amateur NTHJC Medal 2'9" - Tests 1-14 may be used for a mandatory work-off.

Jr/Amateur NTHJC Medal 3'0" – Tests 1 – 14 may be used for a mandatory work-off.

5.3.16-COLONEL NANCE MEMORIAL HUNTER CLASSIC - The Colonel Nance Classic may be offered at any full two (2) day NTHJC show. The class will be open to junior and amateur riders only and run at a height of 2'9". A two round format is to be used, the first round judged as a hunter class and the second round as a handy hunter class. The same horse/rider combination must compete in both rounds. Twelve horses, if available, will be called back to compete in the second round. The first round should have at least ten obstacles in a hunter format and the second round should include one or more of the following options: hand gallop a jump, bending line, rollback turn, fence at the end of the ring and trotting a low obstacle. Points toward the year end award will be accrued to the horse and rider combination and both must be currently registered with NTHJC.

6.0 JUMPER DIVISIONS

- 6.1 In the jumper classes, any competitors that are tied after all rounds in the class are completed shall remain tied and equal points will be awarded. Riders must toss a coin for the ribbons, unless management chooses to provide additional ribbons.
- 6.2 General Jumper Eligibility
- 6.2.1 Jumpers may be of any breed, height or sex.
- 6.2.2 In cases of unsoundness sufficient to be considered abusive, the judge must eliminate the competitor from that class. Any action against a horse by an exhibitor which is deemed to be excessive by a judge in the show ring or management, anywhere on the show grounds, may be punished by official warning or eliminated. Such actions include, but are not limited to: excessive use of spur or whip.
- 6.2.3 Manual poling is prohibited. Persons found to be in violation shall be eliminated/ disqualified from competing and shall forfeit all entry fees for such competition.
- 6.3 Scoring
- 6.3.1 Jumpers are scored mathematically, based on penalty faults incurred between the starting line and finish line. Penalty faults include disobediences, falls, knockdowns, and time penalties.
- 6.3.1.1 When a horse makes two or more faults at an obstacle, only the major fault counts. In the case of equal faults, only one will count (Exception: Disobediences count in addition.)
- 6.3.1.2 When an obstacle is composed of several elements in the same vertical plane, a fault at the top element is the only one penalized.
- 6.3.1.3 When an obstacle to be taken in one effort is composed of several elements not in the same vertical plane (i.e., oxer, triple bar, etc.) faults at more than one element are penalized only once
- 6.3.1.4 In combinations, the faults committed at each obstacle are scored separately. In case of refusal or run-out at one element of a combination (and upon the judge's signal that the obstacle has been reset, if necessary,) the competitor must re-jump the entire combination
- 6.3.1.5 In cases of broken equipment or loss of shoe, the rider must continue if he wishes to avoid penalty, or may voluntarily withdraw.
- 6.3.1.6 Riders receiving physical assistance from outside the ring (i.e., lunge whips, etc.) while on course will be eliminated. (Note: this does not apply to riders between rounds in Table II, 2(b) competitions provided the rider begins his jump-off within the limits of the time allowed between the audible signal and crossing the starting line.)
- 6.3.2 Start and Finish: A start line must be established at least 12' from the first obstacle and a finish line at least 24' from the last obstacle, each indicated by two markers at least 12' apart. Horses must cross the start line between the markers mounted, and to complete the course they must cross the finish line between the markers in the proper direction, mounted. Passing through the starting markers in the improper direction before starting does not incur penalty. Failure to enter the ring within one minute of being called or failure to cross the starting line within 45 seconds after an audible signal to proceed has been given incurs elimination.
- 6.3.3 Audible Signal: An audible signal (bell, horn, whistle, gong or buzzer) is sounded for the following purposes:
- 6.3.3.1 to give the signal to start;
- 6.3.3.2 to stop a competitor in the event of an unforeseen incident (which also designates a time-out);

