



**2020**

**Rule Book**

## **2020 Show Schedule**

March 21-22 Season Opener Club Show @ TRHP

April 4-5 Merriwood Ranch

April 18 Storybook Sport Horses (Jumpers Only)

April 25-26 Hidden Lake Farm

May 9-10 Stony Glen

May 30-31 Hunters Gate

June 13-14 Hidden Lake Farm

June 27-28 Mid-Year Club Show @ Extraco Events Center

July 11-12 Texas Rose Horse Park

September 6 Prospering Farm

September 19-20 Caspian eQuest

September 26-27 Spellbound Farm

October 10-11 Merriwood Ranch

October 24-25 Hunters Gate

November 7-8 Stony Glen Stables

November 21-22 Year End Club Show @ TRHP

## MEMBERSHIP:

1. **DHJSC** membership will consist of:
    - a. **Junior** Individual memberships - \$40 annually (anyone who has not reached their 18th birthday on or before Dec. 1, 2017.)
    - b. **Senior** Individual memberships - \$40 annually (anyone 18 or over as of December 1, 2017)
    - c. **Family** memberships - \$70 for families with 2 or more riders in the same household.
  2. Trainers must be current DHJSC members.
  3. Each horse/rider combination who is not a member and is competing in a DHJSC recognized show will be required to pay a non-member fee of \$30 per show. Each show sponsor collects the non-member fees as necessary and submits them with the required show fees to DHJSC at the conclusion of the show.
  4. **Barn memberships** are a one-time \$350 fee and are for the lifetime of the barn.
  5. Membership forms now include a universal show waiver release and registration for the nominating fee good for the current show season
- ### ELIGIBILITY FOR YEAR END AWARDS:

1. To be eligible for a year end award a rider must be a current DHJSC member.
2. To be eligible for a year end award in Equitation a rider must compete in the same division 4 times at recognized show during the show year. To be eligible for a year end award in Hunters or Jumpers a horse must compete in the same division 4 times at a DHJSC recognized shows during the show year (regardless of rider). To be eligible for year-end awards to be presented, a division must make four times within the year.
3. **JUMPER NOMINATING FEE:** A \$50 nominating fee for jumpers must be paid for jumpers to compete for year-end scholarships. Scholarship points will start accumulating at the first show at which the jumper nomination fee is paid. **NO BACK POINTS WILL BE ALLOWED.** Horses may still receive year-end awards without a paid nominating fee, however, they will receive no scholarship money. The nominating fee will follow the horse in case of transfer of ownership.

4. There must be three (3) entries in the first over fences class for the points to count toward the end of year awards. Two over fences classes must be held in a division for champion and reserve champion points to be awarded. If fewer classes are held, only those points will go toward the end of year awards without champion or reserve.

## **GENERAL RULES:**

1. It is the responsibility of the show management, exhibitors, trainers and spectators to conduct themselves in a civilized and sportsmanlike manner.
2. Trainers must be current DHJSC members.
3. In order for each show to run as smoothly as possible, any problems, complaints or suggestions should be directed to the Show Committee.
4. It is required that all hosting barns have a copy of the rulebook AT EVERY GATE and it is the responsibility of all trainers to be familiar with the DHJSC rulebook.
5. On the show grounds, ALL mounted riders (including trainers) must wear ASTM/SEI approved helmets. Proper attire is required in the show ring (breeches and tall boots/paddock boots for young riders, collared shirt) - jackets may be waived and polo shirts may be worn in jumper classes unless previously stated as acceptable attire in the prizelist.
6. A horse/rider combination may only cross enter into divisions with fence heights of a six (6) inch *or less* difference.
7. Supervision of schooling must be done by a responsible adult or the accompanying trainer. Amateurs must have a trainer to jump in the schooling ring, as well as in the show ring. Riders may not jump unless the trainer is present in the ring or schooling area. Only the trainer and riders can be in the ring or schooling area during schooling.
8. Stallions are permitted at DHJSC shows only if allowed by the hosting barn.
9. All dogs must be on a leash to a person's hand or in a confined area - **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
10. Each show is required to have an EMT or Paramedic on the grounds during the show. The fee for the EMT is paid out of the \$30.00 office fee each participant is required to pay at each show.
11. Every show must provide at least one toilet facility per 50 entries.
12. A class will be split if there are 16 or more riders that compete in the class. Individual classes may also be split (i.e. Equitation classes). HUNTER divisions having 16 or more competed rounds in the first classes will be split

