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CONSTITUTION

Article I

The name of the Association shall be the Greater Orlando Hunter and Jumper Association. The Association is a voluntary, incorporated association and has not been formed to, and shall not engage in any business undertaking for profit. The designated show area of the Association shall encompass a five-county radius to include Orange, Seminole, Brevard, Lake and Volusia Counties.

Article II

The purpose of this association shall be to foster the breeding, use and showing of hunters and jumpers. The Association will endeavor to create a better understanding among breeders, owners, and exhibitors of such horses. It will encourage acceptance of uniform rules in regard to showing and will cooperate with the management of all shows in planning better hunter and jumper divisions.

Article III

The principal office and business address of the Association at any particular time shall be the address of its President.

Article IV

No member, director, or officer of the Association shall be personally liable for any debt incurred, by or in the name of the Association, and no execution for the satisfaction of a judgment against the Association shall be issued or leveled against any member, director, or officer thereof.

BYLAWS

Membership

- 1.1 Membership in the Association is open to all interested parties.
- 1.2 Members of the Association may be censured, suspended or expelled as provided in the Rules and Regulations.
- 1.3 No member shall have any vested rights, interest or privilege of, in, or to the assets, functions, affairs, or franchises of the Association, or any right, interest or privilege which may be transferable or inheritable, or which shall continue if his membership ceases, or while he is not in good standing; provided that before his membership shall cease against his consent he shall be given an opportunity to be heard as provided in the Bylaws, unless he is absent from Orange, Seminole, Brevard, Lake and Volusia Counties.
- 1.4 A person shall become a member of the Association after acceptance of the membership application and payment of the applicant's annual dues. A membership becomes effective on:
 - a) the postmark date for applications/dues mailed to the Membership Committee Chairperson;
 - b) the starting show date for application/dues delivered to the Show Secretary at a GOHJA sanctioned show.
- 1.5 All memberships, except Lifetime, expire on November 30th.
- 1.6 Senior members shall be eligible for election to the Board of Directors and to any office of this Association. Junior members shall not be eligible to be elected to any office of the Senior Board of Directors. Only Senior members will be allowed to vote.
- 1.7 The age of an individual as of December 1st shall be considered his or her age throughout the show year. Junior members are persons who have not reached their 18th birthday as of December 1st. Senior members are persons who are 18 years old or older on December 1st. Amateur and Junior members shall state their birth date on their membership form.
- 1.8 Amateur status shall be as defined in GR1306 of the USEF rules.

- 1.9 A Member in Good Standing is defined as an individual who:
- has paid the annual membership fee;
 - has settled all debts to GOHJA;
 - has settled all debts to any GOHJA sanctioned Show;
 - has no penalties levied against them by the Hearings Committee which specifically revoke their status as a Member in Good Standing.
- 1.10 Membership received by January 31st of the show year will have points earned from the December and January shows awarded retroactively.
- 1.11 Exhibitors have until the Friday following any GOHJA show to obtain membership. Show points earned will be counted for that show month.

Dues

- 2.1 An individual will automatically become a member of GOHJA and dues will be assessed at the first show in which they participate.
- 2.2 If not paid by December 31st, the Annual Dues for each membership level will increase after January 1st of that show year by \$10.
- 2.3 The Single Memberships shall be:
- 2.3.1 **Junior Membership** – Given to an individual who is 17 years of age or under as of December 1st of that Show Year.
- 2.3.2 **Senior Membership** – Given to an individual who is 18 years of age or older as of December 1st of that Show Year.
- 2.3.3 **Professional Membership** – Given to an individual 18 years of age or older, and is actively engaged in the equestrian profession.
- 2.4 The **Family Membership** for dues purposes only, family means husband, wife, partner and all children or stepchildren living in the same household. Children away at school who otherwise would be living in the same household under the age of 18 will be regarded as family members for dues purposes. However, children who have reached their 18th birthday as of December 1st of the show year may not be regarded as “family members” for dues purposes.
- 2.5 The **Organization Membership** must designate one Professional Member or Senior Member as its representative on the membership

application. This membership is meant for barns and businesses wishing to be supportive of GOHJA.

2.6 The one-time dues for a *Lifetime Membership* shall be \$200.00.

2.7 In order to be listed as “a Trainer [actively train(ing) a Student(s) at a GOHJA show], the individual must be a member in good standing.

Board of Directors

3.1 Operation

The affairs of the Association shall be operated under the general supervision of the Officers and the Board of Directors. Any action, except a change in the Constitution, Bylaws or Rules and Regulations, may be passed by a majority of Board members in attendance at a Board of Directors meeting in which a quorum is attained. A quorum is a majority of the Board members plus one. The Association shall have a minimum of four Board of Directors meetings per year.

All meetings of the Association, its Board of Directors and committees shall be governed by the current edition of “Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised” in all cases in which it applies.

3.2 Number

The Board of Directors shall consist of no more than twenty members.

3.3 Attendance

In addition to the Officers and Board Members, all Horse Show Managers (active Show Managers or those on the Horse Show wait list) and/or their representative(s) must be present at the Board of Directors’ Meetings. Should a Board member or Show Manager miss three (3) Board meetings, he/she will be notified by the Corresponding Secretary. If a fourth meeting should be missed, he/she may then be subject to dismissal after review by the Hearings Committee. A request may be made to the Hearings Committee for a reasonable leave of absence prior to the need for the leave of absence.

3.4 Nomination of Board of Directors

No later than September 1 every two years, the President shall appoint a Chair of the Nominating Committee who must be a current member of the Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee Chair shall then convene a committee composed of 5 members (including the Chair) – 3 Board members and 2 at-large Senior members in good standing.

The Nominating Committee shall prepare a slate of Directors for the GOHJA Board, including the officers: President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and all Committee Chairs. The committee's nomination for President must be a current member of the GOHJA Board, and any qualified write-in candidate must also be a current member of the Board, or the vote for that candidate will be considered ineligible. The Immediate Past President shall also serve on the Board, but will serve on the Board by virtue of office and therefore not be subject to vote by the membership.

The Nominating Committee will announce the start of the nominating process to the membership in writing, in a manner which reaches the majority of the membership. Members will be invited to submit names by a certain date for consideration by the committee. With each nomination, a Board Member Application must be completed. A prerequisite for nomination is active participation within the previous 12 months on a GOHJA committee, at a GOHJA horse show (includes exhibitor, volunteer helper or paid employee) or other GOHJA event. In addition, the individual must have attended at least one Board meeting within the preceding 12 months. The Board Member Application format will be periodically reviewed by the Board of Directors.

The Nominating Committee will review the nominations and applications received by the announced due date and will prepare a slate with one candidate per position listed on the slate. A list will be attached that gives a short biography of each individual nominated by the committee. In addition, there will be a list with a short biography of those individuals who volunteered and met the service requirements listed above, but were not nominated by the committee.

3.5 Election of Board of Directors

All Senior members in good standing as of July 1 of the calendar year will be eligible to vote. Family Memberships in good standing as of July 1 of the calendar year will be eligible to cast one vote per Family Membership.

Ballots will be sent via post or electronically in October every two years. Ballots must be returned by the deadline date, which will be two weeks from the date of the distribution.

Only official ballots will be counted. No photocopies or faxes or any type of facsimile will be accepted. Each individual ballot must be returned to the Chair of the Nominating Committee by the indicated due date. Ballots must be mailed in the return envelope provided and must be signed by the eligible voting member in the space indicated. Or, senior members wishing to transmit their ballot electronically may do so and return it to the Chair of the Nominating Committee by the due date.

Any ballots received, which do not comply with the above requirements, will be deemed ineligible and will not be counted.

The results of the vote will be tabulated by the Nominating Committee Chair and a tally of the votes will be sent to the current President, who will then communicate the results to the full Board and the general membership via the GOHJA website.

The newly elected Board will begin service on December 1 of the year elected.

Officers

4.1 Officers

The Officers of this Association shall consist of a President, Vice President, Immediate Past President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Publicity Secretary. A Parliamentarian will be appointed by the President.

4.2 Election

The Officers shall be elected every two years from and by the newly elected Board of Directors. The term of office for all Officers shall be two years, beginning December 1st.

4.3 Resignation

In the event of the resignation of any Officer, except the President, the vacancy shall be filled by a vote of the Board of Directors at a regularly scheduled meeting or at a meeting called for that purpose. In the event of the resignation of the President, the Vice President will succeed to the office of President and a Vice President will be elected.

4.4 Duties of Officers

- 4.4.1 President – The President will act at the representative of the Association and is responsible for chairing all Board and General Membership meetings held by the Association. The President shall monitor the committees throughout the year.
- 4.4.2 Immediate Past President – The Immediate Past President is responsible for assisting the President with the transition of the incoming Board of Directors and with all duties of the President throughout the year.
- 4.4.3 Vice President – The Vice President is responsible for assisting the President throughout the year. The Vice President will act as the successor to the President in the event of a resignation of the President. In the event of a protest, charge or need to assemble a Hearings Committee, the Vice President will act as Chairman and proceed with review of the charges.
- 4.4.4 Corresponding Secretary – The Corresponding Secretary is responsible for the transcription and distribution of all Board of Directors and General Membership meeting minutes. The Corresponding Secretary will keep the attendance records of the Board meetings and will notify the appropriate members of all attendance infractions.

- 4.4.5 Recording Secretary – The Recording Secretary is responsible for the calculation, compilation and publication of all points earned by competitors in sanctioned GOHJA shows throughout the year within thirty (30) days of receipt with the exception of the November show’s results which must be expedited to the Banquet Committee Chair in order that appropriate awards and materials for the Banquet can be completed in a timely manner. This position may include an Assistant Secretary to assist with duties. The position will be entitled to only one vote on any Board decision. See article V – Awards for distribution of Awards.
- 4.4.6 Treasurer – The Treasurer is responsible for the collection of monies due the Association and the payment of debts incurred by the Association. The Treasurer shall provide a monthly report of all monies in the Association’s accounts and provide semi-annually a detailed written account of deposits and expenditures. The Treasurer shall notify the Hearings Committee of any fines not paid when due.
- 4.4.7 Publicity Secretary – The Publicity Secretary is responsible for administering the Publicity Committee.

Committees

5.1 Horse Show Committee

- 5.1.1 The Horse Show Committee shall consist of a Chairperson, three or more individual Senior members of the Association, and all Horse Show Licensees and/or their representatives (active Licensees or those on the Horse Show wait list). Licensees (and/or their representatives) are required to attend Horse Show Committee meetings. If a Licensee (or their representative) misses any meeting during the show year, that Licensee will be subject to review by the Hearings Committee. Penalties may include fines, suspension and temporary or permanent loss of shows.
- 5.1.2 This committee shall recommend to the Board of Directors a definite set of standards by which all sanctioned shows must abide. The standards approved by the Board of Directors shall govern all sanctioned shows. The committee shall submit to

the Board of Directors suggestions for the improvement of sanctioned shows. Suggestions involving rule changes shall be referred to the Rules and Regulations Committee.

- 5.1.3 This committee shall coordinate the annual Benefit Horse Shows to be held by the Association.
- 5.1.4 This committee shall replace the USEF's Show Standards and the USEF's Show Management committees for the purposes of GOHJA.
- 5.1.5 The Chairperson of the Horse Show Committee shall be responsible for monitoring the compliance of Licensee to show standards and with those rules which are to be complied with prior to the day of the show and shall report any alleged infractions to the Chairperson of the Stewards Committee within twenty-four (24) hours of the close of the show.

5.2 Stewards Committee

- 5.2.1 The Stewards Committee will consist of three (3) or more individual Senior members of the Association. It shall meet at least annually.
- 5.2.2 The Chairperson will be a member of the USEF and keep the USEF rulebook. The Chairperson's USEF membership dues will be paid by the GOHJA. The Chairperson's GOHJA membership dues will be waived. Any individual serving as a Show Steward will have their GOHJA membership dues waived for that show year.
- 5.2.3 To become a GOHJA Steward, an individual must:
 - a) be a Senior member in good standing;
 - b) have shadowed a GOHJA Steward for a minimum of four (4) hours at a GOHJA sanctioned show OR have participated as a member of a Show Stewards Committee at a GOHJA sanctioned show OR provide evidence of previous stewarding experience which is acceptable to the Chairperson of the Stewards Committee;
 - c) sign a statement that he/she has reviewed the current GOHJA Rule Book within the preceding thirty (30) days;
 - d) have reviewed the most recent GOHJA Show Steward's

Report.

Upon successful completion of these requirements, the individual's name will be placed on the GOHJA Stewards List

- 5.2.4 The Steward acting at a show (the "Show Steward") will prepare a report on each GOHJA sanctioned show. Copies of the Show Report Form will be furnished to each Steward by the Chairperson of the Stewards Committee. The Steward's Report must be completed by the Steward and Manager at the close of the Show. The Report must then be delivered to the Stewards' Committee Chairperson within five (5) working days of the close of the show and shall be submitted to the Board of Directors at its next meeting.
- 5.2.5 The Chairperson is responsible for filing notice, within five (5) working days of receipt of the Show Steward's report and the Horse Show Committee's report, of any charges and protests with the following: Licensee, GOHJA Treasurer, Hearings Committee Chairperson and all other concerned parties. For rule infractions reported by a Show Steward on their Show Report, which do not involve safety or sportsmanship issues, the Chairperson may levy a fine in lieu of filing formal charges. This fine will be \$25 for the first offense within an eighteen (18) month period, \$50 for the second offense within an eighteen (18) month period and \$100 and referral of the issue to the Hearings Committee for the third offense within an eighteen (18) month period.
- 5.2.6 The Chairperson shall immediately notify and bill Licensee for any fines incurred by Licensee as specified in these Rules and shall send a copy of the bill to the Treasurer and the Hearings Committee Chairperson. The Chairperson of the Stewards Committee shall recommend to the Hearings Committee whether or not the Hearings Committee should review and consider for further sanctions any violations for which specified fines have been imposed.

5.3 Rules and Regulations Committee

- 5.3.1 This committee shall consist of three or more individual Senior members of the Association. Duties of the committee shall include keeping records of any and all approved rule

changes, and informing the Board of Directors, Stewards and other officials of any and all rules governing their actions.

- 5.3.2 All requests for rule changes and/or new rules must be submitted to this committee for consideration. After such consideration, this committee shall submit, in writing, a formal motion to the Board of Directors for the rule change or new rule. The same procedure applies with respect to changes in, or additions to, the Bylaws and Constitution.
- 5.3.3 This committee shall replace the Legislative Committee as set forth in Bylaw 502, Section 14 of the USEF rulebook.
- 5.3.4 The Chairperson will be a member of the USEF and keep the USEF rulebook. The Chairperson's USEF membership dues will be paid by the GOHJA.
- 5.3.5 This committee shall distribute the annual yearbook and/or rulebook and its updates to the General Membership.

5.4 Hearings Committee

- 5.4.1 The Hearings Committee shall consist of three OR five individual Senior members who shall serve as a court. Three members shall constitute a quorum. The **Vice President** (Hearings Committee Chairperson) will withhold vote except in the case of a tie in matters which he/she has no vested interest or concern.
- 5.4.2 Members of this committee shall not serve on the Stewards Committee.
- 5.4.3 All protests and charges must be sent to this committee.
- 5.4.4 It shall be the duty of the Hearings Committee to hear and rule upon protests and charges in connection with alleged violations of the rules in accord with powers and duties referred to in Chapter 6 of the USEF rules and the GOHJA rules.
- 5.4.5 This committee shall also hear and rule upon requests for leaves of absence from members of the Board of Directors.

- 5.4.6 Hearings shall be held upon no less than ten (10) days written notice to the accused and the accuser(s). When the outcome would affect the following show, the notice period may be shortened to permit the hearing to be held no later than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the forthcoming show, provided that written notice is given to the accused and accuser(s) within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt of the protest by the Chairperson of the Hearings Committee or the Chairperson of the Stewards Committee, as the case may be.
- 5.4.7 The Hearings Committee shall keep minutes of its proceedings and must present them for incorporation into the Board of Directors meeting minutes at the next Board meeting. The Hearings Committee shall give notice of any fines imposed to the Treasurer.
- 5.4.8 The results of Hearings must be posted at the Secretary's Office at the horse show following the decision.
- 5.4.9 Unless specific penalty is provided in the rule violated, the accused, if found guilty, shall be subject to such penalties or sanctions as the Hearings Committee may impose including but not limited to:
- Fines
 - Forfeiture of ribbons, and/or prize money won in connection with the offense committed
 - Censure
 - Suspension
 - Expulsion
 - Suspension or forfeiture of show month
 - Such other penalties or sanctions as may be provided in Chapter 7 of the USEF rules.
- 5.4.10 The Hearings Committee, at its discretion, may impose fines, penalties or other sanctions in addition to those fines specified in the case of habitual offenders or in egregious or abusive cases, whether or not the Stewards Committee has recommended further review by the Hearings Committee.
- 5.4.11 The Chairperson of the Hearings Committee shall be responsible for monitoring the payment of any fines or

compliance with any sanctions imposed by the Hearings Committee.

5.5 Exhibitors/General Membership Committee

5.5.1 This committee shall consist of three (3) or more individual Senior members of the Association.

5.5.2 This committee is to serve as a liaison between the exhibitors/general membership and the Board of Directors. The duties of the committee will include the coordination of the general membership meetings, educational and informational meetings, and/or clinics for the Association.

5.5.3 This committee will be responsible for special recognition of the medal participants at the finals.

5.6 Banquet Committee

5.6.1 This committee shall consist of three (3) or more individual Senior members of the Association.

5.6.2 The duties of this committee will include the coordination of the Mid-Year and Year-End banquet and award functions.

5.7 Publicity Committee

5.7.1 This committee shall consist of three (3) or more individual Senior members of the Association.

5.7.2 The committee will be responsible for publicity for the Association.

5.8 Annual Benefit Horse Show Committee

5.8.1 This committee shall consist of one or more individual Senior members of the Association.

5.8.2 This committee shall be responsible for organizing the benefit horse shows for the Association.

5.9 Fund Raising Committee

5.9.1 This committee shall consist of one or more individual Senior members of the Association.

5.9.2 This committee shall be responsible for raising funds for the Association.

5.10 Membership Committee

5.10.1 This committee shall consist of one or more individual Senior members of the Association.

5.10.2 This committee is responsible for maintaining the membership records of the Association.

5.10.3 The committee Chairperson shall see that membership applications are furnished to the Horse Show Committee for inclusion in the Horse Show Package.

