

SJHSA 2008 Rules

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Organization Name

The name of the organization is San Jacinto Horse Show Association. Its abbreviation is SJHSA.

Membership and Horse Registration

Membership fee for the show year is \$15.00; horse/pony registration is \$1.00. Membership and horse/pony registration are annual and must be renewed each show year. Membership is not required to participate in SJHSA shows, and there is no “non-member” fee.

However, membership IS required to receive points toward year end awards. For year end Equitation awards, riders must be members (but their horses/ponies need not be registered). For year end awards in the Hunter and Jumper divisions, horses/ponies must be registered, and their riders AND owners must be members. Sale of a horse/pony registered with SJHSA must be reported. The new owner must register the horse/pony in order for the points to follow the horse/pony. It is imperative to use the horse's/pony's SJHSA registered name on horse show entry forms to avoid confusion concerning points. Horse/pony name change requires re-registration.

Application(s) and fee(s) must be in the possession of the Membership/Points Secretary or postmarked by April 1 for the entire year of points to count. After April 1, point accumulation starts upon receipt of application and fee by the Membership/Points Secretary. A check returned unfunded to SJHSA will void the application and any accumulated points.

Directors

Directors, one from each stable, will act as officers of the SJHSA. Directors from the previous year have two votes. New Directors have one vote. Directors missing two consecutive Director Meetings are subject to dismissal. Required horse show participation is 80%. Money due SJHSA must be submitted to the Treasurer no later than twenty-one (21) days after the horse show (non-compliance subject to a twenty-five dollar fine (\$25) and review by the Board of Directors).

From time to time, a new Director may be added to the organization, if show dates are available. To become a Director, the individual must have been a member for the past two years, have participated at 80% of the shows for the past two years, and be approved by the current Directors.

US Equestrian Federation Rules And Complaints

The SJHSA will follow rules of the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF), unless otherwise specified below. Problems or complaints should be in writing and given to the show secretary, who will forward them to the Board of Directors.

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Prize Lists

Must be postmarked three weeks (21 days) prior to the show date. A \$25.00 fine will apply for those prize lists sent late.

Entries (rev. 2/8/08)

\$12.00 per recognized class. \$1.00 from each class entry, including unrecognized classes, will be paid to SJHSA for the Year end Banquet.

Bad Checks (added 2/8/08)

Checks returned for insufficient funds incur a \$25 bad check fee plus any associated bank charges. Failure to reimburse the payee within fourteen (14) days of notification will result in permanent loss of all accumulated points. Furthermore, the individual is barred from competition until all indebtedness is paid.

Hard Hats

All riders must wear hard hats while mounted on the show grounds. Junior riders must wear an approved helmet with a harness strap, in accordance with USEF Rules.

Attire

Shirts with collars, and either boots and breeches or jodhpurs and jodhpur boots are required for all competitors. Chaps and half-chaps are not permitted.

Equipment

Martingales are not allowed in flat classes. Polo wraps are allowed only in equitation and jumper classes. Bell boots are not allowed in hunter and equitation classes unless approved by Show Manager and Directors (i.e., inclement weather).

Recognized Divisions/Points

Shows must offer all recognized divisions. Points will not count toward year end awards if fewer than five recognized divisions (three for shows stopped due to inclement weather) are completed. At least two competitors in each class are required. See "Recognized Divisions" below for class requirements.

For Champion and Reserve Champion points to count toward year end awards in Hunter, Jumper, Adult Novice, Novice Equitation, and Beginner Adult Equitation divisions, all over fences classes in the division must have at least three entries successfully complete the course. If one or more classes have fewer than three entries successfully completing the course, only class points count toward year end awards. In any case, Champion and Reserve Champion may be awarded at the show.

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Judges

Judges must not be members of SJHSA, and may only judge two times in each ring during the show year. In case of an emergency or unforeseen circumstances, judges may be allowed to officiate with approval from the Directors.

Jumps

Recommended stride length used for courses is 11'-12'. Distance between fences must be indicated on courses for hunters and equitation; time allowed must be indicated on courses for jumpers. All courses must be posted at least 30 minutes before show time. Hunter and equitation courses in the "big ring" must have at least two oxers. Jumper courses must have 40% oxers.