regardless of how many riders compete in the following classes. If the first class does not have 16 or more riders that compete then the division will stand with one pinning. Divisions that are split will award 2 Champions and reserves and each entry will receive the corresponding points. Jumper rounds will be split by class and only if two or more classes are split there will be 2 Champions and 2 Reserves. **WARM-UP CLASSES WILL NOT BE SPLIT**

12. Schooling times must be stated in the prize list along with CLOSED schooling times for Walk/Trot and 18" schooling.

### **SHOW COMMITTEE:**

1. Show dates are awarded based on participation and consideration by the DHJSC Board of Directors. Attendance at a minimum of 5 shows is required in order to host a show. Attendance at 10 or more shows is required to host 2 shows. If a barn decides to host a show without attending the required amount of shows, they must in turn commit to a \$150 sponsorship that must be paid in full within 14 days of the verbal or written agreement to do so. This requirement is waived for new barns for their first show.
2. Prize list must be submitted to DHJSC president for review and approval at least 14 days prior to show date (Sidney\_gibbons@hotmail.com)
3. Prize lists are sent out by email to all members.
4. Prize lists should include the size and footing of the arenas
5. Courses must be posted by the in-gate at least one hour prior to the start of the class.
6. Eligibility to compete in a division stands until the completion of the season. For example, Walk/Trot Equitation at the first show she/he competes at, then she/he remains eligible to compete in that division for the remainder of the year, as long as the 6" rule is abided by.
7. Shows (except Club shows) are managed by the facility hosting the show. Decisions are made by the facility management. Show manager and at least one committee must be a DHJSC member and familiar with the DHJSC rule book.

8. All information (results, fees, forms etc.) is required to be given to the Vice-President no more than 10 days following the horse show.
9. The host barn must take the first available rain date if the show is canceled due to rain, unless approved by the board.
10. Show management must ask for proof of a negative coggins (within 12 months) on each horse entered. Barns may provide the vice-president with a list of accession numbers and names to hold for the year instead of having to present coggins at each show. The vice-president will forward this to show secretaries so they can keep a running list.

### **FEES REQUIRED TO BE STATED IN THE PRIZE LIST:**

1. Classes are \$15.00 per class
2. Add back classes are \$25.00 per class, and will only be held at Club shows. \$10 from each entry will be placed into the "pot". Add back classes pay out in the following amounts: 1st- 30%, 2nd - 22%, 3rd -16%, 4th- 14%, 5th- 10%, 6th-8%.
3. A \$20.00 late fee may be charged per class for entries not received by the due date published on the prize list. NO EXCEPTIONS.
4. A \$25.00 returned check fee may be charged by the show host.
5. Entries must be received by the Monday before a club show, or the Wednesday before a member barn show.
6. A \$30.00 office fee will be charged for each horse/rider combination at the show. This includes a \$5.00 EMT fee and \$5 to go directly toward scholarship funds.
7. A \$35/day grounds fee may only be charged **to outside horses not reserving a stall at two day shows at facilities with a minimum of 100 stalls available for use by outside horses.**
8. Facilities may charge a non-showing fee. This fee must be stated in the prize list.
9. A fee of \$15.00 may be charged for open checks not closed out by the end of the show.

## **Judges**

1. Judges should be used no more than 2 times in each ring during the course of the show year. (With the exception of Jumper judges)
2. Judges must score numerically; this must be clarified to the judge before the start of the show by the host barn or their management.
3. Trainers of the participating barns will be allowed to see the judge's cards from any class at the conclusion of the show. NO PARENTS
4. Judges may only have five cards open at one time.