5.10.4 The committee Chairperson (or his/her designee) shall attend the November, December and January shows to accept membership applications.

5.10.5 The Membership Committee Chairperson shall forward membership applications for the coming year electronically or by mail no later than two weeks prior to the November show.

5.11 Awards Review Committee

This committee will consist of a combination of trainers, and additional members appointed by the President, to evaluate candidates for special awards and review applications for donating new awards. The committee is required to meet at least twice a year. The committee members must be GOHJA members in good standing.

5.12 Other Committees

Other committees, including a Junior Board Committee, may be appointed by the Board of Directors from time to time and shall have such duties as may be assigned.

5.13 All Committees

The committee Chairperson shall be responsible for the minutes of the committee meetings being presented at the following Board of Directors meeting, the roll of members and for their notification of all meetings. To facilitate the transfer, the committee shall invite to their meetings in October and/or November members to whom they will transfer duties on December 1st.

All meetings of the Association, its Board of Directors and committees shall be governed by the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised in all cases in which it applies.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Requirements for Sanctioned Shows

1.1 Show Year

The show year will be December 1 to November 30.

1.2 GOHJA Area

There will be no sanctioning of shows outside of the GOHJA designated area, which is Orange, Seminole, Brevard, Lake and Volusia counties in Florida.

1.3 Licensee, Show Sanction, Qualifications & Governance

1.3.1 “Licensee” is defined as the person or entity responsible for conducting a sanctioned show. Rights Licensee are personal and are not transferable to another person or entity without the consent of a majority of the GOHJA Board of Directors present and voting at a meeting in which a quorum is attained. The Board of Directors may grant or deny this consent in its sole and absolute discretion. Upon such consent the transferee shall take the transferor’s place on the permanent waiting lists.

1.3.2 Sanction is GOHJA’s commitment to acknowledge specific competition results and award points toward bi-annual and annual GOHJA awards. License is the GOHJA right granted to a specific financially responsible entity, to host/produce a show with GOHJA. Any organization or individual wishing to have a GOHJA sanctioned show or appear on the waiting list must be a member in good standing with the GOHJA.

1.3.3 A GOHJA show may not be run simultaneously as a USEF rated show.

1.3.4 No more than two permanent show months may be transferred by Licensee to any one transferee. Additional show months being relinquished by Licensee shall be subject to the rules applicable to waiting lists. For example, Licensee having three permanent show months may transfer two show months

to one transferee and the third month to a second transferee provided Licensee receives the consent required by Rule 1.3.3.

1.3.5 Each Licensee shall provide the Board of Directors with a complete list of the person or persons owning interests and the percentage ownership of each in the entity. Licensee shall notify the Board of Directors of any change in the ownership of the entity within thirty (30) days of any change.

1.3.6 Governance and Recourse Regarding Licensee Responsibilities:

1.3.6.1 Levels of Show Status are 1) Licensed, 2) Licensed with Oversight and Conditions, 3) Suspension, 4) Revocation
Notice of pending status change will be delivered in accordance with the rules for “Notice” – Article VII.

Level 2) Oversight and Conditions: this level triggers oversight with an action plan, designed via collaboration between the Licensee and Horse Show Committee for the purpose of resolving the issues. Conditions describe with clarity, the specific issues and needed correction. If the issues persist/repeat through two shows, the status moves to next level. This status is lifted upon the conclusion of Licensee’s show with no serious infractions.

Level 3) Suspension: occurs when the issues provoking Level 2 status have persisted as uncorrected by the Licensee over the course of two of the Licensee’s shows. Suspension results in the loss of the Licensee’s next show. When a Licensee of a suspended show is allowed to produce another show (following suspension period), then that show would be automatically licensed with Oversight and Conditions. Conditions status can be lifted in accordance with Governance/Recourse rule, after an acceptable show review.

Level 4) Revocation: occurs when, after Suspension, it is determined by Horse Show Committee, with approval of Board of Directors, that issues needing correction cannot be resolved by the Licensee. Revocation is the permanent loss of all shows held by the Licensee. Revocation is a permanent status, and results in permanent removal from Wait List and ineligibility for future status on Wait List and future Licensee applications.

1.4 Procedures for Show Dates

- 1.4.1 Permanent Show Lists – Licensee wishing to conduct a sanctioned show must submit in writing a request to the GOHJA Board of Directors asking that its name be placed on the waiting list for permanent show months. Licensee shall accept or reject the show month offered within the reasonable time limit set by the GOHJA Board of Directors, taking into consideration the circumstances. If it does not accept the offered show month, it will automatically be placed on the bottom of the list. The next name on the waiting list will be contacted and so on until the offered show month is taken. If Licensee accepts an offered show month, and if it wishes to be considered for a different show month, it must reapply in writing and will be placed at the bottom of the show waiting list.
- 1.4.2 Licensee accepting a show date from the waiting list shall complete the horse show application form and submit it with the sanctioning fee to the Horse Show Committee Chairperson no later than the later of: (i) December 1st of the relevant show year; or (ii) the earlier of thirty (30) days after the date of acceptance of the show date or the show date.
- 1.4.3 Except as provided in Section 1.4.2, horse show applications shall be completed and filed with the Horse Show Committee Chairperson prior to November 1st of the show year. Licensee shall pay the show application fee upon submission of its show application forms. The show application fee is mandatory and nonrefundable. Notwithstanding the foregoing, and except as provided in Section 1.4.2, the application forms, together with the show application fee for the December and January shows, shall be submitted to the Horse Show Committee Chairperson no less than thirty (30) days before the show date. The Horse Show Committee is required to report to the Board of Directors, in writing, at the November meeting of each year a list of the sanctioned shows for that year. In addition, a copy of the show sanction applications will be attached to the minutes of the Board meeting, by the secretary, for that December meeting.

- 1.4.4 Should Licensee wish to cancel a show month for one year rather than permanently, Licensee shall notify the Horse Show Committee Chairperson, in writing, more the ninety (90) days prior to the show date and pay a \$50.00 cancellation fee in addition to the show application fee. -
- 1.4.5 In the event that Licensee cancels a sanctioned show within ninety (90) days of the show, Licensee will be required to pay a \$100.00 cancellation fee in addition to the show sanctioning fee. Further, Licensee shall lose its show month for the following year and incur a \$300.00 fine unless good cause is shown to the Hearings Committee. Good cause includes, but is not limited to, acts of God, sale of show grounds, or family crisis.
- Option 4 – 1) No fines be levied. 2) Licensee allowed to reschedule the cancelled show, with Board of Directors’ approval of dates within the current show year and 20% fee of entry income paid to GOHJA. 3) The rule may be applied, as deemed most appropriate upon review of the infraction and effects, by the Horse Show Committee, in one of the four following ways:
- Option 1 – As is currently written with no adjustment.
- Option 2 – As currently written and with additional penalty of Licensee being positioned at bottom of the Wait List, (if on Wait List).
- Option 3 – 1) All fines be levied. 2) Licensee be allowed to reschedule the cancelled show, upon GOHJA approval of date(s) within the current show year. 3) The Show fee owed to GOHJA be 20% entry income fee, in order to recapture the 10% lost due to cancellation (increased % for rescheduled show only). 4) The Licensee have “Conditions” status (see Article I – 1.36), which triggers oversight and action plan via collaboration with Horse Show Committee. 5) If there are no repeat infractions or new infractions, Conditions status will be lifted, upon review by Horse Show Committee post-show (as specified in Article I – 1.36. 6) If there are no repeat infractions or serious new infractions, Licensee does not lose next show.
- Rescheduled show is licensed with “Conditions” status (Article I – 1.36)

- 1.4.6 Any temporarily canceled show month could then be temporarily picked up by other Licensee with the understanding that it would hold that show for that year only. Temporary shows shall be offered to Licensee in the order in which they appear in the show waiting list. If the original Licensee does not take back its show month the following year, it shall forfeit the show month and that month will be offered to the first name on the permanent show month waiting list.
- 1.4.7 Licensee shall be permitted to keep and shall be responsible for conducting a sanctioned show for any recognized show months assigned to it, except as otherwise provided in these rules. In the event Licensee decides to terminate a show month, it must notify the Horse Show Committee Chairperson, in writing, more than ninety (90) days in advance of the show, or Licensee shall be fined \$300.00. For purposes of this Section, the termination of the show month means the permanent termination of the show month, not the relinquishment for one year.
- 1.4.8 Licensee may not have more than two (2) permanent show months in any show year. Licensee having more than two (2) show months per show year as of December 1, 1990 shall not lose any show months by reason of this rule. However, if Licensee having more than two (2) show months per show year shall lose a show month during a year for any reason other than voluntary cancellations in compliance with Rule 1.5.4, it shall not regain such show month as long as it has at least two (2) other show months for the show year. In the event that there is no Licensee eligible and willing to hold a show other than Licensee who already possess at least two (2) show months per show year, such Licensee may have the show month in question as a temporary show month for that year.

1.5 Renewal/Waitlist/Transfer Procedures

- 1.5.1 Renewal – Currently licensed entities (Licensee) must renew annually, in full accordance with sanction license as designed and supervised by GOHJA Horse Show Committee, as approved by the Board and as outlined in 1.4.3

A current sanctioned entity (such as a farm, an LLC or corporation) may renew/retain Licensee status, even if the specific persons vested with financial responsibility (shareholders/officers) within the entity change conditioned upon all changes deemed acceptable by GOHJA Board.

- 1.5.2 Wait List – The name at the top of the published wait list will be offered any show that is within GOHJA control to offer. The recipient of the GOHJA offer must then apply and follow the usual application for sanction license process. If there is no one on the list who accepts the date, the date can be: a) sanctioned and produced by GOHJA for its own benefit or b) removed from the annual show schedule for any length of time, or c) can be transferred by way of lease or sale to eligible bidders.

A bidder is eligible if both a GOHJA member in good standing and also able to meet all standards required for approval. Bidding methods are established by Treasurer, Rules/Regulations and Horse Show Committee.

- 1.5.3 Transfer – A transfer from a current sanctioned Licensee to a potential new Licensee may be done in alignment with usual sanction License application process contingent upon GOHJA approval for license.

A show can be inherited, if legal documentation supports and describes legal transfer from previously approved GOHJA ~~Show~~ Licensee, and if all application/approval requirements for GOHJA license are met.

- 1.5.4 Fee: Upon awarding of a transferring sanction license, a one-time transfer fee of \$250 will be paid to GOHJA for any transfer from one sanctioned licensee to another, regardless of method of transfer.

- 1.5.5 Summary:

1. GOHJA sanction license is awarded only by GOHJA, upon completion of the sanction license application process.
2. Renewing shows automatically retain “Priority Month – Holder Status”.
3. Wait-listed applicants are eligible to use all process listed above.

1.6 Show Manager

- 1.6.1 All Licensees are required to hire a qualified horse show manager (“Show Manager”). A list of qualified horse show managers shall be provided to Licensee by the Horse Show Committee Chairperson. This list must be provided to Licensee not less than ninety (90) days prior to the proposed show date. Note: Licensee and Show Manager may be the same individual.
- 1.6.2 A Show Manager must be designated in the prize list. The Show Manager(s)’ responsibility is to run the horse show at all times and be available to exhibitors and the steward. Licensee’s failure to comply with this rule will result in a \$25.00 fine payable within fifteen (15) days of the show and/or the show may be reviewed by the Hearings Committee.
- 1.6.3 Duties of the Show Manager will be all aspects of producing a horse show in accordance with GOHJA standards. The Show Manager may designate to any qualified person(s) duties required prior to the horse show day. All duties the day of the show are the responsibility of the designated Show Manager
- 1.6.4 Licensee is responsible for all fines that may be incurred due to infractions at a specific show.

1.7 Horse Show Package

The Horse Show Committee Chairperson shall make continuously available in an updated form the horse show package to prospective Licensee by the October 1st immediately preceding the show year. The horse show package shall contain the application form, the schedule of fees, the schedule of approved judges, a copy of the current GOHJA rules, and any other information considered helpful by the Horse Show Committee. In the event a show month is canceled and new Licensee has not accepted the show month by October 1st (of the prior show year), the Horse Show Committee Chairperson shall send the horse show package to the new Licensee as soon as practicable after acceptance of the show month, and in the event within the time that provides Licensee an opportunity to comply with the rules relating to the submission of the application and show sanctioning fees.

1.8 Sanctions

- 1.8.1 It is the responsibility of Licensee of sanctioned shows to know and abide by show standards and by GOHJA rules. Failure of Licensee to comply with these rules shall subject Licensee to the review of the Hearings Committee. Penalties that may be imposed shall include, without limitation, fines, suspension or loss of membership, probation, and temporary and permanent loss of shows. These penalties may be imposed at the discretion of the Hearings Committee in addition to penalties, if any, provided in a specific rule. Rule infractions that are repeated in one show year will be sent to the Hearings Committee for review.
- 1.8.2 Failure of Licensee to pay fines or fees when due will result in an additional fine of \$25.00. Thereafter, a \$25.00 fine will be levied every thirty (30) days until all indebtedness of that Licensee is paid. In the event the indebtedness is not paid within sixty (60) days of the due date, the fined Licensee is subject to further review by the Hearings Committee. Penalties for failure to pay fines within the sixty (60) day period may include, without limitation, additional fines, suspension, and temporary or permanent loss of show. All unpaid fines or fees shall be subject to further review and penalties by the Hearings Committee each sixty (60) days so long as the same shall remain unpaid.
- 1.8.3 Licensee, or a qualified representative, must attend Board of Directors meetings. If Licensee (or representative) misses as many as three (3) Board meetings within a show year, they will be subject to review by the Hearings Committee. Penalties may include, without limitation, fines, suspension, and temporary or permanent loss of shows.
- 1.8.4 Licensee and Horse Show Managers must be a GOHJA member in good standing as of December 1st of the current show year.

1.9 Show Fees

- 1.9.1 Show Application Fee: The show application fee shall be 1/10th of the annual premium for the liability insurance that may be carried by the GOHJA from time to time, plus such additional amount as may be charged by the insurance carrier (i) to name Licensee as an additional insured, and (ii) for additional days or events relating to the show which exceed the basic coverage. The Treasurer shall estimate the cost of the insurance and shall advise Licensee of the estimated amount at the time the show application is made. A \$25.00 non-refundable fee shall be paid when the show application is made. This will be applied toward the total show application fee due. Licensee shall pay the balance of the show application fee later determined to be due, within ten (10) days of demand, but in no event later than the date of the show.
- 1.9.2 Sanctioning Fee: Licensee shall pay to the GOHJA a fee equal to ten (10) percent of all entry fees received for the show. For this purpose, entry fee means fees charged for all sanctioned classes, and specifically excludes warm-up, stall charges, paramedic fees and the “payback” for classic or other payback classes. Licensee shall pay the show fee to the Treasurer within five (5) days after the termination of the show. Failure to make timely and full payment shall result in a \$100.00 fine and such other sanctions as may be imposed by the Hearings Committee. This sub-section shall be effective December 1, 1990.
- 1.9.3 Show Administration Fee –Licensee shall pay to the GOHJA an Administration Fee of \$125 per show. This fee will cover the GOHJA administration costs. Licensee shall pay the show fee to the Treasurer within five (5) days after the termination of the show. Failure to make timely and full payment shall result in a \$100.00 fine and such other sanctions as may be imposed by the Hearings Committee. This sub-section shall be effective with shows prior to March 1st required to pay fee by March 15th, of the current show year.

1.10 Liability Insurance

- 1.10.1 The GOHJA may, but is not required to, carry liability insurance coverage insuring the GOHJA in amounts of \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence/aggregate with Licensee named as additional insureds with respect to their specific shows. In the event the GOHJA does not carry such insurance, it shall be the responsibility of Licensee to carry such liability insurance insuring the GOHJA and the Board of Directors and Licensee for no less than \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence/aggregate. The coverage shall cover all show days as well as warm-up the day before the show if a warm-up is held at the show site.
- 1.10.2 Proof of such liability insurance (if not carried by the GOHJA) must be submitted in writing to the Horse Show Committee Chairperson at least thirty (30) days prior to the show. The Horse Show Committee Chairperson shall notify the Hearings Committee Chairperson of any infraction of this rule. The Hearings Committee will impose such sanctions as it considers appropriate, which may include, without limitation, permanent loss of the show month.

1.11 Farrier

GOHJA sanctioned horse shows are required to have a farrier on the show grounds during all sanctioned classes. Failure to have a farrier will result in a \$150.00 fine.

1.12 Paramedic

- 1.12.1 Manager must have in attendance ~~two~~ certified Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs), or Paramedics with the following equipment: portable phone, and first aid equipment.
- 1.12.1.1 One (1) EMT/Paramedic is required for one show ring and one warm-up ring.
- 1.12.1.2 If more than one show ring and one warm-up ring are to be utilized at a show then two (2) EMTs/Paramedics will be required.

- 1.12.2 Arrangements for the EMTs/Paramedics are made through the appropriate County channels (ex: Seminole County Fire Department).
- 1.12.3 EMT Fee - One EMT fee will be charged per entry number (horse/rider combination). A second rider for that entry number may only be a professional and will not be charged a second EMT fee for that entry.
- 1.12.4 If a competitor rides prior to the arrival of the EMT/Paramedic they ride at their own risk.

1.13 Prizes

GOHJA will provide individual medals for the winners of the Medal, Mini-Medal and Pony Medal classes at the year-end awards banquet. (Note: Rule 4.9.5 specifies that shows will provide ribbons and trophies.)

1.14 Prize List

A GOHJA sanctioned show will be responsible for ensuring that every member of the GOHJA receive a show prize list at least fourteen (14) days in advance of the show. Prize lists may be distributed in an electronic or hard-copy format. A fine of \$25.00 for the first offense will be imposed upon Licensee for failing to distribute their prize lists on time. The second offense will incur a \$50.00 fine. Should the offense continue within the same show year, Licensee will be reviewed by the Hearings Committee. These fines must be paid within fifteen (15) days of the show or the show may be reviewed by the Hearings Committee for additional sanctions.

