

FAIRFIELD-WESTCHESTER
PROFESSIONAL HORSEMEN'S
ASSOCIATION

2019

HIGH SCORE
RULEBOOK

Point Keeper

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PROGRAM YEAR

The program year will commence on September 1 and run through August 31 of the following year.

MEMBERSHIP

This high score program is open to all current members of the FW-PHA in good standing

Riders must be active members for Equitation points to accrue.

Owners of horses in the Hunter and Jumper divisions must be active members for points to accrue. If the owner of any animal is a farm or business, then the primary business owner must be a current FW-PHA member in good standing.

Trainers of all participating riders and horses must be current PHA members in good standing. If a trainer is a current member of a chapter other than Fairfield-Westchester, they must submit proof to the point keeper of their current membership from the other chapter. If a trainer fails to renew their PHA membership by April 1st, then their client's points will be suspended until the trainer renews their membership to current status in good standing.

If a rider changes trainers during the competition year, it is their responsibility to notify the point keeper. It is also the rider's responsibility to confirm with their new trainer that they are PHA members in good standing. If the trainer is not current/in good standing points will not count.

Should any high score participant or trainer violate the rules of the FW-PHA or the High Score Program, the committee has the right to refuse or suspend participation in the High Score Program.

Members may join the High Score program via US Mail or with a horse show secretary when showing. Membership begins the day the application is postmarked or received by the show management.

Please note: It is the show management's responsibility to submit all membership applications with the show results. The FW-PHA High Score program is not responsible for any errors or omissions by show management.

Membership status will be kept updated on the FW-PHA website (www.fwpha.com). It is the responsibility of the member to monitor the website for the status of their membership as well as their trainers'. NO memberships will be honored retroactively for more than 30 days if an error in the membership processing occurs.

Membership applied for during the month of September will automatically be considered retro-active to September 1st as a courtesy for the first month of the program year.

It is strongly recommended that memberships be paid for with a separate check when registering at a horse show. Your canceled check can serve as your receipt and proof of membership should any questions arise.

PARTICIPATING SHOWS

The program is open to any qualified USEF recognized Local or Regular Member show rated A, B, C or Local. (Note: AA rated shows are not eligible with the exception of Old Salem Farm and Fairfield County Hunt Club.)

For a show to participate, a member of the senior show management must be a member in good standing of the FW-PHA. For show managers that are members of another chapter, they must submit proof of their current membership to the point keeper.

Show applications MUST be filled out and received prior to offering the FW-PHA High Score program.

Show dues will be \$30.00 per show and payable with the show results.

Horse shows offering the High Score program must clearly state on the prize list cover that they are members of the FW-PHA High Score program.

Participating shows are required to submit results of all classes, membership applications received at the show to the point keeper within ten (10) days of the completion of the show. Results must be sent in USEF electronic format and emailed to Scott@twinlakesfarm.com.

Should any show or member of show management violate the rules of the FW-PHA or the High Score program, the High Score committee has the right to refuse or suspend participation in the High Score program.

All FW-PHA horse shows will be designated as double point shows.

All points earned will also count towards qualifying for the year end National PHA finals held in October.

POINTS

Points in all classes will be awarded as follows:

1st=10 points, 2nd=6 points, 3rd=4 points, 4th=2 points, 5th=1 points, 6th=1/2 point

Two riders must complete the class for points to count. (Note: for Jumpers, two riders must 'compete' as per USEF rules.)

In order for points to accrue, when registering at a horse show the rider and/or horse must use the same name and spelling as it appears on the High Score application form. (No nicknames, please.) Any changes in name or ownership must be made in writing to the point keeper within ten days and points will be transferred without penalty.

Points will be updated monthly on the FW-PHA website – www.fwpha.com. Once points are posted, they will become final after 30 days. It is the responsibility of the member to monitor points for any errors or omissions.

During the course of the program year the High Score committee reserves the right to combine or split divisions at their discretion; including, but not limited to California Splits, splits by rider age or horse/pony size for the betterment of the member and the program.

MEDAL CLASSES AND FINALS

Riders will qualify for their respective medal class finals after they have accrued 12 points. The High score committee reserves the right to lower point requirements.

Riders qualifying for two medal finals must choose which level they will compete in at the finals. Riders may not show in more than one medal final.

The medal finals will be held at the FW-PHA horse show held in September.

Riders who have won the SAME medal finals for two consecutive years will be ineligible to compete in that same finals for a third year. After one year's leave, riders may continue to compete in the finals.

HUNTER CLASSIC CLASSES

Riders who have won a classic class at the finals is no longer eligible to compete in that same classic at the finals.

At the finals, riders will choose to compete at only one fence height even if they have competed and accrued points in more than one fence height during the competition year.

HIGH SCORE COMMITTEE AND QUESTIONS/DISPUTES

The High Score committee reserves the right to interpret all questions and conditions in regard to and arising out of any issues or disputes regarding the High Score program. The committee reserves the right to change or modify any rules or guidelines during the course of the program year to better clarify and/or serve the intent of the program.