## **POINTS:**

1. Points accumulated by a horse during the show year in hunter/jumper divisions will follow the horse through a change of ownership or rider.
2. Equitation points follow the rider.
3. First-10; second-7; third-5; fourth-3; fifth-2; sixth-1; Champion-10; Reserve -7
4. In case of a tie in awarding champion or reserve champion, the entry with the most points over fences is the winner. If still tied, 2 Champions will be awarded, and no Reserve Champion. If Reserve is tied, 1 Champion and 2 Reserve Champions will be awarded.
5. Points may be questioned for up to 30 days following the posting of points for any particular show. After 30 days, the points will stand as posted.

## **ANIMAL WELFARE:**

1. Every horse shall be treated humanely and with compassion at all times.
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.
3. DHJSC follows the USEF three hit rule, no more than three "whips" with a stick is allowed in the show ring.
4. DHJSC board members and trainers are allowed to intervene if they see behavior that is dangerous or questionable with the help of the show management.

## HUNTER CLASSES:

1. Measured lines must be posted on the courses. 2'3" and lower classes will be measured 2' shorter for the total line than the standard 12'. For example a 5 stride would be set at 70' instead of 72'. Once the jumps are 2'6" or higher the step needs to be moved to the standard 12' stride.
2. 18" Hunter- Full course at 18" height. Fences may be either crossrails or 18" verticals. NO OXERS. Open to any junior/amateur rider that has not received 6 or more blue ribbons at fences 18" and above. Riders may only cross enter into Divisions 2, 3, or 4. Division 19, Classes 55, 56, 67
3. Open Hunter 2'-open to all horse/rider combinations; Division 3, Classes 7,8,9 NOOXERS
4. Maiden Hunter 2' - open to any junior/amateur rider that has not received 6 blue ribbons over fences at fence heights 2' or above. NO OXERS. Division 4 Classes 10, 11, 12
5. Junior/ Amateur Hunter 2'3"-open to any junior or amateur rider. Division 5, Classes 13, 14, 15.
6. Pony Hunter - Smalls 2', Mediums 2'3", Larges 2'6" - open to junior riders on ponies. Division 6, Classes 16, 17, 18.
7. Baby Green Hunter -2'6" -open to all horses in the first two years of showing at a height of 2'6" or over; Division 7, Classes 19, 20, 21.
8. Junior/ Amateur Hunter -2'6' - open to junior and amateur riders; Division 8, Classes 22, 23, 24.
9. Modified Child/ Adult Hunter - 2'6"-2'9"-open to junior and amateur riders. Division 9, Classes 25, 26, 27.
10. Low Hunter - 2'9" - open to all riders; Division 10, Classes 28, 29, 30.
11. Working Hunter -3' - open to all riders; Division 11, Classes 31, 32, 33.
12. Working Hunter -3'3" - open to all riders; Division 12, Classes 34, 35, 36
13. Classes may be combined if entries warrant. In this case, classes will be judged and pinned together and points awarded to the appropriate division.



## **JUMPER DIVISIONS:**

1. The rider is responsible for knowing the courses. **NO ONE MAY CALL OUT FENCES WHILE A RIDER IS ON COURSE.**
2. Jumper divisions are not to be run by rotation.
3. Points will follow the horse.
  
- 4. JUMPER NOMINATING FEE:** A \$50 nominating fee for jumpers must be paid for jumpers to compete for year-end scholarships. Scholarship points will start accumulating at the first show at which the jumper nomination fee is paid. **NO BACK POINTS WILL BE ALLOWED.** Horses may still receive year-end awards without a paid nominating fee, however, they will receive no scholarship money. The nominating fee will follow the horse in case of transfer of ownership.
5. If a rider has 2 refusals, they must be excused. No courtesy fence.
6. Two separate timers must be used at every show. They can, however, be run by the same person.
7. Riders are given 45 seconds after the buzzer sounds to approach the first fence. Riders may use this time to present any jump they wish to their horse. If a rider falls off their horse during this time they are allowed to remount but time does not stop and they may receive time faults.
8. Baby Jumpers -2'-2'3" - open to junior and amateur riders; professionals may ride but will not be judged or pinned; the course should consist of no more than 8 jumps and cannot have combinations, a hogsback, oxers or a liverpool; Division 13, Classes 37, 38, 39
  