- 1.14.1 The Prize List shall contain the following:
 - A GOHJA membership application printed in its entirety in typeface large enough to be legible.
 - Entry blank, which must contain the statement in Rule 1.19.3.
 - Names of the judges.
 - Name of the steward or names of the stewards committed for that show and designating the head steward.
 - Names of other competition officials.
 - Name of the course designer.

- Name of the veterinarian and, if on call, the phone numbers where he can be reached during the competition.
- A statement that every rider, owner, lessee, and trainer must be a member of the GOHJA and that show memberships are available for a fee of \$25.00 for those who are not annual members.
- Class descriptions. Detailed specifications must be given for any class offered which is not described in the GOHJA rules.
- Entry fees and prizes.
- Schedule of classes.
- Starting time of warm-up and starting time of the show.
- Date and location of the show.
- A map and/or directions to the show grounds.
- A statement describing the availability and cost of stabling.
- The full page advertisement for Stockman's Harness and Saddle Shop.

1.14.2 Licensee will be fined \$50.00 for the omission from, or material error in, the prize list of any item described in subsection 1.14.1. If there is more than one omission or material error, or if Licensee habitually violates any part of this rule, Licensee shall be subject to additional sanctions as may be imposed by the Hearings Committee.

1.15 Judges

1.15.1 GOHJA sanctioned shows shall be judged by an USEF rated judge or a GOHJA sanctioned judge. GOHJA will sanction judges not rated by the USEF by maintaining a list of those judges approved by the Horse Show Committee.

1.15.2 This list will be monitored and distributed by the Horse Show Committee Chairperson. Only in the case in which a hired judge is unable to appear after prize lists have been mailed, may a judge be added, for a specific show, to the list of GOHJA approved judges by a petition of a minimum of six (6) GOHJA Board Members prior to the sanctioned show. This petition must then be presented to the Board of Directors at the

board meeting immediately following that sanctioned show, for approval and addition to the then current approved judges list.

- 1.15.3 Requests for additions and deletions from the current approved judges list must be presented at a Horse Show Committee meeting.
- 1.15.4 Licensee will incur a \$300.00 fine for failure to hire a sanctioned judge. The fine shall be payable within fifteen (15) days after the show or Licensee will permanently lose that show month.
- 1.15.5 The same judges may not be used to judge consecutive shows. This rule may be waived by a majority vote of the President, Horse Show Committee Chairperson and Stewards Committee Chairperson. In the event this rule is waived, Show Manager shall require the judge to judge the ring holding classes that are substantially different from those he/she judged at the immediately preceding show.
- 1.15.6 Jumper classes may be judged by one or more qualified jumper judges in lieu of an USEF rated or GOHJA approved judge. Qualified jumper judges are those judges with knowledge of the jumper rules who have been approved by the Board of Directors prior to the show. GOHJA shall maintain a list of qualified jumper judges.
- 1.15.7 The USEF rule on conflicts of interest apply to all judges at GOHJA shows.

1.16 Show Results

Show Manager must send its show results plus judges' cards and class order sheets to the GOHJA Recording Secretary within one (1) week of the closing of all shows except May and November, which must be sent within forty-eight (48) hours of the close of the show. Licensee will be fined \$25.00 for failure to meet the one (1) week deadline, and \$100.00 for failure to meet the May or November deadline. Show results which are mailed (postmarked) to the Recording Secretary within the deadline meet the time requirement. The Recording Secretary will be required to keep show results for one year. Results must be submitted on

official GOHJA point sheets or other method which is acceptable to the Recording Secretary. Licensee will be required to retain and maintain all its show records (judges' cards, scorecards, etc.) from a sanctioned show for a period of one year from the date of the show.

1.17 Stewards

1.17.1 GOHJA sanctioned shows are required to have a GOHJA steward present at the show to answer questions and interpret GOHJA rules. A steward of a sanctioned show is a representative of the GOHJA. Stewards will be retained by GOHJA. The Chairperson of the Stewards Committee will be responsible for assigning Steward(s) for each GOHJA sanctioned show and for informing Show Manager of the assignment. If an impartial steward is not available, a stewards committee of three will be assigned with one steward acting as head steward. The head steward will receive all inquiries and protests. The head steward of the stewards committee must be listed in the prize list as such.

1.17.2 Under normal circumstances, the same steward may not officiate consecutive shows for the same Show Licensee, nor may he/she officiate two consecutive show months. The Stewards Committee Chairperson will be allowed to make exceptions to this rule.

1.17.3 Stewards will be paid by GOHJA at consistent rate set by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will periodically review this rate. In the event a stewards committee is used, the payment will be split between the members of the committee.

1.17.4 The Show Steward will be on duty from the opening of the rings for warm-up to close of the show.

1.18 Exhibitor

Exhibitor means the owner of a horse (or lessee of a horse, if leased) when only the merits of the horse are to be considered. In all other respects, the term Exhibitor refers to the rider.

1.19 Exhibitor's Past Due Accounts

- 1.19.1 To be eligible to participate in a show, a member must have settled any and all indebtedness to GOHJA. The exhibitor is responsible for all entry fees. The ambulance/paramedic fee shall be the responsibility of the rider. The stall fee and warm-up class fee shall be the responsibility of the owner (or lessee if leased), unless the horse is shown only in equitation classes, in which case these fees shall be the responsibility of the rider. Licensee will be responsible for compiling a list of their past due accounts from their show. This list will be passed on to the Licensee and Show Manager of the next approved show, and must be received at least one hour prior to the starting time of the next show. Licensee/Show Manager must notify the Exhibitor of this indebtedness at least one week prior to the next sanctioned show. Any exhibitor who fails to pay his/her indebtedness by the date of the next sanctioned show will not be allowed to participate at any sanctioned show until the indebtedness is resolved, and will lose all points from the show at which the indebtedness was incurred. If this indebtedness remains unresolved, Licensee/Show Manager must notify the Recording Secretary within forty-eight (48) hours after the close of the next sanctioned show for removal of the points earned at the show in which the indebtedness was incurred. Notice shall then be sent to the exhibitor by the Recording Secretary that this has been done.
- 1.19.2 For points to count for mid-year awards, any indebtedness incurred at the May show must be paid within forty-eight (48) hours of that May show. Licensee/Show Manager will notify exhibitors of any outstanding indebtedness within twenty-four (24) hours of the close of the May show. To be eligible for year-end awards, indebtedness occurred at the November show must be paid within forty-eight (48) hours of the November show; Licensee/Show Manager will notify exhibitors of any outstanding indebtedness within twenty-four (24) hours of the close of the November show.
- 1.19.3 It is the responsibility of Licensee/Show Manager to comply with these procedures in collecting indebtedness. Failure of Licensee/Show Manager to comply with these rules does not

prohibit the exhibitor from participating at a show that has already begun.

- 1.19.4 Exhibitors, agents, trainers or parents of a Junior exhibitor may file a protest with the show steward or the Hearings Committee Chairperson for any violation of this rule.

1.20 Entries

- 1.20.1 Horses/ponies and riders may not show and numbers shall not be given out by the Show Secretary until all required signatures are obtained on the entry form.
- 1.20.2 Every rider, owner (or lessee if leased), trainer or their respective agents must sign an entry form. In the case of a minor, the minor's parent, guardian or agent of their parent or guardian shall sign the entry form. If any of the above persons fail to sign the entry form, every rider and every owner (or lessee) of a horse/pony entering the ring shall be deemed to have accepted and be bound by the rules of the show and GOHJA, and shall be deemed to have made the agreement set forth in the subsection 1.19.3.
- 1.20.3 The entry blank for each recognized show must contain the following statement:

EVERY ENTRY AT A RECOGNIZED SHOW SHALL CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT AND AFFIRMATION THAT ALL PARTICIPANTS (WHICH INCLUDE, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE OWNER, LESSEE, TRAINER, MANAGER, AGENT, COACH, RIDER AND THE HORSE/PONY): (1) SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION AND THE LOCAL RULES OF THE SHOW; (2) REPRESENT THAT EVERY HORSE/PONY AND RIDER IS ELIGIBLE AS ENTERED; (3) AGREE THAT THE RIDER AND THE OWNER/LESSEE AND ANY OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES ARE BOUND BY THE CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF THE GOHJA/USEF AND THE SHOW WILL ACCEPT AS FINAL THE DECISION OF THE HEARINGS COMMITTEE ON ANY QUESTION ARISING UNDER SAID RULES AND AGREE TO HOLD CLARCONA HORSEMAN'S PARK, THE SHOW, THE GOHJA, THE USEF, THEIR OFFICIALS, DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES HARMLESS FOR ANY ACTION TAKEN; (4) AGREE THAT THEY PARTICIPATE VOLUNTARILY IN THE COMPETITION FULLY AWARE THAT HORSE SPORTS AND THE SHOW INVOLVE INHERENT DANGEROUS RISK AND BY PARTICIPATING THEY EXPRESSLY ASSUME ANY AND ALL RISKS OF SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH, AND BY PARTICIPATING THEY EXPRESSLY ASSUME ANY AND ALL RISKS OF INJURY OR LOSS, AND THEY AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD CLARCONA HORSEMAN'S PARK, THE GOHJA USEF, THEIR SHOW AND THEIR OFFICIALS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS HARMLESS FOR ANY INJURY OR LOSS SUFFERED DURING OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE SHOW, WHETHER OR NOT SUCH CLAIM, INJURY OR LOSS RESULTED, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, FROM THE NEGLIGENCE ACTS OF OMISSIONS OF SAID OFFICIALS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES OR AGENTS OF CLARCONA HORSEMAN'S PARK, THE GOHJA, USEF OR SHOW.
WARNING - Under Florida law an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to, or death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risk of equine activities.
Entry Agreement

By entering a GOHJA sanctioned competition, and signing this entry form as Owner, Lessee, Trainer, Manager, Agent, Coach, Handler, Rider or Parent/Guardian, and on behalf of myself and my principals, representatives, employees and agent, I agree and affirm that: (1) I shall be subject to, and bound by, the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules of the GOHJA, the USEF and the local rules of the Competition, and will accept as final the decision of the Hearings Committee on any question arising under said Rules and agree to hold the Competition, the GOHJA, the USEF, Clarcona Horseman's Park, their officials, directors and employees harmless for any action taken under the Rules; (2) I represent that every horse/pony and rider I have entered is eligible to enter and/or participate and is eligible as entered; (3) I agree that as a condition of, and in consideration of acceptance of entry, the GOHJA and/or the Competition may use or assign photographs, videos, audios, cablecasts, or other likenesses of me and my horse taken during the course of the competition for promotion, coverage or benefit of the Competition, sport or the GOHJA. Those likenesses shall not be used to advertise a product and they may not be used in such a way as to jeopardize amateur status. I hereby expressly and irrevocably waive and release any rights in connection with such use, including any claim to compensation, invasion of privacy, right of publicity, or to misappropriation. (4) The construction and application of the GOHJA Rules are governed by the laws of the state of Florida and any action instituted against the GOHJA must be filed in Florida.

Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Indemnification

I AGREE, in consideration for my participation on the Competition, to the following: (1) I AGREE that I choose to participate voluntarily in the Competition with my horse, as a rider, handler, lessee, owner, agent, coach, trainer or parent/guardian of a junior exhibitor. I am fully aware and acknowledge that equine sports and the Competition involve inherent dangerous risks of accident, loss, and serious bodily injury including broken bones, head injuries, trauma, pain, suffering or death ("Harm"). (2) I AGREE to release the GOHJA, Clarcona Horseman's Park and the Competition from all claims for monetary damages or otherwise from any Harm to me or my horse and for any Harm caused by me or my horse to others, even if the Harm resulted, directly or indirectly, from the negligence of the GOHJA, Clarcona Horseman's Park or the Competition. (3) I AGREE to expressly assume all risks of Harm to me or my horse, including Harm resulting from the negligence of the GOHJA, Clarcona Horseman's Park or the Competition. (4) I AGREE to indemnify (that is, to pay any losses, damages, or costs incurred by) the GOHJA, Clarcona Horseman's Park and the Competition and to hold them harmless with respect to claims for Harm to me or my horse, and for claims made by others for any Harm caused by me or my horse at the Competition. (5) I have read the GOHJA Rules about protective equipment and I understand that I am entitled to wear protective equipment without penalty, and I acknowledge that the GOHJA strongly encourages me that I do so. If I am a parent or guardian of a junior exhibitor, I consent to the child's participation and AGREE to all of the above provisions to assume all of the obligations of this Release on the child's behalf. (6) I AGREE that the GOHJA, Clarcona Horseman's Park and the Competition, as used above, includes all of their officials, officers, directors, employees, agents, personnel, volunteers and affiliated organizations.

- 1.20.4 Failure to print this statement on every entry blank and to require that such entry form be signed shall constitute a violation of the rules and render Licensee liable to penalty under USEF Article 707 as it may be amended from time to time.

- 1.20.5 Every rider, owner, lessee, agent or trainer participating in a sanctioned show is required to be a member of the GOHJA. Lessees and agents are considered owners in connection with this membership requirement. In the event a person does not desire an annual membership in the Association, the person may obtain a show membership, good for the duration of the particular show. The fee for the show membership shall be \$25.00. Membership fees collected at the show shall be promptly turned over the Show Secretary for forwarding to the Treasurer. Licensee will be fined \$50.00 for failure to print this rule on every entry form. Licensee shall be responsible for having membership applications available at the show.

Licensee shall be fined \$50.00 for failure to have membership applications available.

1.20.6 A horse/pony may not be brought on to the grounds where a sanctioned show is being held unless the owner/lessee is a member of the Association. Further, a person may not mount a horse/pony on the grounds where a sanctioned show is being held unless such a person is a member of the Association. This rule shall not apply to a horse/pony regularly stabled at such show grounds.

1.21 Benefit Show

GOHJA may request bids for its benefit show and may accept any bid that the Board of Directors decides to accept at its discretion.

1.22 November Show

The November show shall be held more than one week before Thanksgiving (i.e. at least two weekends prior to Thanksgiving) unless this rule is waived by the Board of Directors.

1.23 Water

A water cooler and drinking cups must be provided at all in-gates during warm-up and all classes.

1.24 Security

GOHJA sanctioned shows are required to have security on the show grounds from 10:00 PM until 5:00 AM every night preceding a show day. Security must be chosen from the list provided in the horse show package or approved by the horse show committee. Failure to do so will result in a \$150.00 fine.

1.25 Standards for Jumps

1.25.1 No PVC rails are to be used in the practice areas.

1.25.2 PVC standards, but not rails, are acceptable in the show ring with standardized holes and pins.

- 1.25.3 Only regulation size cups and pins shall be used. No flat cups are to be used to hold the upper element in hunter classes.
- 1.25.4 Flower boxes, or facsimile, and flowers or greenery, shall be placed at all hunter jumps on course. It is also suggested that, as much as possible, plants or similar decorations be put at the standards as well and tied securely.
- 1.25.5 Reasonably fresh paint is to be used.
- 1.25.6 All jumps are to be in good order with no protruding nails or broken wood.
- 1.25.7 All standards are to have sturdy bases, and are to stand straight.
- 1.25.8 Picket-type gates must have rounded tops.
- 1.25.9 Any angular construction must be open enough to disallow the entanglement of a horse's leg.
- 1.25.10 A minimum of four (4) rails is to be at each practice jump.
- 1.25.11 Pins must be strong, such that they do not bend under pressure, and should be selected with an eye towards safety.

Conduct of Sanctioned Competitions

2.1 Helmets

All riders, when mounted anywhere on the show grounds during a GOHJA sanctioned horse show, are required to wear properly fastened protective headgear which meets or exceeds ASTM/SEI standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. It must be properly fitted with harness secured. Riders which are found to be in violation of this rule shall be required to immediately dismount and remain dismounted until their headgear is in compliance.

2.2 Hazardous Footing

In the case of inclement weather or hazardous footing, the steward may, with the consent of the judges, permit the use of bell boots and/or leg wraps, shin boots or other leg supports and may permit the lowering of fence heights.

2.3 Warm-up

- 2.3.1 Show Manager shall publish the starting time of warm-up and the starting time of the first classes of the day in the prize list for the show. Warm-up shall terminate promptly at the time scheduled for the start of the first classes. In the event warm-up does not start when scheduled (or is interrupted) for reasons beyond the control of Show Manager, such as failure of the paramedic to arrive timely, inclement weather, or other emergency, then warm-up may be extended past the show start time with the consent of the Show Steward and the Show Manager. Warm-up may not be extended for any period of time beyond the period of the approved delay. In the event the first classes of the day do not start at the published starting time (as extended as permitted above), Licensee shall be fined \$250.00. For this purpose, warm-up shall not be considered the first class of the day. In no event shall warm-up start before sunrise.
- 2.3.2 Horse Show Manager or a representative must be present on the show grounds during warm-up.
- 2.3.3 Horse Show Manager must provide sufficient supervision for all show rings conducting warm-up.

2.4 Weather Conditions/Show Delays and Termination

- 2.4.1 Inclement Weather - After consulting with Show Manager and the Judge, the Show Steward has the final authority to delay and/or stop the show due to inclement weather.
- 2.4.2 Sunset/Lighting - All classes shall terminate at the official hour of sunset for Orlando, Florida unless adequate artificial lighting providing full and complete visibility is provided. The determination that adequate lighting exists shall be made by the Show Steward after consulting with Show Manager and the Judge.

2.5 Jogging

Jogging of horses is not required at a GOHJA sanctioned show. Judges should be advised of this rule and they should be advised to look for soundness at the beginning and end of the course.

2.6 Order of Classes

2.6.1 Schooling/Low Hunter - It is recommended, but not required, that Schooling Hunter and Low Hunter follow immediately after warm-up in order to provide an opportunity to “warm up” for those who may not have had an opportunity to participate in the scheduled warm-up.

2.6.2 Equitation Classes - All sanctioned equitation classes shall be held early enough in the show’s schedule of classes to make it unlikely that the sanctioned equitation classes would be canceled due to darkness.

2.6.3 Nonsanctioned Classes - Except as noted below, nonsanctioned classes shall be held after the completion of all sanctioned classes scheduled for that day in that ring.

2.6.3.1 Training Hunter may be placed at any location in the show schedule at Show Manager’s discretion.

2.6.3.2 Up to four Marshall & Sterling classes, which are not run concurrently as GOHJA sanctioned classes, may be placed at any location in the show schedule at Show Manager’s discretion. If Show Manager wishes to offer more than four M&S classes Board approval must be obtained at a regularly scheduled Board Meeting before the prize list is mailed (see also rule 2.13).