Since USEF recognizes shows participating in the program (except the year-end finals horse show), USEF rules will take precedence in case of conflict.

All disputes must be made **in writing** to the committee representative, Scott Tarter at:
Twin Lakes Farm, 960 California Road, Bronxville, NY 10708.

The decision of the high score committee will be final.

HIGH SCORE PROGRAM DIVISIONS

EQUITATION

Horsemanship Test – Riders in all equitation divisions will be offered the opportunity to take a horsemanship practical challenge to count for up to 50 points toward their overall, end-of-year point total. The test will be administered by an USEF licensed judge, and will be offered at the June and September horse shows.

Walk Trot – Open to beginner riders of any age who have not competed at 2' or higher at an USEF recognized competition. For the purpose of this program Walk Trot Equitation, Pleasure or Hunter U/S will be awarded to the RIDER.

Walk Trot Canter - Open to riders of any age who have not competed at 2' or higher at any competition. For the purpose of this program Walk Trot Canter Equitation, Pleasure or those designated as walk trot canter classes will be awarded to the RIDER.

Short Stirrup Equitation – Open to all riders ages 12 and under who have not competed in classes over fences exceeding 2' at any competition.

Long Stirrup Equitation - Open to all riders aged over 12 who have not competed in classes over fences exceeding 2' at any competition.

Pre-Children's Equitation – Open to junior riders. This division is designed to encourage those with minimal show experience. Fence height 2' to 2'3". Riders may only cross enter with Short Stirrup or Children's Equitation for two years.

Pre-Adult Equitation – Open to adult amateur riders. This division is designed to encourage those riders 18 and older with minimal show experience. Fence height 2' to 2'3".

Children's Equitation – Open to all junior riders. Fence height to be determined by show management, but encouraged to be held at 2'6".

Modified Adult Equitation – Open to adult amateur riders. Fence height 2'6".

Adult Equitation - Open to adult amateur riders. Fence height not to exceed 3'.

Junior Equitation - Open to junior riders. Fence height not to exceed 3'.

HUNTER AND JUMPER

Short Stirrup Hunter – Open to riders 12 and under who have not competed in over fences classes over 2' at an USEF recognized competition.

Long Stirrup Hunter – Open to riders 18 and over who have not competed in over fences classes over 2' at an USEF recognized competition.

Schooling Hunter – Open to all horses or ponies with no restriction as to rider. Fence height 2' to 2'3". Division will be split between horses and ponies within the high score program.

Low Hunter – Open to all horses or ponies with no restriction as to rider. Division will be split at 2'6" and 3. Management is encouraged to offer both height sections.

Children's Hunter – To be run in accordance with USHJA Zone Specifications. Division to be split into Small/Medium Ponies, Large Ponies and Horses.

Adult Amateur Hunter - To be run in accordance with USHJA Zone Specifications. Division will be split with rider ages 18 to 35, and riders 36 and older.

Modified Adult Hunter – Open to all adult amateur hunter riders. Fence height 2'6".

Modified Children's Hunter – Open to all junior riders. Fence height 2'6".

Low Training Jumper – Open to all horses or ponies. No restriction as to rider. Fence height not to exceed 2'9"

Children's/Adult Jumper – To be run in accordance with USHJA Zone specifications.

EQUITATION MEDALS

Short Stirrup Medal – Open to all riders eligible for short stirrup division. Testing or a flat phase of the top four riders if available is required, or management may incorporate a test into the course. Class may be run in conjunction with another recognized class with the same specifications. Fence height 18”.

Long Stirrup Medal - Open to all riders eligible for long stirrup division. Testing or a flat phase of the top four riders if available is required, or management may incorporate a test into the course. Class may be run in conjunction with another recognized class with the same specifications. Fence height 18”.

Pre-Children’s Medal – Open to all junior riders. Testing or a flat phase of the top four riders if available is required, or management may incorporate a test into the course. Class may be run in conjunction with another recognized class with the same specifications. Fence height 2’.

Pre-Adult Medal - Open to all adult amateur riders. Testing or a flat phase of the top four riders if available is required, or management may incorporate a test into the course. Class may be run in conjunction with another recognized class with the same specifications. Fence height 2’.

Children’s Medal – Open to all junior riders. Testing or a flat phase of the top four riders if available is required, or management may incorporate a test into the course. Class may be run in conjunction with another recognized class with the same specifications. Fence height 2’6”.

Modified Adult Medal - Open to all adult amateur riders. Testing or a flat phase of the top four riders if available is required, or management may incorporate a test into the course. Class may be run in conjunction with another recognized class with the same specifications. Fence height 2’6”.

Junior(Mini) Medal - Open to all junior riders. Courses should simulate USEF Medal class. Testing or a flat phase of the top four riders if available is required, or management may incorporate a test into the course. Class may be run in conjunction with another recognized class with the same specifications. Fence height not to exceed 3’.

Adult Medal - Open to all adult riders. Testing or a flat phase of the top four riders if available is required, or management may incorporate a test into the course. Class may be run in conjunction with another recognized class with the same specifications. Fence height not to exceed 3’.