Elimination, Courtesy Jumps, Jumper Scoring

- After the third cumulative refusal anywhere on course, the entry is eliminated and must leave the arena.
- A fallen rider may make one attempt at a courtesy jump before leaving the arena. No courtesy jump is allowed if the horse falls.
- Jumper scoring: 4 faults for a knock down; 4 faults for a refusal; 1 fault for every second (or part thereof) over the time allowed.

Recognized Divisions

Equitation

Walk-Trot Equitation: No cross entries into any other divisions. Year end Achievement Certificate after one Blue Ribbon. Year end Medal after three Blue Ribbons. Advancement after six Blue Ribbons is recommended. Show requirements: three or four classes. Classes may include: Walk/Trot Equitation, Walk/Trot Equitation over ground poles, Walk/Trot Test (i.e., Figure Eight, etc.), Walk/Trot Horsemanship (halt, simple questions).

Pre-Beginner Equitation: No cross entries into any other divisions. For riders who have not won six Blue Ribbons at any show over fences. Fences 18" (small X's) with a course of once around. Trot or canter fences. Year end Achievement Certificate after one Blue Ribbon. Year end Medal after three Blue Ribbons. Advancement after six Blue Ribbons over fences is recommended. Show requirements: four classes; Walk/Trot Equitation, Walk/Trot/Canter Equitation, two Equitation Over Fences classes.

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Beginner Equitation: No cross entries except Pony Division. For riders who have not shown over 2'. Fences 2' (X's or verticals) with a course of twice around; last course may have one diagonal line. Only Blue Ribbons won Over Fences count for year end awards. Year end Achievement Certificate after one Blue Ribbon. Year end Medal after three Blue Ribbons. Advancement after six Blue Ribbons over fences is recommended. Show requirements: four classes; Walk/Trot/Canter Equitation, three equitation over fences classes.

Adult Equitation: No cross entries into over fences classes in any other divisions. Open to adult amateur riders age 18 and over who have not shown over fences exceeding 2' in any show. Fences 2' max. Year end Champion and Reserve Champion must advance. Show requirements: Four classes; Walk/Trot Equitation, Walk/Trot/Canter Equitation, and two equitation over fences classes. Fence height and courses should be appropriate for the riding level of the competitors (Xs, verticals, once around, twice around, diagonal lines, etc.).

Novice Equitation: For riders who have not shown over fences exceeding 2'6". Fences 2'3". No in-and-outs. Riders are eligible for entire show year. Top six year end award winners must advance. Show requirements: four classes; Novice Equitation and three equitation over fences classes.

Pony Equitation: Open to junior riders on ponies 14.2 hands and under. Champion and Reserve will **not** be awarded at each show, but class points accumulate for year end awards. No in-and-outs. Fences 2'-2'3". Show requirements: two classes; one flat, and one over fences.

Limit Equitation: For riders who have not shown over fences exceeding 2'9" at any show. Riders are eligible for the entire show year. Top four year end award winners must advance. Champion and Reserve will **not** be awarded at each show, but class points accumulate for year end awards. Fences 2'6". Show requirements: two classes; one flat, and one over fences.

Junior/Adult Equitation: Open to junior and adult amateur riders. Champion and Reserve will **not** be awarded at each show, but class points accumulate for year end awards. Fences 2'9". Show requirements: two classes; one flat, and one over fences.

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Combined Hunter and Equitation (rev. 12/31/07)

Adult Novice: For adult amateur riders age 25 and over who are not competing over fences in any other division. Fences 2'-2'3"; simple figure 8-type courses; no in-and-outs. Four classes: hunter, equitation over fences, hunter under saddle, flat equitation. *At a given show, a rider may ride only one horse in this division, but may change mounts during the year. Riders in this division may cross enter only into flat classes in other divisions. During the show year, a rider who competes over fences in another division with equal or higher fences is no longer eligible. Points will be awarded to riders; horses must be registered for points to count.*

Hunter

Show requirements for hunter divisions: one under saddle and two over fences classes.

Pony Hunter: Open to ponies 14.2 hands and under ridden by junior riders. Fences 2'-2'3". No in-and-outs.