9. Puddle Jumpers -2'6"-open to all riders; Division 14, Classes 40, 41, 42.
10. Schooling Jumpers -2'9"-3'0"-open to all riders; Division 15, Classes 43,44,45
11. Low Jumpers - 3'-3'3" - open to all riders; Division 16, Classes 46,47,48
12. High Jumpers- 3'3"-3'6"-open to all riders; Division 17, Classes 49,50, 51

## EQUITATION CLASSES:

1. A rider may enter any equitation class as long as the 6" rule is followed. There will be no champion or reserve champion awards given at individual shows, but points will be accumulated toward end of year awards. Equitation classes are open to junior and amateur riders only.
2. Walk/Trot Poles- Ground Poles- open to any junior or amateur rider **who has not received 6 or more blue ribbons over fences. Riders may only cross enter into Division 1.** Division 18, Classes 52, 53, 54.
3. Walk/Trot - 18" Cross Rails - open to any junior or amateur rider **who has not received 6 or more blue ribbons over fences. Riders may only cross enter into Division 18 or 2.** Division 1, Classes 1,2,3
4. Short/Long Stirrup Equitation - 18" Cross Rails - open to any junior or amateur rider **who has not received 6 or more blue ribbons over fences in a comparable or higher division. Riders may only cross enter into Division 1, 19, 3, or 4.** Division 2, Classes 4,5,6
5. 18" Equitation- Full course of 18" cross rails or verticals. **NO OXERS. Open to any junior or amateur rider who has not received 6 or more blue ribbons over fence heights of 18" or higher. Classes 113, 114.**
6. Maiden Equitation-2'-Classes 101,102
7. Junior/Amateur Equitation-2'3"-Classes 103,104
8. Junior/Amateur Equitation-2'6"-Classes 105,106
9. Modified Child/Adult Equitation-2'6"-2'9"-Classes 107,108
10. Junior/Amateur Equitation-3'0", Classes 109,110

**DHJSC Equitation Challenge:** Each ring will hold one Equitation Classic class throughout the day. The rider will ride the course at their height level in their rotation (after the equitation round but prior to the flat classes). The class will be pinned at the end of the day once all riders have participated. 2' and 2'3" will be judged and pinned separately for qualifying purposes. At the Year End Show the club will take the top 12 riders from each ring and they will be invited to ride in the final challenge class. Year-end awards will be awarded to the top 6 in each ring. \*\* The rider must compete at the highest height level they are showing. If riding in low or high jumpers, the rider may compete in the Equitation Challenge at the 3'3" height. Rider may only ride one horse in one class at each show. (Cannot ride in both rings at the same show) At the year-end show the top twelve will compete over fences on Saturday and then the top 6 will return for a work off on Sunday. The points for placings from the year end show will double and be added to the current standings. In the case of a tie the current standing points will have more weight than the year end points. Ring 1 Eq. Challenge Class 111; Ring 2 Eq. Challenge Class 112(a,b).

**Jumper Medal:** Two Jumper Medal classes will be held, to be divided between baby and puddle jumpers, and schooling through high jumpers. To be judged on the rider's equitation style, technical merit, judgement, and execution of an efficient track. The judge will issue a numerical score based on the rider's medal round. One point will be deducted for every second over time allowed (if posted) and four points will be deducted for each knockdown or refusal. At the year-end show the top six in each class will compete in a flat workoff. The points for placings from the year end show will double and be added to the current standings. In the case of a tie, the current standing points will have more weight than the year end points. Class 115 (baby and puddle jumpers) and Class 116 (schooling through high jumpers)