- 6.3.3.3 to indicate that an obstacle has to be reset before being retaken after it has been knocked down during a refusal (designating a time-out);
 - 6.3.3.4 to give the signal for competitor to continue his round after an interruption, also designating time in; (Note: It is the rider's responsibility to be ready to continue on the course when signal is given)
 - 6.3.3.5 to indicate by repeated and prolonged ringing that the competitor has been eliminated; and
 - 6.3.3.6 to indicate that the rider should not proceed to the jump-off round in a Table II, Sec. 2(c) class.
- 6.3.4 **Timing:** Time is taken from the instant the horse's chest reaches the start line until it reaches the finish line. After the signal to start has sounded, a competitor must pass through the start markers in the proper direction to be considered on course. The time allowed is based on a minimum speed of 360 yards per minute. The speed to be used for each class or section must be indicated in the prize list. The time allowed must be announced and posted prior to the start of the class. The time limit to complete the course is double the time allowed. Any competitor whose time including penalty seconds exceeds the Time Limit is eliminated.
- 6.3.4.1 If, as a result of a disobedience, a competitor knocks down or dislodges or a flag marking the limits of an obstacle, the clock is stopped immediately and remains stopped while the obstacle or flag marking the limits of an obstacle is rebuilt.
 - 6.3.4.2 Time faults awarded are penalized one (1) fault for each commenced second over the Time Allowed.
 - 6.3.4.3 The time allowed to complete the course should be calculated from an actual measurement of the course's length for all rounds and jump-offs.
- 6.3.5 **Disobediences:** The following defines disobediences and are penalized. (Note: Coming sideways or zigzagging toward an obstacle does not constitute a disobedience unless the horse passes or turns its back to the next obstacle or the finish line.)
- 6.3.5.1 **Refusal.** Stopping in front of an obstacle to be jumped, whether or not the horse knocks it down or displaces it, is penalized as a disobedience. Stopping at an obstacle without knocking it down and without backing, followed immediately by jumping from a standstill, is not penalized. However, if the halt continues, or the horse backs even a single step or circles to retake the course, a refusal is incurred.
 - 6.3.5.2 **Run-out.** Evading or passing the obstacle to be jumped or the finish line or jumping an obstacle outside its limiting markers is penalized as a disobedience.
 - 6.3.5.3 After a run-out or refusal the competitor must, before proceeding on the course, re-jump the obstacle at which the disobedience occurred or be eliminated. If the flag, standard, wing, or obstacle has not been reset when the competitor is ready to jump, he must await the signal to start or be eliminated.
 - 6.3.5.4 **Loss of Forward Movement.** Halting or stepping backward after crossing the start line, (unless due to a refusal, run-out, or an order from a judge due to unforeseen circumstances such as a fence being blown down,) will be penalized as a disobedience.
 - 6.3.5.5 **Circling.** Any form of circle or circles whereby the horse crosses its original track between two consecutive obstacles, or stops advancing toward or turns away from the next fence except to retake an obstacle after a disobedience, is considered a disobedience. This is a judgement call.
- 6.3.6 **Knockdowns:** An obstacle is considered knocked down when in jumping an obstacle, a horse or rider, by contact:

- 6.3.6.1 lowers any part thereof which establishes the height of the obstacle or the height of any element of a spread obstacle, even when the falling part is arrested in its fall by some other portion of the obstacle; or
- 6.3.6.2 moves any part thereof which establishes the height of the obstacles so that it rests on different support from the one on which it was originally placed. Should a pole resting in a cup come to rest on the lip of the cup, or on a bracket which is an integral part of the cup, it is not considered a knockdown. Narrowing the width of a spread obstacle without altering the height of any elements as defined above is not considered a knockdown. If an obstacle falls after a competitor leaves the ring, it is not considered a knockdown.
- 6.3.7 Jumping Faults: Faults and elimination are scored as follows:
 - 6.3.7.1 Knockdown of obstacle or standard with any portion of horse, rider, or equipment, when jumping an obstacle -- 4 faults.
 - 6.3.7.2 Knockdown of automatic timing equipment, other designated markers on start and finish lines -- 4 faults.
 - 6.3.7.3 First disobedience anywhere on course --4 faults
 - 6.3.7.4 Second cumulative disobedience anywhere on course—8 faults
 - 6.3.7.5 Third cumulative disobedience anywhere on course,-- Elimination.
 - 6.3.7.6 Fall of horse and/or rider -- Elimination.
 - 6.3.7.7 Jumping an obstacle before it is reset, or without waiting for signal to proceed -- Elimination.
 - 6.3.7.8 Starting before judge's signal to proceed -- Elimination.
 - 6.3.7.9 Failure to cross the starting line within 45 seconds after signal to proceed-- Elimination.
 - 6.3.7.10 Jumping an obstacle before crossing start line -- Elimination.
 - 6.3.7.11 Off course -- Elimination.
 - 6.3.7.12 Rider and/or horse leaving the arena before finishing the course -- Elimination.
 - 6.3.7.13 Exceeding the Time Limit -- Elimination.
 - 6.3.7.14 Actions against a horse deemed excessive (For example: excessive use of whip or spurs at any time within the arena.) -- Elimination.