2.6.3.3 The nonsanctioned class rules do not apply to any ring in which ONLY nonsanctioned classes are held.

2.6.3.4 Any ring holding sanctioned classes takes priority over a ring holding nonsanctioned classes.

- 2.6.4 Flat Classes - At a GOHJA sanctioned show the flat classes (under saddle) may be run before or after the over fences classes.
- 2.6.5 Rearrangement of Classes - Show Manager's will be given the option to rearrange the class schedule or cancel a class due to unsafe conditions or the likelihood of darkness, provided a fifteen (15) minute notice is given. No class may be started in less the fifteen (15) minutes from the notice, unless the unanimous agreement of all entered in the class is obtained. Show Manager's failure to give fifteen (15) minute notice (unless consent is obtained) will result in a \$25.00 fine payable within fifteen (15) days of the show and/or the show may be reviewed by the Hearings Committee for further sanctions.

2.7 Course Requirements

- 2.7.1 Posting of Courses – Show Manager shall post courses (except for Medal, Pony Medal, Open Equitation Medal, and Mini-Medal) at least one-half hour prior to the start of the show each day. Medal, Pony Medal, Open Equitation, and Mini-Medal courses shall not be posted nor disclosed until after the conclusion of warm-up and the commencement of the first class. Medal, Pony Medal, Open Equitation Medal, and Mini-Medal courses shall be posted at least one-half hour prior to the commencement of Medal, Pony Medal, Open Equitation Medal, or Mini-Medal as the case may be. The Show Steward will be given a copy of the courses for that show day. Show Manager shall be fined \$50.00 for failure to timely post courses. Show Manager shall not be fined for course changes during the day unless it appears that Show Manager did not make a good faith effort to comply with this rule.
- 2.7.2 Hunter Courses – There must be a minimum of two (2) oxers, or spread-type jumps, in each course where fence heights exceed 2'0". Jumps in any class with a designated fence height of 2'0" or less shall have a maximum spread of 9". Spread-type jumps must have a base width of at least one and one-half (1-½) feet. Fifty percent of the fences must be at least the required height and none shall be more than two (2)

inches over or under the required height, except the first fence. Fences shall simulate obstacles found in the hunting field: Natural post and rail, brush, stone wall, white board fence or gate, chicken coop, aiken, hedge or oxer, etc. Oxers shall not be square. A six (6) inch difference is recommended for the back element with a three (3) inch minimum. A ground line is recommended for all types of fences. All fences must be at least twenty (20) feet wide or have wings at least thirty (30) inches wide that are at least twelve (12) inches higher than the fence. The inside dimensions of the cup holding the upper element must be a minimum of one and one-half inches deep and five (5) inches across.

- 2.7.2.1 Dotted Line – In the interest of time, all hunter courses shall restrict the courtesy circle by a mandatory line (the “dotted line”). The dotted line must be clearly indicated on the course diagram and a corresponding barrier shall be erected on the course. Certain fences may be indicated as forming the dotted line if clearly indicated on the course diagram. In the case of inclement weather, hazardous footing or other hazardous conditions, the Show Steward may waive the dotted line rule.
- 2.7.2.2 Line Measurement – Lines for any class 3’3” in height or higher will be opened 6” per stride (footing permitting). This will be posted on the course diagram.
- 2.7.3 Jumper Courses – A minimum of eight (8) jumps are required. At least two (2) jumps in a course of eight (8) must be of the spread type. It is recommended that each course contain at least one combination and/or in-and-out.
- 2.7.4 Equitation Courses – Courses shall be held over at least six (6) fences. (Refer to Rule 4.9 for additional requirements for Medal, Mini-Medal, Open Equitation, and Pony Medal courses.) For classes for riders under fourteen (14) years, jumps shall have wings at least thirty (30) inches wide. A change of hand (change of lead) is required.
- 2.7.5 Beginner Rider/Hunter Classes - For Beginner Rider/Hunter Classes including Short Stirrup, Long Stirrup, Baby Green and Beginner Rider/Hunter, jumps may not exceed a width of

fifteen inches (15") from the first element of the jump to the last element of the jump.

- 2.7.6 Schooling Area – Show Manager shall provide at least one schooling area per show ring. Show Manager must designate one schooling area as restricted to Walk-Trot, Short Stirrup, Pony, Children's and Low Hunters only. This designation must be made either in the program and/or at the gate of the schooling area. Show Manager shall provide a minimum of three (3) schooling fences in each area, one of which must be a spread type. Fences must be set up, ready to use and have adequate poles, pins and cups.
- 2.7.7 Starting Jump - Coops or in and outs are never to be used at the start of a course. Oxers may be used as first jump in classes 2'6" or higher except in the Pony Hunter division.
- 2.7.8 Ground Lines – Ground lines are required for all jumps in all divisions except the jumper divisions.
- 2.7.9 Violations
- 2.7.9.1 Show Manager with errors in fence construction shall be informed in writing by the Show Steward of the errors. Show Manager is required to reply in writing as to their plans for replacement or reconstruction. A maximum of twelve (12) months from the date of the notice will be allowed for the Show Manager to make corrections. Show Manager notified of fence construction problems that reply promptly with their plans for corrections will not be subject to penalty as long as they comply with their plans within the twelve (12) month period.
- 2.7.9.2 Where errors are made in course design or requirements, the Show Manager will be required to correct the course prior to the start of the next class, or if less than three (3) competitors have completed the course, the error may be corrected and the class restarted, allowing those competitors who have gone the option of rejumping the course. Failure to comply with the course requirements will subject Licensee to a \$25.00 fine payable within fifteen (15) days from notification that they are in

violation, and such further fines or sanctions as may be imposed by the Hearings Committee.

2.8 Contact with Judge

- 2.8.1 No one shall approach a Judge with regard to a decision unless he first obtains permission from the Show Steward who shall arrange an appointment with the Judge. No exhibitor, rider, trainer or any agent of the foregoing shall inspect the Judge's cards without the Judge's permission.
- 2.8.2 At the end of the show day, and after the show office is closed, there will be no further access to the judges' cards.
- 2.8.3 No exhibitor, rider, trainer, agent or family member of the foregoing shall visit with the Judge on the show day while the classes are running. During the running of classes, Show Manager shall restrict its contacts with the Judge to those ministerial acts necessary to ensure the Judge's comfort and the smooth operation of the show.

2.9 Three/One-Minute Call

After the resolution of all conflicts between classes and upon the unavailability of any entries for a class, the Show Steward may, upon agreement with Show Manager, invoke a Three-Minute Call as described below. The Show Steward will give a three minute notice ("three-minute call") to all remaining entries in the class that the class will be closed. (The remaining entries will be called by Rider # and Name.) When there is one minute remaining in the three-minute call, the Show Steward shall give a one minute notice ("one-minute call") to all remaining entries in the class that the class will be closed. At the end of the one-minute call, the Show Steward may officially close the class if an entry fails to appear at the in-gate ready to participate. The competitors closed out of the class will still be assessed the entry fee. Both the three-minute and one-minute calls shall be given only by the Show Steward and shall be announced over the PA system so as to be audible in the schooling and paddock areas.

No show ring shall remain open for longer than 30 minutes due to delays other than weather, injury, or ring maintenance. If a ring is held for longer than 30 minutes, at the discretion of Show Manager and

agreement with the Show Steward, the card may be signed and show may proceed to the next class.

2.10 Fall of Horse or Rider

Rider may not remount in the show ring following a fall at any time.

2.11 Back-to-Back Classes

Show Manager may not require a Judge to score more than three (3) classes concurrently without first obtaining that Judge's permission. Show Manager is advised to consider the Judge's experience level and the class sizes when asking a Judge to hold more than three (3) cards open at the same time. Training Hunter classes, as defined in section 4.23, are excluded from this limitation.

2.12 Proper Attire

Proper attire per USEF rules is required in all GOHJA classes. Reference USEF Rules EQ109, HU119 and JP111.

2.13 Marshall & Sterling Classes

Show Manager at their discretion may run any GOHJA sanctioned class as an M&S class provided they comply with all existing rules for that GOHJA class. Show Manager is solely responsible for knowing and complying with all applicable M&S requirements. GOHJA officials, committees or officers will not be held responsible for enforcement of M&S requirements. See also rule 2.6.3.2.

2.13.1 The Marshall & Sterling Pony Medal must be held as a separate class, not in conjunction with the GOHJA Pony Medal.

Registration of Horses/Ponies

3.1 Name Change

There will be a \$20.00 charge for changing the name of a horse/pony after the horse's/pony's name has been recorded for the year.

3.2 Measurement

Prior to showing in any division restricted to ponies, the pony's height measurement must be on file with GOHJA. Ponies may be measured by a Show Steward at any GOHJA sanctioned show or the owner/representative may present the pony's USEF Pony Measurement Card for review by any Steward. Ponies must be re-measured each show year until the age of six, at which time they are permanently added to the GOHJA Pony Measurement List. Proof of age is also required for any pony being measured. Acceptable proof of age includes a statement of age from a veterinarian or age listed on a breed registration certificate.

The GOHJA Pony Measurement List will be maintained by the Head of the Stewards Committee and will be published to the general membership at least annually.

Competition Divisions

4.1 Walk Division

- 4.1.1 Open to all ages
- 4.1.2 Riders may only show in Leadline or the Walk Divisions
- 4.1.3 No martingales
- 4.1.4 One equitation, one pleasure class, and one hunter hack class are required.
- 4.1.5 Walk riders may relinquish their walk status and on the same day go into other classes for which they are eligible whether held before or after the walk classes. This shall not affect any points or awards earned up to that point.
- 4.1.6 There will be two awards presented for this division, one for each six months period. The first award will be presented for points accumulated December through May and the second award will be presented for points accumulated June through November. Riders earning awards for the first six month period are eligible for the second period as long as they retain their walk status.
- 4.1.7 Points are awarded to the rider, not the horse/pony in this division.

4.2 Walk-Trot Division – -10 years and under.

- 4.2.1 Open to riders 10 years old and younger (See Bylaw 1.7).
- 4.2.2 Riders may not have cantered in any GOHJA or USEF show.
- 4.2.3 No martingales.
- 4.2.4 One pleasure class, one equitation class and one hunter hack class are required.
- 4.2.5 To work at a walk and trot both ways of ring.

- 4.2.6 Walk-Trot riders may relinquish their walk-trot status and on the same day go into other classes for which they are eligible, whether held before or after the Walk-Trot classes. This shall not affect any points or awards earned up to that point.
- 4.2.7 There will be two awards presented for this division; one for each six-month period. The first award will be presented for points accumulated December through May and the second award will be presented for points accumulated June through November. Riders earning awards for the first six-month period are eligible for the second period as long as they retain their walk-trot status.
- 4.2.8 Points are awarded to the rider, not the horse/pony, in this division.

4.3 Walk-Trot Division – 11 years and older Division

- 4.3.1 Open to junior and amateur riders 11 years old and older (See Bylaw 1.7 & 1.8).
- 4.3.2 Riders may not have cantered in any GOHJA or USEF show.
- 4.3.3 No martingales.
- 4.3.4 One pleasure class, one equitation class and one hunter hack class are required.
- 4.3.5 To work at a walk and trot both ways of ring.
- 4.3.6 Walk-Trot riders may relinquish their walk-trot status and on the same day go into other classes for which they are eligible, whether held before or after the Walk-Trot classes. This shall not affect any points or awards earned up to that point.
- 4.3.7 There will be two awards presented for this division; one for each six-month period. The first award will be presented for points accumulated December through May and the second award will be presented for points accumulated June through November. Riders earning awards for the first six-month

period are eligible for the second period as long as they retain their walk-trot status.

- 4.3.8 Points are awarded to the rider, not the horse/pony, in this division.

4.4 Equitation Divisions

- 4.4.1 In equitation divisions (except Medal, Pony Medal and Mini-Medal) a minimum of one class over fences and one on the flat will be required for GOHJA shows. This is also the maximum for a one-day show. An additional class over fences may be permitted at a two-day show with prior Board approval.
- 4.4.2 The same horse may be ridden by more than one rider in any equitation division except Medal, Pony Medal or Mini-Medal.

4.5 Cross Rail Equitation Division

- 4.5.1 Open to Junior and Amateur riders. (See Bylaw 1.7 & 1.8)
- 4.5.2 Open to horses and ponies.
- 4.5.3 Fence height is to be 15". No in-and-out.
- 4.5.4 Cross Rail Equitation over fences – two (2) classes. May be ridden at a trot or canter, not to be penalized.
- 4.5.5 Equitation on the flat – Rider will be required to walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. No hand gallop. No martingales
- 4.5.6 Horse/rider combination may not cross enter into any other class where fence heights exceed 15".
- 4.5.7 There will be two awards presented for this division, one for each six-month period. The first award will be presented for points accumulated December through May and the second award will be presented for points accumulated June through November. Horses/ponies earning awards for the first six-month period are eligible for the second six-month period as long as they retain their Cross Rail status.

4.6 Open Equitation Division

- 4.6.1 Open to Junior and Amateur Riders any age (See Bylaw 1.7 & 1.8).
- 4.6.2 Equitation on the flat.
- 4.6.3 Equitation over fences, choice of fence height 2' or 2'3" no in and out.
- 4.6.4 Rider may not cross enter into any other age group equitation class.

4.7 Short Stirrup Equitation Division

- 4.7.1 Open to riders 12 years old and younger (See Bylaw 1.7).
- 4.7.2 Short Stirrup riders cannot cross-enter into any other GOHJA or USEF sanctioned classes of 18" or higher fence heights.
- 4.7.3 Rider may not have jumped fences over 18" height at any GOHJA or USEF show.
- 4.7.4 Equitation over fences – Fence height to be 18" Rider will be required to canter the course.
- 4.7.5 Equitation on the flat – Rider will be required to walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring.
- 4.7.6 Short Stirrup riders may relinquish their Short Stirrup status and on the same day go into another division whether held before or after the Short Stirrup classes.
- 4.7.7 Riders relinquishing their Short Stirrup status will retain all points or awards earned up to that point.
- 4.7.8 Short Stirrup riders may also enter flat equitation and under-saddle classes for which they are eligible.
- 4.7.9 There will be two awards presented for this division, one for each six-month period. The first award will be presented for

points accumulated December through May and the second award will be presented for points accumulated June through November. Riders earning awards for the first six-month period are eligible for the second six-month period as long as they retain their Short Stirrup status.

4.8 Long Stirrup Equitation Division

- 4.8.1 Open to Junior and Amateur riders 13 years old and older (See Bylaw 1.7 & 1.8).
- 4.8.2 Rider may not have jumped fences over 18” in height at any GOHJA or USEF show.
- 4.8.3 Equitation over fences – Fence height to be 18”. Rider will be required to canter the course.
- 4.8.4 Equitation on the flat – Rider will be required to walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring.
- 4.8.5 Long Stirrup riders may relinquish their Long Stirrup status and on the same day go into another division whether held before or after the Long Stirrup classes.
- 4.8.6 Riders relinquishing their Long Stirrup status will retain all points or awards earned up to that point.
- 4.8.7 Long Stirrup riders may also enter flat equitation and under-saddle classes for which they are eligible.
- 4.8.8 There will be two awards presented for this division, one for each six-month period. The first award will be presented for points accumulated December through May and the second award will be presented for points accumulated June through November. Riders earning awards for the first six-month period are eligible for the second six-month period as long as they retain their Long Stirrup status.
- 4.8.9 Riders who have jumped fences over 18” in height at any GOHJA or USEF show may apply to the Hearings Committee for reinstatement of their eligibility for Long Stirrups.

Reinstatement of eligibility shall be at the sole discretion of the Hearings Committee.

4.9 Beginner Rider Equitation Division

- 4.9.1 Open to all Junior/Amateur riders. (See Bylaw 1.8)
- 4.9.2 Beginner Riders (horse/rider combination) may cross-enter into any over-fence classes that are 2' in height.
- 4.9.3 Rider may not have jumped fences over 2'3" height at any GOHJA or USEF show.
- 4.9.4 Cannot cross-enter into Open Equitation or an Equitation age group at the same show.
- 4.9.5 Equitation over fences – Fence height to be 2' Rider will be required to canter the course. Simple changes are permissible.
- 4.9.6 Equitation on the flat – Rider will be required to walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring.
- 4.9.7 Beginner Rider may relinquish their division status and on the same day go into another division whether held before or after the Beginner Rider classes.
- 4.9.8 Riders relinquishing their division status will retain all points or awards earned up to that point.
- 4.9.9 Beginner Riders may also enter flat equitation and under-saddle classes for which they are eligible.
- 4.9.10 There will be two awards presented for this division, one for each six-month period. The first award will be presented for points accumulated December through May and the second award will be presented for points accumulated June through November. Riders earning awards for the first six-month period are eligible for the second six-month period as long as they retain their Beginner Rider status.
- 4.9.11 Points are awarded to the rider in this division.

- 4.10 Beginner Rider Hunter Division
- 4.10.1 Open to all Junior/Amateur riders. (See Bylaw 1.8)
 - 4.10.2 There may be more than one horse per rider per class.
 - 4.10.3 Over fences classes not to exceed 2' in height.
 - 4.10.4 Beginner Riders (horse/rider combination) may cross-enter into any over-fence classes that are 2' in height.
 - 4.10.5 Rider may not have jumped fences over 2'3" height at any GOHJA or USEF show.
 - 4.10.6 Hunter under saddle – Rider will be required to walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring.
 - 4.10.7 Two Hunter over fences – Riders will be required to canter the course. Simple changes are permissible.
 - 4.10.8 Beginner Hunter riders may relinquish their status and on the same day go into another division whether held before or after the Beginner Rider classes.
 - 4.10.9 Riders relinquishing their status will retain all points or awards earned up to that point.
 - 4.10.10 Beginner Hunter riders may also enter flat equitation and under-saddle classes for which they are eligible.
 - 4.10.11 There will be two awards presented for this division, one for each six-month period. The first award will be presented for points accumulated December through May and the second award will be presented for points accumulated June through November. Horses/ponies earning awards for the first six-month period are eligible for the second six-month period as long as they retain their Beginner Rider Hunter status.
 - 4.10.12 Points are awarded to the horse/pony, in this division.