Baby Green Hunter: For horses or ponies who have not shown over fences. Horses/ponies are eligible for the current show year. Fences 2'3"-2'6". No in-and-outs. No cross entries into classes over 2'6".

Limit Rider Hunter: For riders who have not shown over fences exceeding 2'9" at any show. Riders are eligible for the entire show year. Fences 2'6". Horse/rider combination accumulates points. Top four riders at year end must advance.

Schooling Hunter: Open to all. Fences 2'6".

Junior/Adult Hunter: Open to horses ridden by junior or adult amateur riders. Fences 2'9".

Jumper

Show requirements for jumper divisions: three classes. At a given show, a horse may show in only one jumper division.

Training Jumper: Fences 2'6". Spreads not wider than fence height plus 3". Horse may not cross enter into any other jumper division at the show. Year end points to horse/rider combination. During the year, if a horse/rider combination competes in another jumper division, they may not return to Training Jumper without Directors' approval.

Schooling Jumper: Open to all. Fences 2'9"-3'. No cross entries into Open Jumper. Spreads not wider than fence height plus 3".

Open Jumper: Open to all. Fences 3'3"-3'6" to start. Spreads not wider than fence height plus 3". No cross entries into Schooling Jumper.

Note Regarding Cross Entries: In the Equitation and Hunter Division, cross entries are acceptable at any show and from show to show throughout the year, IF participants are

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eligible AND division specifications allow cross entries.

In the Jumper Divisions, once a horse competes in Open Jumper during a show year, Directors' approval is required for it to compete in Schooling Jumper at later shows the same year. Failure to obtain approval will result in the loss of ALL prior jumper points. A horse which finished the previous year in Open Jumper may begin the next year in Schooling Jumper without Directors' approval.

Champion/Reserve Champion

Champion and Reserve Champion are calculated as follows:

1. Assign class points to 1st through 4th place competitors in each over fences class (see "Points" below for values). In Walk-Trot, Equitation over ground poles and Figure 8 classes count as over fences classes.
2. Subtotal the over fences points.
3. Select the top four over fences competitors.
4. Assign class points to 1st through 4th place in each flat class.
5. For the top four over fences competitors only: add the flat class points to the over fences subtotal.
6. Award Champion and Reserve Champion to the two competitors with the highest and next highest point totals, respectively. Note that only the top four competitors over fences are eligible to receive Champion or Reserve Champion.

If there is a tie in point totals for Champion, use the over fences subtotal to break the tie. If the tie cannot be broken by the over fences subtotal, no Reserve Champion is awarded. Show management may award Champion ribbons to all tied competitors, or competitors may flip for the Champion ribbon. If a prize is offered, show management decides how it will be awarded.

If there is a tie in point totals for Reserve Champion, use the over fences subtotal to break the tie. If the tie cannot be broken by the over fences subtotal, the tie remains. Show management may award Reserve Champion ribbons to all tied competitors, or competitors may flip for the Reserve Champion ribbon. If a prize is offered, show management decides how it will be awarded.

Points

Points will be published in the SJHSA Newsletter and will be available at all SJHSA Horse Shows.

Any discrepancies shall be made in writing to a Director or the Membership/Points Secretary within 21 days after publication of points.

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Split divisions will award Champion, Reserve, and full points. The number of entries needed to split a division will be left to Show Management. It is suggested that ALL Walk-Trot and Pre-Beginner participants receive ribbons (5th and 6th places may have multiple ties), and there be a maximum of fifteen participants in Beginner. Safety should be a primary concern in lower-level flat classes.

The following class point values are used to calculate Division Champion and Reserve Champion at the show:

Class Points:	5 points	1 st Place
	3 points	2 nd Place
	2 points	3 rd Place
	1 point	4 th Place

For those divisions in which class points (not Blue Ribbons) are accumulated toward year end awards, the following additional point values will be used:

10 points	Champion
5 points	Reserve Champion

Year End Awards

In Walk/Trot Equitation, Pre-Beginner Equitation, and Beginner Equitation, Achievement Certificates and Medals are presented at year end.

In the other Equitation, Hunter, and Jumper Divisions, trophies and ribbons are presented to Division Champions and Reserve Champions; ribbons are presented to third through sixth places. If a division does not make at 50% of the shows during the year, ribbons only are presented.