



# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HORSE SHOW ASSOCIATION

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## OFFICIAL RULE BOOK

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## OFFICIAL RULES

No matter how complete rules may be, they never can cover all possible situations. If a matter cannot be resolved by interpreting the rules to the letter, the solution by those responsible should follow as nearly as possible the spirit of the rules.

All matters and terms not otherwise specifically addressed or defined herein shall have the same treatments and meanings ascribed to them in the Official Rule Book of the USEF (United States Equestrian Federation).

*Note: All previous San Fernando Hunter Jumper Association rules and historical items from 1977 to 2020 shall be incorporated into Southern California Horse Show Association.*

## PART I - SCHSA SANCTIONED HORSE SHOWS

### Section 1: FACILITIES

All show grounds must be inspected and approved by members of the SCHSA Show Committee or Executive Board before approval for a show will be given.

Minimum requirements are as follows:

Water for dust control.

Water for exhibitors' horses.

Adequate restrooms.

Adequate jumps.

Warm-up areas exclusively for show exhibitors.

Adequate schooling fences including at least one vertical and one spread fence.

A public-address system adequate to cover the entire show grounds including the warm-up areas.

Ample parking for both exhibitors and spectators.

Refreshments provided on the show grounds.

A two-ring format with over fences classes mandatory in each ring. Rings must be at least one hundred feet by two hundred feet (100'X200') in size.

A warm-up area must be large enough for multiple horses to warm-up at the same time. At least two jumps, a vertical and a spread fence, must be set for schooling.

### Section 2 – SHOW OFFICIALS

The following Judges are qualified to preside at any SCHSA approved shows.:

- a. **USEF Judges:** USEF licensed Judges in the appropriate division.
- b. **Limitations on Judges:** Judges may not officiate at more than five (5) SCHSA shows in one calendar year. (Exception – Jumper Divisions)
- c. **All course designers** at SCHSA approved show must be recognized equestrian professionals twenty-one (21) years of age or older.
- d. **Show Manager:** The Show Manager must be a senior member in good standing of SCHSA.

### Section 3: SHOW APPLICATION AND APPROVAL

Each show must conform to the following requirements to achieve sanctioning by the Southern California Horse Show Association (SCHSA).

- a. **Location:** SCHSA approves shows located from the California U.S. border in the South; to the Arizona border in the East; to and including San Luis Obispo County in the North.
- b. **Show Year:** No shows will be held before the second week in January. The show year will end the final weekend of November.
- c. **Minimum Competition Requirement:** A sanctioned event must offer all six medal classes – only once each. (Exception, medal finals’ events, which may offer a final qualifier and a class for the new season). Additionally, a sanctioned event must offer at least fifteen (15) SCHSA Pointed Divisions. These may be any combination of “A” and/or “B” Divisions. Jumper only shows may offer only jumper divisions but must offer all SCHSA rated jumper divisions. **Medals only shows must offer all the SCHSA Medals.**
- d. **SCHSA Approval and Mileage:** SCHSA shows are not sanctioned as either “A” or “B” and may offer SCHSA “A” or “B” divisions as determined by management within SCHSA competition requirements (see previous paragraph). No show day will be granted SCHSA sanctioning within seventy-five (75) miles of another sanctioned show day. Exceptions: a) COVID-19 Exception – During the 2021 show year, the mileage rule for SCHSA sanctioning will be reduced to fifty (50) miles of another sanctioned show day. b) Shows previously in compliance with SCHSA rules regarding separate “A” and “B” sanctioned events (prior to 2018) now in conflict will not be stripped of sanctioning, but grandfathered in. **However, if a grandfathered show loses its sanctioning due to repeated (two sequential) cancelations of the event or violation, dates will not be renewed and any event management company may apply for those dates.** c) Additionally, managers may agree to share a date within mileage restrictions. They must submit that request to the SCHSA Board within ninety (90) days of the events.
- e. **Show Dates:** New and renewing show date applications are due and must be received in the SCHSA office by September 15<sup>th</sup>. Sanctioned show dates are issued to management with seniority as comparable to those dates of the previous year provided that the established shows’ date applications together with the correct fees are received in the SCHSA office by September 15<sup>th</sup> of each year, provided further that a management has not voluntarily cancelled said show two years in a row. If a manager cancels a show voluntarily without making timely notification to the SCHSA office, he forfeits the sanctioning fee as well as the seniority for such show date. If a manager voluntarily cancels a show but provides to the SCHSA office written notice of such cancellation at least thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled show date, he will forfeit only the sanctioning fee and retains seniority for such date. If a manager cancels the same show date two years in a row voluntarily, and not pursuant to acts of god, such manager loses his seniority for the following year and must reapply for such date equally with new applicants. If a manager voluntarily cancels a show more than ninety (90) prior to the event and does not wish to retain seniority, sanctioning fees will be refunded less a \$50 office fee. If a management wishes to hold a new show on a SCHSA date which remains or becomes open during the year after the September application process described above has been completed, both the written