4.11 Equitation 11 and Under Division

4.11.1 Open to riders 11 years old and younger (See Bylaw 1.7).

4.11.2 Equitation on the flat.

4.11.3 Equitation over fences, fence height is to be 2' with no in-and-out.

4.12 Equitation 12 through 14 Division

4.12.1 Open to riders ages 12 through 14 (See Bylaw 1.7).

4.12.2 Equitation on the flat.

4.12.3 Equitation over fences, fence height is to be 2'6" or 2'9".

4.13 Equitation 15 through 17 Division

4.13.1 Open to riders ages 15 through 17 (See Bylaw 1.7).

4.13.2 Equitation on the flat.

4.13.3 Equitation over fences, fence height is to be 2'6" or 3'0".

4.14 Adult Equitation Division

4.14.1 Open to Amateur riders 18 years old and older (See Bylaw 1.7 & 1.8).

4.14.2 Equitation on the flat.

4.14.3 Equitation over fences, fence height is to be 2'6" or 3'0".
Rider must designate fence height prior to beginning of class.

4.15 Mini-Medal, Pony Medal, Medal, and Open Equitation Medal

4.15.1 Medal, Pony Medal, Mini-Medal, and Open Equitation Medal classes are open only to GOHJA members in good standing (see Bylaw 1.9).

- 4.15.2 The course must consist of no less than eight obstacles at the prescribed height including an oxer and two changes of direction (change of lead).
- 4.15.3 To fill a class, three riders must complete the initial course. This rule does not apply to the initial course at the Medal/Pony Medal/Mini-Medal Finals at the end of the year.
- 4.15.4 At any show other than the Finals, if three riders are unable to complete the initial course, no points will be awarded.
- 4.15.5 Shows will provide ribbons and trophies for the Medal, Pony Medal and Mini-Medal classes at their horse shows.
- 4.15.6 Past Medal, Pony Medal, Mini-Medal, and Open Equitation Medal division winners must skip one show year after winning before they can again compete in the division that they won. -
- 4.15.7 Mini-Medal
 - a. Open to riders 14 years old and younger (See Bylaw 1.7).
 - b. Open to horses and ponies.
 - c. Fence height is to be 2'6" or 2'9". Lines and fences will not be adjusted for ponies.
 - d. Two or more tests of the top three riders are required from USEF Tests 1-8.
 - e. Cannot cross-enter into any other GOHJA medal class at the same show.
- 4.15.8 Pony Medal
 - a. Open to Junior riders only.
 - b. Open to ponies only.
 - c. Fence height is to be a choice of 2'0" or 2'6" with no in-and-out.
 - d. Cannot cross-enter in any other GOHJA medal class at the same show.
 - e. Original course must contain a minimum of two tests from USEF tests 1-8. No additional testing allowed.

4.15.9 Medal

- a. Open to Junior and Amateur riders 15 years old and older (See Bylaw 1.7 & 1.8).
- b. Fence height is to be 2'6" or 3'0". Rider must designate fence height prior to the beginning of the class.
- c. Two or more tests of the top three riders are required from USEF Tests 1-18.
- d. Cannot cross-enter into any other GOHJA Medal Division for that show.

4.15.10 Open Equitation Medal Division

- a. Open to Junior and Amateur riders (See Bylaw 1.7 & 1.8).
- b. Fence height is to be 2' or 2'3" with no in and out. Rider must designate fence height prior to the beginning of the class.
- c. Original course must contain a minimum of two tests from USEF tests 1-8. No additional testing allowed.
- d. Cannot cross-enter into any other GOHJA Medal Division for that show.

4.14.11 Year-End Finals

- a. The twelve (12) riders (not places) that have accumulated the greatest number of points in the Medal/Pony Medal/Mini-Medal/Open Equitation Medal during the show year will be eligible to compete in the Finals. In addition any rider that won a Medal/Pony Medal/Mini-Medal/Open Equitation Medal class during the show year will be eligible to compete in the Finals.
- b. For the Medal Finals, declaration of fence height must be given to the Show Secretary prior to the start of the show day. Alteration in the order of go or change in fence height due to compelling circumstances may be made at the Show Steward's discretion.
- c. In the event a rider qualifies for more than one Medal division, the rider must designate prior to the Finals in which division they wish to compete. Riders may

- compete in only one of the four divisions at the Finals.
- d. Results of the Finals shall not be announced at the horse show, but will be announced at the Year-End Banquet.
 - e. In the event that fewer than eight (8) riders compete in the Finals, the balance of the awards through eighth place (after first giving awards to all riders who competed in the Finals) will be given to the riders not participating in the Finals, but accumulating the greatest number of points during the show year.

4.16 Hunter Divisions

In hunter divisions, a minimum of two classes over fences and one under saddle will be required at GOHJA sanctioned shows. This is also the maximum for a one-day show. Additional classes at a two-day show may be offered with prior Board approval.

4.17 Cross Rail Hunter Division

4.17.1 Open to Junior and Senior riders.

4.17.2 Open to horses and ponies.

4.17.3 Fence height is to be 15". No in-and-out.

4.17.4 Cross Rail Hunter over fences – two (2) classes. May be ridden at a trot or canter, not to be penalized.

Course will consist of 1 time around the outside of the ring over the fences (e.g. 1st trip one around to the right and 2nd trip once around to the left).

4.17.5 Cross Rail Hunter under saddle:

- a. Horses to work at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring.
- b. No hand gallop.
- c. No martingales.

4.17.6 Horse/rider combination may not cross enter into any other class where fence heights exceed 15". Professional rider/horse combination may not compete more than six (6) times in this division.

4.17.7 There will be two awards presented for this division, one for each six-month period. The first award will be presented for points accumulated December through May and the second award will be presented for points accumulated June through November. Horses/ponies earning awards for the first six-month period are eligible for the second six-month period as long as they retain their Cross Rail status.

4.18 Short Stirrup Hunter Division

- 4.18.1 Open to riders 12 years old and younger (See Bylaw 1.7).
- 4.18.2 There may be more than one horse per rider per class.
- 4.18.3 Over fences classes not to exceed 18” in height.
- 4.18.4 Short Stirrup riders cannot cross-enter into any other GOHJA or USEF sanctioned classes of 18”or higher fence heights.
- 4.18.5 Rider may not have jumped fences over 18” height at any GOHJA or USEF show.
- 4.18.6 Hunter under saddle – Rider will be required to walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring.
- 4.18.7 Two Hunter over fences – Riders will be required to canter the course.
- 4.18.8 Short Stirrup riders may relinquish their Short Stirrup status and on the same day go into another division whether held before or after the Short Stirrup classes.
- 4.18.9 Riders relinquishing their Short Stirrup status will retain all points or awards earned up to that point.
- 4.18.10 Short Stirrup riders may also enter flat equitation and under-saddle classes for which they are eligible.
- 4.18.11 There will be two awards presented for this division, one for each six-month period. The first award will be presented for points accumulated December through May and the second award will be presented for points accumulated June through November. Horses/ponies earning awards for the first six-month period are eligible for the second six-month period as long as they retain their Short Stirrup status.
- 4.18.12 Points are awarded the horse/pony, in this division.

4.19 Long Stirrup Hunter Division

- 4.19.1 Open to Junior and Amateur riders 13 years old and older (See Bylaw 1.7 & 1.8).
- 4.19.2 There may be more than one horse per rider per class.
- 4.19.3 Over fences classes not to exceed in height.
- 4.19.4 Long Stirrup riders cannot cross-enter into any other GOHJA or USEF sanctioned classes of 18”or higher fence heights.
- 4.19.5 Rider may not have jumped fences over 18” in height at any GOHJA or USEF show.
- 4.19.6 Hunter under saddle – Rider will be required to walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring.
- 4.19.7 Two Hunter over fences – Riders will be required to canter the course.
- 4.19.8 Long Stirrup riders may relinquish their Long Stirrup status and on the same day go into another division whether held before or after the Long Stirrup classes.
- 4.19.9 Riders relinquishing their Long Stirrup status will retain all points or awards earned up to that point.
- 4.19.10 Long Stirrup riders may also enter flat equitation and under-saddle classes for which they are eligible.
- 4.19.11 There will be two awards presented for this division, one for each six-month period. The first award will be presented for points accumulated December through May and the second award will be presented for points accumulated June through November. Horses/ponies earning awards for the first six-month period are eligible for the second six-month period as long as they retain their Long Stirrup status.
- 4.19.12 Riders who have jumped fences over 18” in height at any GOHJA or USEF show may apply to the Hearings Committee

for reinstatement of their eligibility for Long Stirrups.
Reinstatement of eligibility shall be at the sole discretion of
the Hearings Committee.

4.19.13 Points are awarded to the horse/pony, in this division.

4.20 Children's Pony Hunter Division

4.20.1 Open to Junior riders only.

4.20.2 Open to ponies only.

4.20.3 Fence height is to be a choice of 2'0" or 2'6" There is to be no in-and-out. Lines will not be adjusted for pony heights.

4.20.4 Manners and suitability to be emphasized.

4.20.5 Children's Pony Hunter over fences – two (2) classes.

4.20.6 Children's Pony Hunter under saddle:

- a. Ponies to work at a walk, trot, canter and may be asked to hand gallop both ways of the ring.
- b. No more than eight (8) ponies to hand gallop at one time.
- c. No martingales.

4.20.7 The GOHJA and USEF age and height restrictions do not apply for this division. Any age child may show any height pony.

4.21 Low Adult Hunter Division

4.21.1 Open to Amateur riders (see Bylaw 1.8).

4.21.2 Open to horses and ponies.

4.21.3 Fence height is to be 2'6".

4.21.4 Manners and suitability to be emphasized.

4.21.5 Low Adult Hunter over fences – two (2) classes.

- 4.21.6 Low Adult Hunter under saddle:
- a. Horses/Ponies to work at walk, trot, canter and may be asked to hand gallop both ways of the ring.
 - b. No more than eight (8) to hand gallop at one time.
 - c. No martingales.
 - d. May be shown under saddle by any Amateur rider regardless of age.
- 4.21.7 Horse/Rider combination may not cross enter into the Modified Hunter, High Adult Hunter, or Junior/Amateur Hunter Divisions at the same show.

4.22 High Adult Hunter Division

- 4.22.1 Open to Amateur (see Bylaw 1.8).
- 4.22.2 Open to horses and ponies.
- 4.22.3 Fence height is to be 2'9" or 3'0.
- 4.22.4 Manners and suitability to be emphasized.
- 4.22.5 High Adult Hunter over fences – two (2) classes.
- 4.22.6 High Adult Hunter under saddle:
- a. Horses/Ponies to work at walk, trot, canter and may be asked to hand gallop both ways of the ring.
 - b. No more than eight (8) to hand gallop at one time.
 - c. No martingales.
 - d. May be shown under saddle by any Amateur rider regardless of age.
- 4.22.7 Horse/Rider combination may not cross enter into the Modified Hunter, Low Adult Hunter, or Junior/Amateur Hunter Divisions at the same show.

4.23 Low Children's Hunter Division

- 4.23.1 Open to Junior riders only.
- 4.23.2 Open to horses only.
- 4.23.3 Fence height is to be 2'6".
- 4.23.4 Low Children's Hunter over fences – two (2) classes.
- 4.23.5 Low Children's Hunter under saddle:
 - a. Horses to work at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring.
 - b. No hand gallop.
 - c. No martingales.
- 4.23.6 Horse/Rider combination may not cross enter into the Modified Hunter, High Children's Hunter, or Junior/Amateur Hunter Divisions at the same show.

4.24 High Children's Hunter Division

- 4.24.1 Open to Junior riders only.
- 4.24.2 Open to horses only.
- 4.24.3 Fence height is to be 2'9" or 3'0".
- 4.24.4 High Children's Hunter over fences – two (2) classes.
- 4.24.5 High Children's Hunter under saddle:
 - a. Horses to work at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring.
 - b. No hand gallop.
 - c. No martingales.
- 4.24.6 Horse/Rider combination may not cross enter into the Modified Hunter, Low Children's Hunter, or Junior/Amateur Hunter Divisions at the same show.

4.25 Modified Hunter Division

- 4.25.1 Open to Junior and Amateur riders only (see Bylaw 1.7 & 1.8).
- 4.25.2 Open to horses and ponies.
- 4.25.3 Fence height is to be 2'3", with no in-and-out.
- 4.25.4 Modified Hunter over fences – two (2) classes.
- 4.25.5 Modified Hunter under saddle:
 - a. Horses to work at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring.
 - b. No hand gallop.
 - c. No martingales.
- 4.25.6 Horse/Rider combination may not cross enter into the High Children's Hunter, Low Children's Hunter, High Adult Hunter, Low Adult Hunter or Junior/Amateur Hunter divisions at the same show.

4.26 Schooling Hunter Division

- 4.26.1 Open to Junior and Senior riders.
- 4.26.2 Open to horses and ponies.
- 4.26.3 Fence height is to be 2'9" or 3'3". No in-and-out required, but when used, should be twenty-four (24) feet.
- 4.26.4 Schooling Hunter over fences – two (2) classes.
- 4.26.5 Schooling Hunter under saddle:
 - a. Horses to work at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring.
 - b. No hand gallop.
 - c. No martingales.

4.27 Low Hunter Division

- 4.27.1 Open to Junior and Senior riders.
- 4.27.2 Open to horses and ponies.
- 4.27.3 Fence height is to be 2'3" or 2'6". No in-and-out required, but when used must be twenty-four (24) feet.
- 4.27.4 Low Hunter over fences – two (2) classes.
- 4.27.5 Low Hunter under saddle:
 - a. Horses to work at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring.
 - b. No hand gallop.
 - c. No martingales.

4.28 Baby Green Hunter Division

- 4.28.1 Open to Junior and Senior riders.
- 4.28.2 Open to horses and ponies in first or second year showing at GOHJA in classes that have not exceeded 2'.
- 4.28.3 Fence height is to be 2'. No in-and-out.
- 4.28.4 Baby Green Hunter over fences – two (2) classes.
- 4.28.5 Baby Green Hunter under saddle:
 - a. Horses to work at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring.
 - b. No hand gallop.
 - c. No martingales.
- 4.28.6 Horse/Rider combination may cross enter into any class with a fence height that is 2' or 2'3".

4.28.7 There will be two awards presented for this division, one for each six-month period. The first award will be presented for points accumulated December through May and the second award will be presented for points accumulated June through November. Horses/ponies earning awards for the first six-month period are eligible for the second six-month period as long as they retain their Baby Green status.

4.29 Green Hunter Division

4.29.1 Open to Junior and Senior riders.

4.29.2 Open to green horses only. A “green” horse is a horse of any age in his first or second year of showing at a GOHJA or USEF recognized show that requires horses to jump 2’9” or higher (3’6” USEF). When shown in a green division a horse in his first year of showing must show as a First Year Green Horse and a horse in his second year of showing must be shown as a Second Year Green Horse.

4.29.3 Fence height is to be:

- a. First Year Green – 2’9”
- b. Second Year Green – 3’

4.29.4 First Year Green Hunter over fences – two (2) classes.

4.29.5 Second Year Green Hunter over fences – two (2) classes.

4.29.6 Green Hunter under saddle:

- a. A horse entering this class shall be deemed to be a horse jumping 2’9” or higher, even if not entered in the over fences portion of the division.
- b. Horses to work at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring.
- c. No hand gallop.
- d. No martingales.

4.29.7 Reinstatement of Green Status: A horse that has been shown in not more than three (3) competitions of GOHJA or USEF (in any classes that require the horse to jump 2’9” or higher GOHJA or 3’6” or higher USEF) prior to June 1 of any year, may apply for the reinstatement of its green year. In order to

do so, the horse must be withdrawn from GOHJA competitions over 2'9" and USEF competitions over 3'6" for the remainder of the year and the owner must notify the GOHJA Recording Secretary that such has been withdrawn and state that it is reinstating its green status. The reinstatement exemption may be granted to a horse only one time, but may be granted for either first year green or second year green. Any show starting prior to June 1 will be regarded as prior to June 1 even if it ends on or after June 1. The letter requesting reinstatement must be postmarked by June 1.

4.29.8 See Rule 5.8.2 for division split requirements.

4.30 Open Hunter Division

4.30.1 Open to Junior and Senior riders.

4.30.2 Open to Horses only.

4.30.3 Fence height is to be a choice of 2'9" or 3'

4.30.4 Suitability and manners to be emphasized.

4.30.5 Open Hunter over fences – two (2) classes.

4.30.6 Open Hunter under saddle:

- a) Horses to work at a walk, trot, canter and may be asked to hand gallop both ways of the ring.
- b) No more than eight (8) to hand gallop at one time.
- c) No martingales.

4.31 Jumper Divisions

In jumper divisions, a minimum of two classes will be required at GOHJA sanctioned shows. This is also the maximum for a one-day show. Additional classes at a two-day show may be offered with prior Board approval.

4.32 Open Jumper Division – Level 1

4.32.1 Open to Junior and Senior riders.

4.32.2 Fence height to be a choice of 3' or 3'3" maximum with spreads not to exceed 3'0".

4.32.3 Classes must be completely defined as to eligibility and requirements in the horse show prize list.

4.32.4 Ribbons and points awarded include ties.

4.33 Open Jumper Division – Level 0

4.33.1 Open to Junior and Senior riders.

4.33.2 Fence height to be a choice of 2'6" or 2'9" maximum with spreads of 2'6".

4.33.3 Classes must be completely defined as to eligibility and requirements in the horse show prize list.

4.33.4 Ribbons and points awarded include ties.

4.34 Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper Division

4.34.1 Open to Junior and Amateur riders (See Bylaw 1.8).

4.34.2 Fence height is to be 3'0" maximum with spreads not to exceed 3'0".

4.34.3 Classes must be completely defined as to eligibility and requirements in the horse show prize list.

4.34.4 Ribbons and points awarded include ties.

4.35 Puddle Jumper Division

- 4.35.1 Open to Junior/Senior riders.
- 4.35.2 Fence height **is to be a choice of 2'0" or 2'3"** maximum with spreads not to exceed 2'0".
- 4.35.3 This is to be a beginner jumper division with courses designed appropriately. Only one (1) competitor completing the course is required for points to count.
- 4.35.4 Classes must be completely defined as to eligibility and requirements in the horse show prize list.
- 4.35.5 Ribbons and points awarded include ties.
- 4.35.6 Rider may not jump fences over 2'6" height at any GOHJA or USEF show

4.36 Unjudged Exhibitors

Exhibitors are not permitted to show or enter any sanctioned classes at a GOHJA show unjudged.