The following jumper classes are the approved choices for shows, any may be used.

- 6.3.8 Table II. Sect. 1 – Time First Round: The first round is decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the time allowed. Horses with clean rounds or equal faults are classified according to their time taken to complete the course.
- 6.3.9 Table II, Sect. 2(b) - Time First Jump-Off: The first round and first jump-off, if any, are decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed. If a competitor has gone clean in the first round, the competitor will, without leaving the ring, upon an audible signal, commence the designated jump-off course. A competitor with a clear round may dismount, and with assistance if necessary, adjust tack and/or equipment provided they remount and begin their jump-off within the proscribed (45) seconds. The use of time allowed is optional in the first round
- 6.3.10 Table II, Sect. 2(c) - Power and Speed: The first round and first jump-off, if any, are decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the Time

Allowed if any. If a competitor has gone clean in the first round, he will, upon crossing the finish line, commence the designated jump-off course. Time starts as the horse crosses the finish line for the initial course. The use of a time allowed is optional in the first round.

- 6.3.11 Table IV, Sect. 1 - Optimum Time First Round: Shows wishing to run Table IV Sec. 1 classes must use a measuring wheel in order to establish the Time Allowed. Time Allowed is based on a minimum speed of 350 meters per minute(382 yards per min), 328 meters per minute (360 yards per min) for small or indoor arenas. The first round is decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed. In case of equality of faults, ties will be broken on the following basis: an "Optimum Time " (defined as 4 seconds less than the Time Allowed for the course) will be posted on the course plan: the horse with the time on course closest to this Optimum Time (over or under) will prevail in the tie, next closest next, etc. Jump-off: Jump-offs are held over obstacles from the original course which may include obstacles not included in the initial round. In a jump-off, any sequence of obstacles in either direction may be employed. Courses may be shortened after the first round and must be shortened if there is more than one jump-off. The jump-off course may not be shortened to less than six obstacles and must include at least one vertical and one spread obstacle.
- 6.3.12 Jumper Schooling Rules: Oxers must be square, or if ramped, the front rail must be lower than the back rail. No offset jumps are allowed, ie., no jumps where the back element of the jump is lower than the front element. Any action deemed not in the best interest of the horse will not be allowed. Manual poling is prohibited.

7.0 POINTS AND YEAR END AWARDS

7.1 Points

First (1st) place in each class	10
Second (2nd) place in each class	7
Third (3rd) place in each class	5
Fourth (4th) place in each class	3
Fifth (5th) place in each class	2
Sixth (6th) place in each class	1
Champion in each division	10
Reserve Champion in each division	6

Only horses receiving points over fences are to receive under saddle points toward determining champion and reserve champion of each division. In case of a tie, the entry with the most points over fences is the champion. If still tied, a hack-off must occur. If one entry cannot participate for any reason, the other entry wins by default. The results of each division will be posted at the show. Errors may be corrected during the show. The results will be final at the end of the show, and those results must be sent to the NTHJC Show Committee Secretary.

7.2 Year End Awards

- 7.2.1 To be eligible for end of year awards a horse must be registered to a current NTHJC member and the rider must be a current NTHJC member. All members will be issued a membership number. The registration fee is \$10.00 per horse. A horse must be re-registered (\$10.00) for any of the following reasons: Change of ownership, change of show name, or one-year lapse of membership of owner. Memberships and horse registrations must be updated no later than thirty (30) days after a competition for those points to count toward Year End Awards. Horse names may not be duplicated. The correct show name of the horse must be entered at each show or no points will be accumulated.
- 7.2.2 Points accumulated by a horse during the show year in hunter/jumper divisions will follow the horse through a change of ownership. Equitation points follow the rider.
- 7.2.3 Divisions must be offered and held at four (4) different NTHJC shows during the year in order for an end of year award to be presented.
- 7.2.4 There must be three (3) entries in a class for the points to count toward the end of year awards. All three (3) classes must be held in a division for champion and reserve points to be given. If fewer classes are held, only those class points will go toward the end of year awards.
- 7.2.5 When counting a rider's four (4) blue ribbons for limit divisions, count only those won over fences at recognized NTHJC shows or those with a higher rating, such as THJA or USEF or other shows similar to NTHJC, such as Centex or South Texas H/J Club. Blue ribbons won in Add Back or Warm Up classes shall be counted in the allowed total.
- 7.2.6 For Year-End Awards, all ties for Champion will not be broken.