application for such date with show fees received and the SCHSA approval in connection therewith must be concluded at least ninety (90) days prior to the event. The SCHSA shall not be obliged to award an available date to anybody, even if no other manager applies for such open date. Shows denied sanctioning during the September approval process would be refunded all application fees. Shows denied approvals requested at other times during the calendar year will be refunded application fees, less a \$50 office charge.

**f. New Management and/or Facility Show Applications:** A new horse show management and/or facility may be granted SCHSA sanctioning with tentative dates. Permanent dates may be approved only after a new management has proven they can conduct such show in full compliance with SCHSA show standards

**g. Sanctioning Fees:** The sanctioning fees for a SCHSA approved show will be one hundred dollars (\$100) for one and two-day events and one hundred and fifty-five dollars (\$155.00) for three-or-more multi-day events. **Medals only show shows will be sixty-five (\$65.00).** All fees must be forwarded with the application for the proposed show date.

**h. Insurance Coverage:** All show managers must provide the SCHSA office with a copy of the show insurance and must indicate the SCHSA as an additional insured prior to the commencement of the show.

**i. Inactive Status:** A show may declare inactive status at the time of application for the following year. This will allow the show manager to "bank" a date and still retain the rights to that date. A show may be banked for one year only. A show may not be banked if it was canceled the previous year. Approval fees shall still apply to the banked show.

**j. Show Changes:** If a show manager wishes to request a change in venue or number of sanctioned days for an event already listed on the SCHSA calendar, such request must be made in writing and received by the SCHSA at least thirty (30) days prior to the show date. Requests, which are not made in compliance with these terms, will not be considered.

**k. Medal Finals Events:** All medal finals will be approved independently of any show. The medal finals approval is given at the discretion of the SCHSA Board. By granting a show the medal finals one year, the SCHSA Board does not imply or suggest the medal finals will be awarded to the same management or venue again in the future. The Board may enter into a multi-year contract at its discretion. The show awarded the medal finals may at the discretion of the Board of Directors be given SCHSA sanctioning without the permission of any show manager with a conflicting date. The non-medal finals show manager will retain their date and the right to put on the show. SCHSA will not financially compensate the show manager. No new show will be granted SCHSA sanctioning opposite a medal finals event. When a hosting opportunity becomes available for any of the medal finals, notice will be sent to all current SCHSA managers and any management requesting the information. Interested parties may then submit a letter to the SCHSA Board outlining the advantages to our medal finalists, members, and the association by accepting their proposal. All requests will be considered and the decision of the SCHSA Board is final.

## **PART II - RULES GOVERNING OPERATION OF SHOWS**

### **Section 1 – REQUIREMENTS OF SHOWS**

**a. Prize Lists:** It is recommended that the proposed prize list be emailed in PDF format to [Info@SCHSAOnline.org](mailto:Info@SCHSAOnline.org) or mailed to the SCHSA office forty-five (45) days prior to the show. **All show managers must mail, electronically distribute, or have available on a web site all show prize lists.** If the prize list is NOT in compliance with the SCHSA rules and requires changes, SCHSA membership must be notified at the expense of the show manager. Prize lists must be received by the SCHSA office at

least fourteen (14) days prior to an event. If there are errors in the prize list and/or the SCHSA office does not receive its copy fourteen (14) days prior to the show, sanctioning fee(s) will be doubled and Show Management must make any necessary corrections at their sole expense.

**b. Membership Form:** The SCHSA membership application must appear in the prize list for all approved shows and must reference the correct address and fees for the SCHSA. A manager who uses incorrect membership forms will be fined twenty-five dollars (25.00) for such error. **The most current, correct form must be made available in the horse show office.**

**c. Horse Fee:** In addition to the fees listed above, SCHSA sanctioned shows must collect and forward to the Association three dollars (**\$3.00**) for each numbered horse that is entered in the show.

**d. Medal Class Fee:** In addition to the fees listed above, SCHSA sanctioned shows must collect and forward to the Association five dollars (**\$5.00**) per each rider in all Medal classes, whether a rider completes the course or not.