4.37 Warm-Up

The fence height for warm-up will be the height of the division with the lowest fence height for that day of the show in that ring.

4.38 Training Hunter/Jumper Class

4.38.1 Training Hunter/Jumper is a single, non-sanctioned class, which may be included in the prize list at the discretion of the Show Manager. If included, it must be run in accordance with the rules listed below and all other applicable GOHJA rules.

4.38.2 The Training Hunter/Jumper class is to be offered immediately before each division at the fence height for that division. If the division immediately following the Training Hunter/Jumper class has restrictions as to in-and-out length, fence spread, etc. these restrictions also apply to the Training Hunter/Jumper class. Riders must have pre-entered and must designate, before entering the ring, if their trip is to be counted as their Training Hunter/Jumper class.

4.38.3 Open to Junior and Senior riders.

4.38.4 Open to horses and ponies.

4.38.5 A single entry consists of a rider and horse/pony combination and additional entries may be ridden on the same horse/pony with a different rider (e.g.- 1st trip ridden by trainer/horse; second trip ridden by student/same horse; third trip ridden by another student/same horse).

4.38.6 May NOT be ridden immediately before the Walk-Trot class.

4.38.7 Training Hunter is to be judged as a Hunter Over Fences class; and Training Jumper is to be judged as a Jumper class.

- 4.38.8 Ribbons for Training Hunter are to be awarded based on Judge's numerical score for the round as per the Open Numerical Scoring System. A blue ribbon to be awarded for all scores greater than 75. A red ribbon to be awarded for all scores between 70 and 75, inclusive. Show Manager must provide ribbons, but is not required to provide additional prizes with the blue ribbons. Training Jumper receives a blue ribbon for a clear round.
- 4.38.9 This class will not count toward any mid-year or year-end award, or any horse show Championship.
- 4.38.10 The Training Hunter course must be a typical hunter course. The Training Jumper course must be a typical jumper course.

Awards

5.1 Eligibility for Points and Awards

- 5.1.1 Points that are earned during a show will not count for Mid-Year or Year-End awards unless the Member's dues have been paid before the end of that horse show or received (postmarked) by the GOHJA Membership Committee Chairperson by the end date of that show.
- 5.1.2 To be eligible for Mid-Year or Year-End awards, the rider must be a Member in Good Standing per Bylaw 1.9.

5.2 Minimum Entries and Minimum Places

- 5.2.1 Unless otherwise specified, there must be a minimum of two (2) entries to hold a sanctioned GOHJA class and no points will count toward GOHJA year-end awards unless one rider pins in the class.
- 5.2.2 In a hunter division, an exhibitor must participate and place in at least one of the over-fence classes in at least 3 shows in that division during the show season for the points to count. The exception of for the Baby Green and Cross Rail Hunter Divisions that have two awards presented for these divisions (one for each six-month period).
- 5.2.3 See High Point Awards (pg # 65) for calculations.

- 5.2.4 Show Manager must combine divisions with the same fence height when one of the divisions has a single rider (see 5.2.1 for accumulation of points) and apply the points appropriately to the rider's specific division. See following divisions:
 - 5.2.4.1 Short & Long Stirrups
 - 5.2.4.2 Low Adult & Low Childrens
 - 5.2.4.3 High Adult, High Childrens, and Jr./Amateur (must show at appropriate fence height)
 - 5.2.4.4 Schooling Hunter, Green Hunter and Open Hunter (must show at appropriate fence height)
 - 5.2.4.5 Junior/Amateur Hunter and Open Hunter (at appropriate fence height)
 - 5.2.4.6 Children's Pony Hunter and Modified Hunter (at appropriate fence height)
 - 5.2.4.7 Walk Trot Divisions (10 & under and 11 & over)
- 5.2.5 In Walk-Trot, all entries shall be placed, with a limitless tie for sixth place, and with all entries receiving points.
- 5.2.6 See section 4.9 for Medal, Pony Medal, Open Equitation Medal and Mini-Medal requirements. In the case of less than three (3) entries for a specific Medal Division, the following combinations would apply
 - 5.2.6.1 Mini Medal and Medal Division with only Tests 1-8 applicable. Fence height options will be 2'6" or 3'.
 - 5.2.6.2 Pony Medal and Open Equitation Medal fence height will be 2' or 2'3".
- 5.2.7 Judges shall place eight (8) entries on the judge's card for each class. Points are only awarded for the first six (6) places.

5.3 Championship of the Day

- 5.3.1 Championship for the day for the various divisions will be decided by the 7, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 point system for places 1 through 6, respectively.
- 5.3.2 In the case of a tie for Champion or Reserve Champion, all classes are weighted equally in equitation and jumper divisions. In all other divisions, the horse/pony with the

greater number of points received in the over fences classes(s) prevail. If still tied, the tie remains and there is no hack off.

5.4 Mid-Year and Year-End Points

- 5.4.1 Points for all Mid-Year and Year-End awards will be awarded by the 7, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 point system for places 1 through 6 respectively.
- 5.4.2 Ties will remain tied and receive duplicate prizes. After that, the next placing in order will be given (e.g. two riders tied for 2nd place – each will receive 2nd place prizes and the next in order will receive 3rd place).

5.5 Early Termination of Show

- 5.5.1 In the event the show is terminated (whether due to darkness, inclement weather or other emergency) prior to the completion of all scheduled classes, the following shall apply:
 - a. Only classes that have been completed will be pinned and have points awarded.
 - b. Classes in progress will be canceled and no points will be awarded.
 - c. All points awarded during the day in any division, including divisions not completed, shall count for all Mid-Year/Year-End awards.
 - d. If a horse show is unable to finish classes that would count toward a high point award, then no points for that particular high point award will be given at that particular show. For example, if all equitation classes at a show are not completed, the no equitation points are counted toward the James Stockman Memorial Award.
 - e. If all classes in a division are not completed, then there will be no Champion/Reserve Champion awarded for that division at that show.

5.6 Division Points

- 5.6.1 Points will be awarded in the divisions set forth in Rules Article IV, unless otherwise specified.
- 5.6.2 Points will be awarded only to the rider in the following divisions:
 - a. Walk-Trot
 - b. Short Stirrups
 - c. Long Stirrups
 - d. Equitation (including Medal, Pony Medal and Mini-Medal)
- 5.6.3 Points will be awarded to both the rider and the horse/pony in the following divisions:
 - a. Hunter
 - b. Jumper

5.7 Eight Places

All divisions will receive awards through eighth place for Mid-Year and Year-End awards.

5.8 Division Split

- 5.8.1 Green Hunter Division - The Green Hunter Division will be split for Year-End awards into First Year and Second Year. At an individual show, if there are two or more entries in each section, the division is to be split.
- 5.8.2 All Other Hunter Divisions - All other hunter divisions may be split at Show Manager's discretion. Any division with thirty (30) or more entries must be split.
- 5.8.3 Minimum Split - Any of the following divisions with thirteen (13) or more riders must be split: Walk-Trot, Short Stirrup, Long Stirrup, Cross Rail Hunter, Beginner or Baby Green Divisions
- 5.8.4 Section A/Section B Split (aka California Split)
 - a. If a division is split into Section A and Section B, the placings will be as follows:

- The overall winner is 1st place in Section A.
 - The overall 2nd place is 1st place in Section B.
 - The overall 3rd place is 2nd place in Section A and so on.
- b. For under saddle classes, all competitors will enter the ring together and will be placed according to the pattern above. If the class needs to be split for safety purposes, the judge is required to split the class in half and take out at least sixteen (16) between the two groups to complete the final cut.
- c. Splits for Walk-Trot Equitation, Walk-Trot Pleasure and Walk-Trot Poles (both age groups) will be determined in the Show Office.
- d. Splits for Cross Rail Equitation on the Flat and Cross Rail Hunter Under Saddle will be determined in the Show Office.
- e.

5.9 James A. Stockman Memorial High Point Equitation Rider Award

- 5.9.1 The James A. Stockman Memorial Award will be awarded to the rider that accumulates the highest number of points in the Equitation divisions and the Medal, Pony Medal, Mini-Medal, and Open Equitation Medal divisions for the show year.
- 5.9.2 A rider may only win this award once.
- 5.9.3 The Finals of the Medal/Mini-Medal/Pony Medal divisions (the November show) are exempted from the points to be accumulated toward this award.

5.10 High Point Awards

- 5.10.1 For all High Point Awards (Stockman, Rider, Horse/Pony and Jumper), the calculation for the awards will be based only on classes that have two or more riders who have competed and pinned.
- 5.10.2 Timing - High Point awards for the preceding show year will be given no later than the January horse show

5.11 High Point Rider

- 5.11.1 The High Point Rider Championship and Reserve Championship will be awarded to the two riders with the highest and second highest number of accumulated points for the show year.
- 5.11.2 Duplicate prizes will be awarded to riders that tie for the highest number of points. If two riders tie for High Point Rider, there will be no Reserve High Point Rider.
- 5.11.3 This award is open to Junior and Amateur riders only.
- 5.11.4 Once a rider has won the High Point Rider Championship, the rider is no longer eligible to compete for this award, either as Champion or Reserve Champion.
- 5.11.5 The Finals of the Medal/Mini-Medal/Pony Medal divisions (the November show) are exempted from the points to be accumulated toward this award.

5.12 High Point Horse/Pony

The High Point Horse/Pony award will be awarded to the horse/pony accumulating the most points for the show year. Jumper Division points are to be excluded from this Award.

5.13 High Point Jumper

The High Point Jumper award will be awarded to the horse/pony accumulating the most points in the Children's/Amateur Jumper and Open Jumper divisions for the show year.

5.14 New Awards

Any new Year-End or Mid-Year awards must be approved by the Awards Review Committee (See Bylaw 5.12).

Protests, Charges, Reinstatement, and Clarifications

6.1 Protests: A protest is a request or demand for review and possible action to discover and correct unfairness, errors, incorrect action or effect deemed to have occurred at a GOHJA horse show.

- 6.1.1 Protests may be made only by members in good standing and may be made by an exhibitor, owner, agent, trainer or the parent of a junior exhibitor for any violation of the rules.
- 6.1.2 All protests must be made in writing.
- 6.1.3 All protests must be accompanied by a non-refundable \$25.00 fee payable to GOHJA.
- 6.1.4 The written protest and fee must be delivered in accordance with Article VII - Notices, within two days after the close of the show at which the alleged infraction occurred.
- 6.1.5 Hearings must declare the validity of the protest as part of the hearings process, regardless of the outcome of the hearing.

6.2 Charges

A charge is a claim of inappropriate or incorrect conduct, action and/or standing. It is often the trigger for investigation and/or referral to an appropriate committee, the BOD or Hearings for resolution.

- 6.2.1 Anyone making a charge must be a member in good standing. Charges may be made by the Show Steward, Licensee, Show Manager, Show Secretary, Show Veterinarian or a member of the Board, or the Board as a group for any violation of the rules.
- 6.2.2 All charges must be made in writing.

- 6.2.3 The written charge(s) must be delivered, in accordance with Article VII - Notices, within 6 months of alleged infractions, if related to licensed shows, and within 3 months for any charge not show-related.
- 6.2.4 If the alleged infraction occurs other than at or during a show, the charge(s) must be delivered to the Chairperson of Stewards and Chairperson of the Hearings Committee within a reasonable time. These Chairs must fully inform the President in a timely way. The BOD will decide if the charge needs to go to Hearings for resolution.
- 6.2.5 No fee is required when filing charges.

6.3 Reinstatement

- 6.3.1 A written request for reinstatement of status for the following divisions may be mailed or emailed to the Chairperson of the Hearing Committee and to the Chair of Stewards committee:

Walk, Walk Trot, Cross Rail Equitation, Short Stirrup, Long Stirrup, Beginner Rider, Baby Green Hunter, 1st Year Green Hunter, 2nd Year Green Hunter, and Amateur Status.
- 6.3.2 Any member submitting a request for reinstatement (of eligibility to compete in a specific division) must be a member in good standing
- 6.3.3 The request must in writing, delivered in accordance with Article VII - Notices, and include all relevant information such as name, division relating to the request, reason for the request, show record, and any additional information that the petitioner would like to submit. Petitioner is obligated to provide to Hearings, to the degree possible, any information requested as relevant.

6.3.4 Normal process for consideration and review of the petitioner's request is 3-4 weeks. If time is of the essence due to an upcoming show, that urgency must be declared at the time of the request and will be considered and expedited, to the degree possible, by the Hearings Committee.

6.3.5 A non-refundable fee in the amount of \$25 payable to GOHJA.

6.4 Clarification:

When there is need for clarification, usually the appropriate committee can address the request. In the event of confusion or lack of rules or precedent, likely the work to clarify would be done in appropriate committee. If there is an unresolvable conflict, then the appropriate committee, the President or the Board of Directors can refer the issue to the Hearings Committee to convene to resolve the confusion. Timing for a clarification hearing may not be as strict as for protests, charges, etc., but would not exceed 6 months.

6.5 Payment of Fines

6.5.1 Unless otherwise specified in these rules, all fines shall be due within fifteen (15) days of written notice of same, even if an appeal is in process. For this purpose, written notice shall be deemed given when sent by United States Mail, postage prepaid, to the address shown in the GOHJA records or emailed in accordance with Article VII - Notices.

6.5.2 Failure to pay fines when due may subject Show Licensee or individuals to further review by the Hearings Committee for further sanctions.

6.6 Appeal

6.6.1 Show Licensee or individuals wishing to appeal penalties may request review by the Hearings Committee, and must be members in good standing.

- 6.6.2 All such requests must be made in writing, accompanied by a \$100 nonrefundable fee and delivered in accordance with Article VII - Notices to the Chairperson of the Hearings Committee and to the Chairperson of Stewards.
- 6.6.3 Requests to convene a Hearing for the purpose of making an objection to the levy of a fine, must be made before the 15 day required payment period expires and delivered in accordance with Article VII - Notices.
- 6.6.4 Upon appeal, the Hearings Committee may reduce or waive any penalty imposed by these rules, or any penalty previously imposed by the Hearings Committee, if good cause is shown.

Notices

- 7.1.1 Unless otherwise provided in the Rules and Regulations or the Bylaws, all protests, charges, reinstatement, appeals and all notices with respect to fines, penalties, hearings and/or rules violations and reinstatements must be in writing, accompanied by specific fee, made only by a member in good standing and addressed to both the Hearings and Stewards chairpersons. Those chairpersons must keep the President informed in a timely way.
- 7.1.2 All such notices shall be deemed delivered when actually received by the addressee unless the same shall be mailed by United States Certified mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the party to whom it is intended at such party's last known address as shown in the GOHJA records, in which event notice shall be deemed given when so mailed. Email is also fully acceptable, with receipt acknowledgement requested. When two attempts to give notice are met with no response, notice will be considered to have been given. It is recommended, but not required, that text, phone, etc., also be attempted when there is no response.
- 7.1.3 If notice is refused by the addressee, then refusal will be considered a response. And notice will be deemed given.

- 7.1.4 In addition, notice may be given to any person in any manner provided by Chapter 48 of the Florida Statutes, which would permit a court of competent jurisdiction in Florida to acquire personal jurisdiction over such party.
- 7.1.5 This provision shall supersede any USEF rule on the subject.

Changes to the Rules and Regulations

8.1 Changes to the Rules and Regulations

- 8.1.1 Additions and changes to the Constitution, Bylaws or Rules and Regulations may be made by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of Board members in attendance at a Board of Directors meeting in which a quorum is attained.
 - 8.1.1.1 Action may be taken by the Board of Directors without a meeting and is nevertheless an action of the Board of Directors if a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members is reached in writing or by electronic transmission as long as the writing or writings or electronic transmission or transmissions are filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Directors after the action is taken.
- 8.1.2 The Rules and Regulations Committee Chairperson is responsible for sending copies of the proposed changes to all Board members at least one (1) week prior to the date on which an action is scheduled to occur (physical or electronic). Failure to meet this deadline will result in the proposed changes being eliminated from the next Board meeting agenda.
- 8.1.3 The effective date of a change to the Constitution, Bylaws or Rules and Regulations will be decided at the time of Board approval of that change.

Applicability of USEF Rules

9.1 Applicability of USEF Rules

- 9.1.1 It is the intent of the Association that the rules of the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) shall govern GOHJA except to the extent GOHJA rules or bylaws conflict. In the event of a conflict between a GOHJA rule or bylaw and an USEF rule, the GOHJA rule or bylaw shall prevail.
- 9.1.2 In applying the USEF rules to GOHJA, the term “GOHJA” shall be substituted for the term “USEF” unless the context clearly indicates that the term USEF should apply. Further, if the USEF rule provides for an action by an official or committee that has a GOHJA counterpart, although by a different name, that rule shall apply with respect to the GOHJA counterpart.
- 9.1.3 Any amendment to the USEF rules by the USEF shall be regarded as an amendment to the GOHJA rules unless GOHJA already has, or adopts, a conflicting rule or bylaw.