8.0 SAFETY COMMITTEE AND GUIDELINES

- 8.1 A Safety Committee shall be established as a sub-committee of the Show Committee. The Show Committee chair will appoint a Safety Committee chair, who will then appoint not more than 3 people to serve a one-year term. The Safety Committee shall formulate safety guidelines for NTHJC horse shows, to be presented to the NTHJC board for review and approval.
- 8.2 Safety Committee Guidelines for Recognized Shows: It is our intention not only to promote the safety of all NTHJC exhibitors, but also to help ensure their show experience on the NTHJC circuit is an enjoyable one. We want to encourage the NTHJC circuit to progressively raise the standards to meet the needs of its members and future exhibitors.
 - 8.2.1 First time applications for show date: It is recommended that facilities who are requesting their first NTHJC recognized horse show also include pictures of the show rings, stabling areas, and other areas to be used by horse show participants. Also new applicants should include a written description of any applicable details of the facility. This additional information will allow the Board of Directors to accurately review all first-time requests. For all first-time requests, the Show Committee chair will appoint two Safety Committee members (not affiliated with the requesting horse show venue) to visit the facility and confirm that the facility is as they have represented in their new show date application and that the facility meets the horse show criteria as specified by the NTHJC Safety Committee. This visit must be done and a report to the Board of Directors must be made prior to any approval vote for the proposed new horse show's date.
 - 8.2.2 Rings: Recommended ring size is 125' x 250' or larger for fence height of 2'6" and over. Recommended minimum ring size for fence height of 2'3" and under is 100' x 180'. The boundaries of the ring should be easily seen by people and horses. It is required to have permanent or temporary fencing at least 3 feet high around all arenas to be used for showing. The temporary fencing needs to be well-secured so it does not get blown over or knocked down easily. The Safety Committee must inspect all grass arenas before the prize list is approved. Every prize list needs to include the size of the arenas and a description of the footing (sand, limestone, grass, etc). An effort should be made to remove rocks from jumping areas. Careful consideration should be taken on the subject of arena footing as it should cushion the horses' hooves and provide appropriate jumping traction. Arena footing should be consistent throughout the arena with uniform depth and firmness. The arena should also be tilled with a tractor so there are no uneven ruts. Courses must be posted by the in-gate at least one hour prior to the start of the class. They must be clearly visible to the mounted rider. If deemed necessary, the ring steward and host barn management may, with the consent of the judges, permit the use of bell boots and/or leg wraps, shin boots or other leg supports. They may also permit the lowering of fence heights to no more than three (3) inches of the appropriate jump height.
- 8.3 Schooling Areas: Show management shall provide if possible at least one schooling area per show ring. This designation must be made both in the prize list and at the gate of the schooling area. The recommended minimum schooling arena size is 100' x 180', or that of similar size where there is adequate space for several horses and riders. Show management shall provide a minimum of two schooling fences in each area, one vertical and one spread jump. Schooling areas should be enclosed if possible. It is recommended that it has proper footing, is a level as possible, and contain no rocks, branches, or debris. Fences must be set up, ready to use, and have adequate poles, pins, and cups prior to the start of the show; If there are too many horses/riders in the arena for schooling, we recommend the use of ticket and timed schooling.
- 8.4 Jumps and Courses: A well-set jump will have solid, balanced appearance with a clearly defined ground line. Hunter style jumps need to be colors that are similar to those found on a hunt field: black, white, gray, natural, brown, and dark green. Enough rails and fill material should be available for all fence heights. A rail should be hanging over every jump as height allows. Replacement rails should be available in case of breakage. Unusual jumps often cause problems for exhibitors and are not recommended.