9.2 Rules Not Applicable

The following USEF rules shall not apply to the GOHJA:

- 9.2.1 Chapter 2 “Membership Classifications and Requirements”
- 9.2.2 Chapter 3 “Competition Licensing”
- 9.2.3 Chapter 4 “Drugs and Medication”
- 9.2.4 Subchapter 5-B “Measurement of Entries; Procedures”
- 9.2.5 Subchapter 8-B “Conduct of Licensed Competitions; Competition Awards, Honors, and Prizes”
- 9.2.6 Chapter 9 “Competition Prize Lists and Entries”
- 9.2.7 Chapter 11 “Federation Records and Awards”

- 9.2.8 Subchapter 10-A “Licensed Officials; Licensed Officials’ Committee”
- 9.2.9 Subchapter 10-B “Licensed Officials; General Rules and Fees”
- 9.2.10 Subchapter 10-C “Licensed Officials; Classifications - Judges”
- 9.2.11 Subchapter 10-D “Licensed Officials; Classifications - Stewards”
- 9.2.12 Subchapter 10-E “Licensed Officials; Classifications – Technical Delegates”
- 9.2.13 Subchapter 10-F “Licensed Officials; Classifications – Course Designers”
- 9.2.14 Subchapter 10-G “Licensed Officials; Classifications – Other”
- 9.2.15 Subchapter 10-I “Licensed Officials; License Applications, Enrollment, Promotion, and Maintenance”
- 9.2.16 Chapter AL “Andalusian/Lusitano Division”
- 9.2.17 Chapter AR “Arabian, Half-Arabian & Anglo-Arabian Division”
- 9.2.18 Chapter CO “Connemara Division”
- 9.2.19 Chapter CP “Carriage Pleasure Driving Division”
- 9.2.20 Chapter DR “Dressage Division”
- 9.2.21 Chapter DC “Driving – Combined Driving Division”
- 9.2.22 Chapter EN “Endurance Division”
- 9.2.23 Subchapter EQ-3 “Equitation Divisions; Saddle Seat Equitation Section”

- 9.2.24 Subchapter EQ-4 “Equitation Divisions; Western Seat/Reining Seat Equitation Section”
- 9.2.25 Chapter EV “Eventing Division”
- 9.2.26 Chapter FR “Fresian Division”
- 9.2.27 Chapter HK “Hackney Division”
- 9.2.28 Chapter HB “Hunter Breeding Division”
- 9.2.29 Rule HP101 #10 “Ponies shown by adults at a Licensed Competition cannot compete in any rated Pony Hunter sections at the same competition with a junior rider.”
- 9.2.30 Chapter MO “Morgan Division”
- 9.2.31 Chapter NS “National Show Horse Division”
- 9.2.32 Chapter PH “Parade Horse and Saddle Horse or Pony, Western Equipment Division”
- 9.2.33 Chapter PF “Paso Fino Division”
- 9.2.34 Chapter RN “Reining Horse Division”
- 9.2.35 Chapter RD “Roadster Division”
- 9.2.36 Chapter SB “Saddlebred Horse Division”
- 9.2.37 Chapter SP “Shetland Pony Division”
- 9.2.38 Chapter VA “Vaulting Division”
- 9.2.39 Chapter WL “Welsh Pony and Cob Division”
- 9.2.40 Chapter WS “Western Division”

9.3 Clarifications

The following USEF rules are clarified as they relate to the GOHJA as follows:

- 9.3.1 Rule V Clarification: A measurement shall not be required by GOHJA for any horse/pony having a current or permanent USEF card or other card acceptable to the USEF under its rules unless a protest is filed, in which event Rule V, Chapter IV of the USEF rules shall apply.
- 9.3.2 Rule V Clarification: Measurement shall be made by the GOHJA Show Steward.
- 9.3.3 Rule VI Clarification: The construction and application of GOHJA rules and USEF rules as they govern GOHJA shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida.
- 9.3.4 Rule VI Clarification: All hearings shall be before the Hearings Committee unless GOHJA rules provide otherwise.
- 9.3.5 Rule VI, Article 605, paragraph 2 is modified to substitute “45 days” for “60 days” and the “Hearing Committee” is substituted for “Federation Office”.
- 9.3.6 Rule VI, Article 606 is modified to delete the continuance fee.
- 9.3.7 Rule XI, Chapter VI Clarification: USEF rules applicable to the “Technical Delegate” shall apply to the GOHJA Steward.
- 9.3.8 Rule III, Chapter XI, Article 341 Clarification: Any question not covered by the rules shall be decided by Show Manager after consultation with the Steward at the competition at which the question arises. Such decisions are reviewable by the Hearings Committee.

RECORD OF REVISIONS

Page	Date	Description of Change
All	12/01/2004	<p>Created electronic version of Rule Book for publication on the GOHJA web site (www.gohja.org).</p> <p>Replaced all references to AHSA with appropriate reference to USEF.</p> <p>Various format, spelling, grammar and punctuation corrections.</p> <p>Updated page numbers, section and paragraph numbers and Table of Contents in as required by changes listed herein.</p> <p>Added disclaimer on title page.</p> <p>Defined membership effectivity (Bylaw 1.4).</p> <p>Defined Senior status (Bylaw 1.7).</p> <p>Defined Amateur status (Bylaw 1.8).</p> <p>Defined Member in Good Standing (Bylaw 1.9).</p> <p>Defined incomplete membership application (Bylaw 2.1).</p> <p>Defined Organization membership (Bylaw 2.4).</p> <p>Clarified requirements to pass an action by the Board (Bylaw 3.1).</p> <p>Moved discussion of points eligibility from Bylaw 1.6 to Rules Article V.</p> <p>Added Bylaw 5.11 regarding members of the Awards Review Committee.</p> <p>Moved requirements for jumps and courses from Bylaw 5.1.2A to Rule 1.24.</p> <p>Added Rule 2.10 regarding fall of horse or rider.</p> <p>Added Rule 2.11 regarding back-to-back classes.</p> <p>Added Rule 2.12 regarding proper attire.</p> <p>Added Rules 3.1.3 & 3.1.4 regarding effectivity and expiration of horse registration.</p> <p>Added Rules 4.13.7, 4.14.7, 4.15.7, 4.16.6, 4.18.6, regarding conflicting divisions.</p> <p>Added previously approved Training Hunter Class Rule 4.23.</p> <p>Added previously approved change to Hopeful Jumper fence heights (Rule 4.27.2).</p> <p>Changed title of Rule 5.1 from "Payment of Membership Fees" to "Eligibility for Points and Awards".</p> <p>Added Rule 5.1.2 regarding registration of horses/ponies for points.</p> <p>Added Rule 5.4.2 regarding ties for Year End awards.</p> <p>Revised name of the James A. Stockman High Point Equitation Award and added restriction on multiple wins (Rule 5.9).</p> <p>Added rules for the Margaret Crane Memorial Classic (Rule 5.10).</p> <p>Added rules for the High Point Jumper Award (Rule 5.14).</p> <p>Added rules for the High Point Adult Hunter Award (Rule 5.15).</p> <p>Added USEF Rule XXXIX, Rule XXII Chapter III, and Rule XXII Chapter IV to Rule 9.2.</p> <p>Added USEF Article 704 to Rule 9.4.</p> <p>Added Record of Revisions page.</p>
Cover	12/13/2004	<p>Added "Updated 12/13/2004" under effective date.</p>

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Page	Date	Description of Change
iv	12/13/2004	Updated Table of Contents due to deletion of Margaret Crane rules.
60-61	12/13/2004	Added rule 5.9.3 Deleted rules for Margaret Crane Memorial Classic Renumbered rules 5.10 thru 5.16 as a result of deleting the Margaret Crane rules.
62	12/13/2004	Page left blank due to deletion of Margaret Crane rules.
4	10/10/2005	Added bylaw 2.6 regarding Lifetime memberships.
2	10/10/2005	Added "except Lifetime" to bylaw 1.5, regarding expiration of memberships.
3	12/12/2005	Deleted "has no unresolved charges or protests pending against them" from Bylaw 1.9. Deleted "has no sanctions levied against them for violations of the GOHJA rules" from Bylaw 1.9. Added "has no penalties levied against them by the Hearings Committee which specifically revoke their status as a Member in Good Standing." to Bylaw 1.9
9	12/12/2005	Deleted "The Chairperson of the committee shall administer an open-book test to all new stewards. The Chairperson shall facilitate scheduling the requirement of a full day of guest stewarding (or more if deemed necessary by the committee Chairperson) by applicants." from Bylaw 5.2.2.
9	12/12/2005	Added "The Chairperson's GOHJA membership dues will be waived." and "Any individual serving as a Show Steward will have their GOHJA membership dues waived for that show year." to Bylaw 5.2.2
9	12/12/2005	Added Bylaw 5.2.3 regarding the requirements to become a steward.
9	12/12/2005	Added "Copies of the Show Report Form will be furnished to each Steward by the Chairperson of the Stewards Committee." to Bylaw 5.2.4.
10	12/12/2005	Added "For rule infractions reported by a Show Steward on their Show Report, which do not involve safety or sportsmanship issues, the Chairperson may levy a fine in lieu of filing formal charges. This fine will be \$25 for the first offense within an eighteen (18) month period, \$50 for the second offense within an eighteen (18) month period and \$100 and referral of the issue to the Hearings Committee for the third offense within an eighteen (18) month period." to Bylaw 5.2.5
10	12/12/2005	Deleted Bylaw 5.2.7 " All recognized stewards must be Senior members in good standing with the GOHJA."
26	12/12/2005	Deleted "The services of a recognized steward must be obtained prior to the show." and added "The Chairperson of the Stewards Committee will be responsible for assigning Steward(s) for each GOHJA sanctioned show and for informing Show Management of the assignment." to Rule 1.16.1.

Page	Date	Description of Change
26	12/12/2005	Deleted "The steward's fee for each sanctioned show shall be \$100.00 per day and is nonrefundable. If jumper classes are held on a preceding show night, the steward's fee will be a minimum of \$25.00. In the event a Stewards Committee is used, the head steward shall be paid \$100.00, and the other two stewards paid \$40.00 each, per show day. The steward's fees shall be paid by Show Management to the steward(s) on or before the day of the show. Failure to pay the fees by the day of the show will result in a fine of \$100.00." from Rule 1.16.3. Added "Stewards will be paid by GOHJA at consistent rate set by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will periodically review this rate. In the event a stewards committee is used, the payment will be split between the members of the committee." to Rule 1.16.3.
27	12/12/2005	Added Rules 1.16.4 and 1.16.5 regarding Steward's schedule and fees for Steward services.
55	08/14/2006	Added "even if not entered in the over fences portion of the division" to Rule 4.21.6a.
56	08/14/2006	Deleted "hunter" from first and second sentences of Rule 4.23.2. Added "must have pre-entered and" to third sentence of Rule 4.23.2
57	08/14/2006	Deleted "equitation class" from Rule 4.23.6 Added Rule 4.23.10 "The course must be a typical hunter course."
All	08/14/2006	Deleted revision dates from page footers. Repaginated.
27	11/13/2006	Deleted Rule 1.16.5 "Show Management will be assessed a fee for Steward services at a consistent rate set by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will periodically review this rate. This fee must be paid to the Treasurer in advance of the show or to the Show Steward at the conclusion of the show. If this fee is not paid by the close of the show, Show Management will be assessed a fine of \$100."
33	12/11/2006	Rule 2.1 was "The GOHJA will adhere to the USEF's ruling on protective headgear as it may be in effect from time to time. The rule as of September 1, 1984 is as follows: All Juniors riding in Hunter, Jumper and Hunter Seat Equitation sections cannot ride anywhere on the show grounds without wearing protective headgear passing testing standards. Harnesses must be secured and if said headgear has a brim, it must be flexible or semi-flexible. Any rider violating this rule at any time must be immediately prohibited from further riding until his/her headgear is properly in place. Adult riders are encouraged to comply with this rule; however, it is not mandatory."
5	01/08/2007	Added "All meetings of the Association, its Board of Directors and committees shall be governed by the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised in all cases in which it applies." to Bylaw 3.1

Page	Date	Description of Change
5	01/08/2007	Bylaw 3.2 was “The Board of Directors shall consist of no more than forty members. All Senior members in good standing are eligible to be elected to the Board or Directors. The immediate past president of the Association shall be an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors for one year. The immediate past president shall be subject to the attendance requirements set forth in Bylaw Section 3.3”.
5-6	01/08/2007	Bylaw 3.4 was “Election - The President shall appoint a nominating committee during September of each year to propose a slate of candidates for the following year’s Board of Directors. The proposed slate will be approved at a meeting of the Board in October. The ballot containing the proposed slate will be mailed to all Senior members for voting.”
6-7	01/08/2007	Added Bylaw 3.5 “Election of Board of Directors”.
8	01/08/2007	Added “Immediate Past President” to Bylaw 4.1.
17	01/08/2007	Added “All meetings of the Association, its Board of Directors and committees shall be governed by the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised in all cases in which it applies.” to Bylaw 5.14
All	01/08/2007	Repaginated
25	06/11/2006	Rule 1.13.1, first sentence was “A GOHJA sanctioned show will be responsible for mailing one Prize List to each member of the GOHJA to be post-marked at least fourteen (14) days in advance for one-day shows, and at least eighteen (18) days in advance for two-day shows”.
43	10/08/2007	Rule 3.4 was “Ponies that do not have a current USEF or GOHJA measurement card cannot show in the Pony Division until they have been officially measured by the Show Steward. Ponies must be measured each show year until they reach the age of six. After reaching the age of six, ponies that do not have a current or permanent USEF card will be issues a permanent GOHJA measurement card and will be recorded on the GOHJA official measurement list. To obtain a permanent GOHJA measurement card, the owner must provide a statement of age from their veterinarian and/or breed registration certificate showing age.”
74-78	11/27/2007	Updated verbiage of Rule 9.4 to reflect 2008 USEF verbiage.
49	02/01/2008	Added “and ponies” to Mini-Medal Rule 4.9.7b. Added “Lines and fences will not be adjusted for ponies.” to Mini-Medal Rule 4.9.7c.
49	04/14/2008	Pony Medal tests were 1-9 in Rule 4.9.8.e.
5	05/12/2008	Added “except a change in the Constitution, Bylaws or Rules and Regulations” to second sentence of Bylaw 3.1.
69	05/12/2008	Rule 8.1.1 was “Additions and changes to the Constitution, Bylaws or Rules and Regulations may be made by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of a quorum present at a Board meeting.”
5	05/12/2008	Third sentence of Bylaw 3.1 was “A quorum is 50% of the Board members plus one.”
6	05/12/2008	Bylaw 3.4, third paragraph, first sentence was “The Nominating Committee will announce the start of the nominating process to the membership via email and an announcement posted on the GOHJA website.”

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Page	Date	Description of Change
16	05/12/2008	Deleted "The duties of the committee shall include the publication and distribution of the newsletter to the General Membership." from Bylaw 5.8.
26	05/12/2008	Show day membership fee was \$5.00.
33	05/12/2008	Show day membership fee was \$5.00.
28	05/12/2008	Added "or other method which is acceptable to the Recording Secretary "to Rule 1.15, fifth sentence.
31-32	05/12/2008	Rule 1.19.5, required entry blank verbiage was "Every entry at a recognized show shall constitute an agreement and affirmation that all participants (which include, without limitation, the owner, lessee, trainer, manager, agent, coach, rider and the horse/pony): (1) Shall be subject to the constitution and rules of the association and the local rules of the show; (2) Represent that every horse/pony and rider is eligible as entered; (3) Agree that the rider and the owner/lessee and any of their representatives are bound by the constitution and rules of the GOHJA/USEF and the show will accept as final the decision of the Hearings Committee on any question arising under said rules and agree to hold the show, the GOHJA, the USEF, their officials, directors and employees harmless for any action taken; (4) Agree that they participate voluntarily in the competition fully aware that horse sports and the show involve inherent dangerous risk and by participating they EXPRESSLY assume any and all risks of serious injury or death, and by participating they expressly assume any and all risks of injury or loss, and they agree to indemnify and hold the GOHJA USEF, their show and their officials, directors, employees and agents harmless for any injury or loss suffered during or in connection with the show, whether or not such claim, injury or loss resulted, directly or indirectly, from the negligent acts of omissions of said officials, directors, employees or agents of the GOHJA, USEF or show."
33	05/12/2008	Deleted "The trainer of the rider and horse/pony shall be responsible for the compliance of the rider and owner/lessee." from Rule 1.19.5.
33	05/12/2008	Deleted "It is the responsibility of the trainer to see that these membership requirements are met." from Rule 1.19.6.
36	05/12/2008	Moved "Classes Cancelled - If for any reason a horse show is unable to finish classes that would count toward a high point award, then no points for that particular high point award will be given at that particular show. For example, if all the equitation classes at a show are not completed, the no equitation points are counted toward the James Stockman Memorial Award." from Rule 2.4 to Rule 5.5.1.
62	05/12/2008	Added "If a horse show is unable to finish classes that would count toward a high point award, then no points for that particular high point award will be given at that particular show. For example, if all equitation classes at a show are not completed, the no equitation points are counted toward the James Stockman Memorial Award." to Rule 5.5.1

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62	05/12/2008	Added "If all classes in a division are not completed, then there will be no Champion/Reserve Champion awarded for that division at that show." to Rule 5.5.1.
41	05/12/2008	Added "Training Hunter classes, as defined in section 4.23, are excluded from this limitation." to Rule 2.11
74-78	05/12/2008	Deleted Rule 9.4 which was a reprint of USEF rules GR701 thru GR704 on violations, penalties and suspended persons.
15	05/12/2008	Deleted Bylaw 5.7 Junior Board Committee "The Committee Chairperson shall be a Senior member of the Association and will serve as the Senior Board liaison with the Junior Board of Directors. The Chairperson is responsible for assisting in the coordination of the meetings and functions of the Junior Board, ensuring that minutes of the meetings are presented at the following Board of Directors meeting, and ensuring the notification of the Junior Board members of all Junior Board meetings. The Junior Board shall consist of Junior members. The Junior Board shall elect a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer."
17	05/12/2008	Added "including a Junior Board Committee, "to Bylaw 5.17.
50	05/12/2008	Rule 4.9.10.a was "The eight (8) riders (not places) that have..."
All	05/12/2008	Regapinated.
Multi.	06/092008	Updated references to USEF rule numbers.
72	06/092008	Added USEF rule HP 101 #10 to Rule 9.2
6	09/14/2009	Nomination qualification rule was "A prerequisite for nomination will be active service on a GOHJA committee or event for at least 6 months prior to the application and the individual must have attended a minimum of 3 Board meetings within the preceding 12 months."
31	12/14/2009	Rule 1.24.1 was "No PVC rails or standards are to be used in the practice areas."
34-35	12/14/2009	Rule 2.6.3 was "All nonsanctioned classes, with the exception of the Training Hunter class, shall be held after the completion of all sanctioned classes scheduled for that day. This rule does not apply to any ring in which ONLY nonsanctioned classes are held. Any ring holding sanctioned classes takes priority over a ring holding nonsanctioned classes."
36	12/14/2009	Rule 2.7.2, first sentence was "There must be a minimum of two (2) oxers, or spread-type jumps, in each course, with the exception of Long Stirrup and Short Stirrup courses."
36	12/14/2009	Rule 2.7.2.2 was "Lines for the Large Pony courses will be measured on the eleven and one-half (11-1/2) foot stride and will be posted on the course diagram. Lines for any class 3'3" in height or higher will be opened a minimum of two (2) feet. This will be posted on the course diagram."
39	12/14/2009	Added rule 2.13 regarding M&S classes.
47	12/14/2009	Deleted USEF age restrictions apply for the height of the pony ridden." from Rule 4.9.8a.
47	12/14/2009	Pony Medal fence height was 2'3" (rule 4.9.8c).
49	12/14/2009	Added Rule 4.11, Cross Rail Division rules.
49	12/14/2009	Deleted Rule 4.11 Pony Hunter (Small, Medium, Large) division rules.

Page	Date	Description of Change
50	12/14/2009	Children's Pony Hunter fence height was 2'3" (rule 4.12.3).
50	12/14/2009	Deleted Rule 4.12.8 "Riders and/or Ponies may cross enter into the Pony Hunter division where eligible."
50	12/14/2009	Deleted Rule 4.12.9 "This division will not count toward the year-end High Point Pony award."
50	12/14/2009	Rule 4.13.7 was "... may not cross enter into either Adult Hunter Division, the Children's Hunter Division, the Modified Adult Hunter Division or the Modified Children's Hunter Division...".
51	12/14/2009	Deleted Rule 4.14 Adult Hunter 18-31 division rules.
51	12/14/2009	Deleted Rule 4.15 Adult Hunter 31 & Older division rules.
51	12/14/2009	Added Rule 4.14 Low Adult Hunter division rules.
51-52	12/14/2009	Added Rule 4.15 High Adult Hunter division rules.
52	12/14/2009	Deleted Rule 4.16 Modified Adult Hunter division rules.
52	12/14/2009	Deleted Rule 4.17 Children's Hunter division rules.
52	12/14/2009	Deleted Rule 4.18 Modified Children's Hunter division rules.
52	12/14/2009	Added Rule 4.16 Low Children's Hunter division rules.
52	12/14/2009	Added Rule 4.17 High Children's Hunter division rules.
53	12/14/2009	Added Rule 4.18 Modified Hunter division rules.
54	12/14/2009	Deleted Rule 4.20.6 "See Rule 5.8.3 for division split requirements."
55	12/14/2009	Rule 4.22.3 was "Fence height is to be 3'6"."
61	12/14/2009	Deleted Rule 5.8.1 "Pony Hunter Division - The Pony Hunter Division will be split for Year-End awards into Small, Medium and Large. This division split is optional at each show."
61	12/14/2009	Deleted Rule 5.8.3 "Low Hunter Division - The Low Hunter Division must be split at each show into Section A and Section B. The division will also be split for Year-End awards. See section 5.8.5 for requirements for splitting into Section A and Section B."
63	12/14/2009	Deleted Rule 5.12 "The High Point Pony award will be awarded to the pony accumulating the most points in the Pony Hunter (Small, Medium or Large) division for the show year."
63	12/14/2009	Rule 5.13 was "...accumulating the most points in the Adult Hunter 18-30 or Adult Hunter 31 & Older divisions..."
i-iv	12/14/2009	Updated Table of Contents
All	12/14/2009	Repaginated
47	08/23/2010	Rule 4.9.7c was "Fence height is to be 2'9", with no in-and-out. "
38	08/23/2010	Rule 2.10 was "A courtesy fence is not permitted following a fall of the horse/pony or rider in any class."
37	12/01/10	New 2.7.5 - Beginner hunter classes will not have oxers that exceed 15"
37	12/01/10	New 2.7.7 - Coops or in and outs may not be used to start a course. Oxers may be used as the first jump in classes 2'6" or higher, with the exception of pony divisions.
56	12/01/10	Rule 4.23.5 was "May only be ridden once per ring per horse/pony"
59	12/01/10	Rule 5.2.1 was "walk trot only requires one entry" and Rule 5.2.2 was "All other divisions require at least two entries"

Page	Date	Description of Change
61	12/01/10	New 5.8.3. Minimum split - Any of the following divisions with 13 or more riders must be split: Walk/Trot; Short Stirrup; Long Stirrup; Cross Rail Hunter; Beginner or Baby Green divisions, Current 5.8.3 becomes 5.8.4
67	12/01/10	Add - (8.1.1.1) re. electronic transmission for a vote on rule changes. (8.1.2) Edit-add physical or electronic delivery and delete next regularly scheduled board meeting
3	10/12/11	New 1.10 Membership and horse/pony recordings received by January 31 st of the show year will have points earned from the December and January shows awarded retroactively. (Also see cross-reference on page 40)
3	10/12/11	New 1.11 Exhibitors have until the Friday following any GOHJA show to obtain membership or record a horse/pony. Show points earned will be counted for that show month. (Also see cross-reference on page 40)
11	10/12/11	5.2.4 – Edit last sentence to read: The Steward’s Report must be completed by the Steward and Show Management at the close of the Show. The Report must then be delivered to the Stewards’ Committee Chairperson within five (5) working days of the close of the show and shall be submitted to the Board of Directors at its next meeting.
16	10/12/11	Edit 5.10.5 - change “mail” to: “mail or forward electronically”
40	10/12/11	Horse/pony recordings received by January 31 st of the show year will have points earned from the December and January shows awarded retroactively.
40	10/12/11	Exhibitors have until the Friday following any GOHJA show to obtain membership or record a horse/pony. Show points earned will be counted for that show month.
59	10/12/11	New 5.2.2 – All sanctioned divisions may be run with a single rider. However, Management has the option to combine divisions with the same fence height when one of the divisions has a single rider (see 5.2.1 for accumulation of points). (Current 5.2.2 becomes 5.2.3 and remaining paragraphs renumbered.)
24	12/12/11	Add 1.11.4 – Paramedic Fee – One paramedic fee will be charged per entry number (horse/rider combination). A second rider for that entry number may only be a professional and will not be charged a second paramedic fee for that entry.
39	12/12/11	New - 2.13.1 – The Marshall & Sterling Pony Medal must be held as a separate class, not in conjunction with the GOHJA Pony Medal.
43	12/12/11	New 4.2.4 – Short Stirrup riders cannot cross-enter into any other GOHJA or USEF sanctioned classes of 2’ or higher fence heights. (current 4.2.4 becomes 4.2.5 and the remaining paragraphs renumbered.)
59	12/12/11	Add - 5.2.2 – See High Point Awards (page # 62) for high point award calculations.

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62	12/12/11	New - 5.10 <u>High-Point Awards</u> 5.10.1 <u>Awards Calculation</u> For all High Point Awards (Stockman, Rider, Horse/Pony and Jumper), the calculation for the awards will be based only on classes that have two or more riders who have competed and pinned. 5.10.2 <u>Timing</u> (moved from 5.14) High Point Awards for the preceding show year will be given no later than the January horse show. (Current 5.10 becomes 5.11 and all subsequent sub-numbers change.)
63	12/12/11	Delete previous 5.13 – High Point Adult Hunter
6	2/2013	Edits – 3.5 – <u>Election of Board of Directors</u> - Change to allow for electronic distribution of ballots
24	2/2013	New – 1.11.5 – <u>Paramedic</u> – If a competitor rides prior to arrival they ride at own risk.
24	2/2013	Edits – 1.13 – <u>Prize Lists</u> – To allow for electronic transmission of prize lists.
40	2/2013	Article III – Registration of Horses/Ponies – Eliminated 3.1 – Registration and 3.2 – Lessee. Renumbered remainder of Article.
47	2/2013	Edits – 4.9.10 – Year-end Finals – Add that any rider who has won a Medal class will be eligible to compete in the Finals.
49	2/2013	Edits – 4.11 – Cross Rail Hunter Division – Add that Professional rider/horse combination may not compete more than 6 times in the division.
53	2/2013	Delete – 5.18.7 – Modified Hunter Division – delete that division will not count toward High Points awards.
56 & 57	2/2013	Edits – 4.23 – Training Division – new title: Training Division – Hunter/Jumper Class. Change all paragraphs to reflect new title. 4.23.6 – edit may not be ridden immediately before Walk-Trot Class (delete Short and Long Stirrup) 4.23.7 – Hunter judged as hunter over fences and Jumper judged as jumper class. 4.23.8 – 1 st of paragraph fine – addition – Training Jumper receives a blue ribbon for clear round. 4.23.10 – Training Hunter to be typical hunter course and Training Jumper to be a jumper course.
63	2/2013	Addition 5.11 – High Point Rider – 5.11.5 – The finals of the Medal/Mini-Medal/Pony Medal divisions (November show) are exempted from the points to be accumulated toward this award.
57	8/26/13	Change 4.27 Hopeful Jumper Division – 4.27.5 This division will not count toward the High Point Jumper or High Point Rider year-end awards.
62	8/26/13	Change 5.12 High Point Horse/Point The High Point Horse/Pony award will be awarded to the horse/pony accumulating the most points for the show year. Jumper Division points are to be excluded from this award.
41	12/13/13	Change 4.1.7 – Walk-Trot Division delete “The Short Stirrup Division” insert ... go into “classes for which they are eligible.

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41	12/13/13	Add 4.2 – Walk-Trot Division – 13 years and older
45	12/13/13	Add 4.6 – Cross Rail Equitation Division
46	12/13/13	Add 4.7 – Open Equitation Division
50	12/13/13	4.1.1 Cross Rail Hunter over fences – two (2) classes. May be ridden at a trot or canter, not to be penalized. Course will consist of 1 time around the outside of the ring over the fences (e.g. 1 st trip one around to the right and 2 nd trip once around to the left). Renumber following sub-numbers of Cross Rail Hunter Division
55	12/13/13	4.24 – Add Baby Green Hunter Division
57	12/13/13	Delete Regular Working Hunter Division
57	12/13/13	4.26 – Add Open Hunter Division
59	12/13/13	Delete Open Jumper Division
59	12/13/13	4.27 – Add Open Jumper Division – Level 1
59	12/13/13	4.28 – Add Open Jumper Division – Level 0
60	12/13/13	Delete Hopeful Jumper Division
61	12/13/13	Moved and renumbered Training Hunter Jumper Class – now located at the end of the Competition Divisions Section
3	5/12/14	Rules & Regs - 1.10 and 1.11 – remove “horse/pony recording from the wording.
4	5/12/14	Family Membership fee changed to \$30
48	5/12/14	4.1.2 Add “GOHJA” - Cannot cross enter in any other GOHJA medal class at the same show.
61	5/12/14	5.1.2 – delete – no longer applicable for horse/pony recording
61	5/12/14	5.1.3 – (becomes 5.1.2) remove reference to horse/pony – only rider must be in good standing.
61	5/12/14	5.2.1 – add: in a hunter division, an exhibitor must participate and place in at least one of the over fence classes and the flat class in at least 3 shows in that division during the show season for points to count.
61	5/12/14	5.2.3 – add: Management may also combine classes where applicable and apply the points appropriately.
63	5/12/14	5.4.2 – add: After that the next placing in order will be given (e.g. two riders tied for 2 nd place – each will receive 2 nd place prizes and the next in order will receive 3 rd place).
5	3/2015	3.4 – Offices to be 2-year term
47 & 48	3/2015	4.12.1 Add Open Equitation Medal to the Medal, Pony, & Mini-Medal descriptions.
61	4/2015	5.2.1 – Minimum Entries – two entries one to pin for year-end points 5.2.2 – Hunter Divisions exhibitors must participate in at least one over-fence class for 3 shows for points to count. 5.2.4 – Management must combine divisions with same fence height when there is a single rider: Short/Long Stirrups; Low Adult & Low Childrens; High Adult, High Childrens & Jr/Amateur; Schooling Hunter, Green Hunter, & Open Hunter
40	5/31/15	Walk-Trot Division 12 years & under changed to 10 years and under Walk-Trot Division 13 years & older changed to 11 years and older

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42	5/31/15	Short Stirrup <u>Equitation</u> Division created – no Hunter Hack or Hunter over fences.
44		Long Stirrup <u>Equitation</u> Division created – no Hunter Hack or Hunter over fences.
49	5/31/15	Short Stirrup Hunter Division – deleted Hunter Hack – Two over fence classes and one hunter under saddle class.
51		Long Stirrup Hunter Division – deleted Hunter Hack – Two over fence classes and one hunter under saddle class.
8	9/1/15	Edit to Recording Secty description .
15	9/1/15	Awards Review Committee compilation revision.
26	9/1/15	Show Result submission changed to 1 week.
42	9/1/15	Short Stirrup Equitation Fence Height changed to 18”
44	9/1/15	Long Stirrup Equitation Fence Height changed to 18”
49	9/1/15	Short Stirrup Hunter Fence Height changed to 18”
50	9/1/15	Long Stirrup Hunter Fence Height changed to 18”
65	9/1/15	5.8.4 - Section A/Section B Split addition of c. & d.
3	11/15	Membership – replacing 2.1 “automatic membership”
4	11/15	Membership Requirement – Will increase by \$10 after 1/1
4	11/15	Trainer Required Membership
37	11/15	2.8- Contact with Judge – no further access after end of the show and - 2.8.2 becomes 2.8.3
42	11/15	4.4.6 - “Cannot exceed 15”
49	11/15	4.14.6 – “Cannot exceed 15”
42	11/15	NOTE: - Open Equitation rider may not cross-enter into any other age-group equitation class.
47	11/15	4.12.10 – “Open to Junior and Amateur Riders” delete ages
44	11/15	Long Stirrup Equitation – change to 18”
8	11/15	Recording Secretary 4.4.5 (a) This position may include an Assistant ..
23	10/16	1.11.1 – Paramedic – removed requirement for oxygen, radio or backboard.
23	10/16	1.11.3 – Paramedic – removed affiliation with Medical Director.
3 & 4	10/16	Article II Dues – rewrite of Membership Categories
4	3/17	Addition of Horse Show Managers or a representative to attend all Board meetings.
9	3/17	Addition of Active Show Mangers or those on the Horse Show wait list must attend the Horse Show Committee Meetings.
21	3/17	New – Show Administration Fee - \$125 per show to cover GOHJA administrations costs.
23	3/17	Two certified Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) or Paramedics must be present at the Horse Shows.
38	3/17	Addition – No ring shall remain open for longer than 30 minutes due to delays other than weather, injury, or ring maintenance. If held open for longer, then card may be signed and show proceed to next class.
46	3/17	Addition of Beginner Rider Equitation Division
47	3/17	Addition of Beginner Rider Hunter Division
63	3/17	Addition of Puddle Jumper Division
42	11/17	Deleted for both Walk Trot Divisions that only one rider is required to hold the class – revision of 5.2 (Minimum entries) now allows for the combining of those two Divisions.

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60	11/17	Green Hunter – 2 nd year Green fence height changed from 3’3” to 3’
66	11/17	Minimum Entries added if less than 2 entries – then can now also combine Junior/Amateur Hunter and Open Hunter; Children’s Pony Hunter and Modified Hunter (at appropriate height) and Walk Trot Divisions (younger & older)
49	11/20/17	Mini-Medal, Pony Medal, Medal and Open Equitation Medal - Only 3 riders needed to fill a class.
50	11/20/17	Pony Medal – Fence height choice of 2’0” or 2’6”
55	11/20/17	Children’s Pony Hunter- – Fence height choice of 2’0” or 2’6”
69	11/20/17	James A. Stockman Award also includes points from Open Equitation Medal
16-20	9/18	Removed all reference to Temporary Wait List
Entirety	10/18	Removed reference to Show Manager/Owner and replaced with Licensee. Licensee can appoint a Show Manager and made those changes to duties and title where applicable.
41	11/18	Added the Walk Division – renumbered all subsequent divisions
44	11/18	Open Equitation change height to 2’ or 2’3”
46	11/18	Beginner Rider Equitation may cross enter into 2’ classes
46	11/18	Beginner Rider Equitation may not have jumped over 2’3”
46	11/18	Beginner Rider Equitation may not cross-enter into Open Equitation or an Equitation age group at the same show.
47	11/18	Beginner Rider Hunter may cross enter into 2’ classes
47	11/18	Beginner Rider Hunter may not have jumped over 2’3”
48	11/18	Equitation 11 & Under fence height 2’
48	11/18	Equitation 12 – 14 fence height 2’6” or 2’9
48	11/18	Equitation 15-17 fence height 2’6” or 3’
49	11/18	Mini Medal fence height 2’6” or 2’9”
50	11/18	Open Equitation Medal fence height 2’ or 2’3”
55&56	11/18	Eliminate the Junior Amateur Division
55&56	11/18	High Adult Hunter fence height 2’9” or 3’
58	11/18	High Children’s Hunter fence height 2’9” or 3’
59	11/18	Schooling Hunter fence height 2’9” or 3’3”
59	11/18	Low Hunter fence height 2’3” or 2’6”
60	11/18	Baby Green Hunter may not cross enter 2’ or 2’3”
61&62	11/18	Open Hunter fence height 2’9” or 3’
63	11/18	Puddle Jumper open to Junior and Senior riders (not amateur)
7	6/19	4.43 Vice President will Chair the Hearings Committee
11	6/19	5.4.1 Vice President to Chair the Hearings Committee
63	6/19	4.35.3 Puddle Jumper - Only one (1) competitor completing the course is required for points to count.
66	6/19	Added Open Equitation Medal
66	6/19	Combination of Mini Medal and Medal as well as Pony Medal and Open Equitation Medal in the case of less than 3 riders in a specific Medal Division.
66	6/19	5.2.4 Application of points to specific Division when combined.
71-74	7/19	Article VI – Added Reinstatement and Clarifications with updates throughout.
74 – 75	7/19	Article VII – Notices – changes with updates including email and receipt of notifications.
16	11/19	Addition of “Governance” to Title

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17	11/19	Governance and Recourse Regarding Licensee Responsibilities – Creation of levels of Show Status
19	11/19	Article I Requirements for Sanctioned Shows – addition of four ways to review cancelled shows
65	12/19	Puddle jumper fence height to be a choice of 2'0" or 2'3" maximum
25	9/20	One EMT/Paramedic required for one show ring and warm-up ring. Two EMT/Paramedics required if more than one show and warm-up ring will be utilized.