- 8.4.1 Standards for Jumps
 - 8.4.1.1 PVC standards, but not rails, are acceptable in the show ring with standardized holes and pins.
 - 8.4.1.2 Only regulation size cups and pins shall be used. No flat cups are to be used to hold the upper element in hunter classes. All unused jump cups are to be removed from the standards.
 - 8.4.1.3 Flower boxes, flowers or greenery shall be placed at all hunter jumps on course. Each jump needs a ground rail for hunter classes. It is also suggested that if there are plants or similar hanging decorations, they should be securely positioned and tied. In excessive wind, some decoration should be removed.
 - 8.4.1.4 All jumps are to be in good order with no protruding nails or broken wood.
 - 8.4.1.5 All standards are to have sturdy bases, and are to stand straight.
 - 8.4.1.6 Picket type gates must have rounded tops.
 - 8.4.1.7 A minimum of four rails is to be at each practice jump.
- 8.4.2 Courses: Courses, like the jumps, should be appropriate for the division. Figure eight courses and variations of these are excellent choices. Distances should be as follows: if 2'6" classes are to be in the same arena as the 2'3" and lower classes, then the lines should be set on a 12-foot stride with the last stride of each line shortened by two feet. If 2'6" classes are to be in the same arena as the 2'9" and 3'0" classes, then the strides need to be set at 12 feet. The 2'9" and 3'0" classes will be set on a 12-foot stride. Examples: a 4-stride line in the small arena needs to be set at 58 feet, and in the large arena needs to be set at 60 feet; a 5-stride line in the small arena needs to be set at 70 feet, and in the large arena at 72 feet. Jumper courses must suit the competition, but must be reasonable for all competitors. Equitation courses may be slightly more difficult than hunter courses, but most often they are similar to the hunter courses at the show. Long courses are discouraged.
- 8.5 Parking Areas: Parking areas for trailers, vans, cars, etc. should be of sufficient size for all exhibitors and spectators. If stabling is not available, the parking area should be considered the stabling area. If this area is in a field, the grass should be cut short, and the area should be free of debris. Is the area convenient to the show? How will very large trailers enter, turn around, and exit the parking area? If the ground is wet, will the trailers be able to park? Please make an effort so that the PA system can be heard in the parking area.
- 8.6 Water: Water must be available for watering and bathing horses, the closer to the parking or stabling area the better. Exhibitors are responsible for their own buckets. We request that there not be any community water troughs for horses. This will help to prevent diseases from spreading.
- 8.7 Restrooms: Adequate sanitary provisions are required (minimum of 2 toilet facilities).
- 8.8 Concessions: Refreshments/food should be available on the show grounds; this needs to be listed on the prize list. The concession stands are required to have water at all times. Please have water available at each in-gate for horse shows during summer months where the temperature is going to be over 85 degrees.
- 8.9 Additional requirement
 - 8.9.1 The ring starter/paddock master should be at his post at least 15 minutes before each class.
 - 8.9.2 A copy of the NTHJC rule book must be available in the show office.
 - 8.9.3 Stop watches or electronic timing equipment needs to be available for all jumper classes.
 - 8.9.4 The paddock master is responsible for setting a starting order and making sure there is a horse in the ring promptly.

- 8.9.5 The show committee has the choice to completely waive coats and to encourage riders to not wear them in extreme heat. If the show committee chooses to waive coats, please make several announcements and post signs so everyone will know.
- 8.9.6 We recommend the show secretary be in the show office one and a half hours before the start of the show.

9.0 GUIDELINES FOR HORSE SHOW QUESTIONS AND PROBLEMS

Escalation Processes:

During the show –

Exhibitor and their support team: Questions and issues should be directed to the trainer, who can and should address most questions. Exhibitors should rely on the Trainer to determine if the question or issue should be escalated. Note that the Trainer should act as the Exhibitor’s agent in escalating questions and issues to Show Management.

Trainers: Unresolved client questions and their professional observations/questions/issues should be taken to the Show Manager.

Show Manager: Questions relating to the interpretation of the NTHJC Rules and Safety Guidelines, including calling an event due to inclement weather, should be addressed with the NTHJC Show Committee Chair or, in their absence, any member of the NTHJC Show Committee present at the event. Questions or issues that remain unresolved after the show should be addressed in writing to the NTHJC Show Committee Chair.

After the show –

Exhibitors, Support Teams, Trainers, and Show Managers can all address unresolved questions or issues with the NTHJC Show Committee by documenting and submitting the question in writing. The Show Committee will develop a recommendation and confer with the NTHJC Board and the NTHJC President will provide a written response.

Typical Horse Show Questions:

Show schedule	Safety related
Show rings	Course design
Stabling facilities	Judging
Rules	Awards

SPORTSMANSHIP GUIDELINES

Be respectful to trainers, show management, exhibitors and support staff

Be familiar with current NTHJC rules and safety guidelines

Follow the escalation process when questions or issues arise

Understand that judges’ results represent their informed opinion and are final

Remember, it’s all about fun and learning

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