**e. Show Results Delivery Requirement:** The sanctioned show must submit within ten days of the last day of competition (including weekends and holidays), a complete list of the results of all classes, a complete list of entries, list of combined classes, list of canceled classes, and medal-report results. Riders' address, together with all appropriate fees, must be included. Results must be in a format to include the riders' age. Results may be sent via email in PDF form to [Info@SCHSAOnline.org](mailto:Info@SCHSAOnline.org). Managers who do not make timely submissions of results will be assessed a penalty of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each five-day period that such results remain outstanding.

**f. Rules:** All shows shall follow the rules of the USEF unless otherwise specifically superseded by a SCHSA rule, in which case the SCHSA rule shall apply.

**g. Rule Books:** Rule Books for the USEF and SCHSA must be available in the horse show office or show must have online access for exhibitors' reference.

**h. Protests:** Protests must be made in writing and may be submitted online at the SCHSA website, [www.SCHSAOnline.org](http://www.SCHSAOnline.org) or by email to [Info@SCHSAOnline.org](mailto:Info@SCHSAOnline.org), or by mail to SCHSA, 24431 Chancellor Court, Laguna Hills, CA 92653.

**i. Class Specifications:** Managers must follow class specifications exactly for SCHSA approved classes

**j. Non-Compliance:** Upon evidence that any show was not conducted in full compliance with the requisite SCHSA standards, the Board of Directors may place a show on probation for the following year, with such show bound by the following restrictions: (1) A show on probation will have no seniority or automatic rights to its date for the ensuing year. (2) A show on probation must pay the SCHSA a fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per show in addition to its regular fees for show approval. This fee will be used by the SCHSA to hire a qualified person to attend the show and deliver a report to the Board of Directors with regard thereto. (3) After the show, the Board of Directors will determine whether the show shall be removed from probation, continue probation, or be dropped from the roster of approved shows.

**k. Unpaid Entries:** If an exhibitor's payment for any show fees, is returned non-negotiable by a financial institution, a sanctioned show shall report in writing to SCHSA within twenty-one (21) days (1) the name and address of exhibitor, (2) names of any horses entered, (3) names and address of owners, (4) a copy of the entry blank, and (5) a copy of bank notification. Upon receipt of such notice, the SCHSA office will notify said person by certified mail and inform them that unless settlement is made within fourteen (14) days, all points accrued by associated horses and/or rides during the show year will be forfeited. They will remain a "Member Not-In Good Standing" until all debts are paid in full. When proof of payment has been received by SCHSA from the management, the member must pay a fee of \$50.00 to SCHSA to reinstate points.

## Section 2 – CONDUCT OF SHOWS

- a. Schooling:** Schooling may be allowed in classes where rider is eligible to ride and at manager's discretion.
- b. Horse Ineligibility:** A rider must be eligible to compete in a division or the horse will be ruled ineligible to compete in the rest of the classes in the division at that show.
- c. Points:** A minimum of three (3) exhibitors must compete, complete, and receive a ribbon, for the points to count. Classes may be combined within SCHSA specifications at management's discretion.
- d. Split classes:** Classes must be split if there are forty (40) or more horses entered, with a trophy and ribbons awarded to each section.
- e. Warm-up classes cut off time:** For any show at which there is a Warm Up Hunter class, the cut off time must be listed in the prize list.
- f. Time limits:** In the interest of the exhibitor, no horse show will start before 7:00a.m. or run longer than fourteen hours. Show management may be penalized fifty dollars (\$50.00) per hour or any part thereof for any violation of this time limit.
- g. Classes Counting for Year-End Awards: (1)** At single a day shows only the first two over fences and first flat classes of any hunter or equitation division as listed in the prize list will count toward year-end point totals. Exception: Walk/Trot and Cross Rail where Pleasure, Obedience and Horsemanship classes may also count but with a maximum of six (6) classes to count towards points. **(2)** At multiple day shows a maximum of 4 over fences and 1 flat class will count toward year-end, point totals. These will be the first 4 over fences and first flat class as listed in the schedule.
- h. Fence heights:** Fence heights offered at a show will be determined by height listed in the official prize list. Heights listed in time schedules, course diagrams, trainer sheets, or any other materials will be superseded by the prize list unless notice is given to exhibitors and posted in the show office that information in prize list is a mis-print, incorrect or not compliant with USEF or SCHSA Rules.
- i. Opportunity Classes & Outreach Arenas:** SCHSA points MAY be accrued in approved divisions when classes are held as "Opportunity" Classes or offered in USEF/USHJA designated "Outreach" arenas. However, only one of any SCHSA named division will garner points at the same show. Divisions held in open arenas or not restricted by the "Opportunity" or Outreach designation will have priority.

## PART III - MEMBERSHIP

**Life Membership      \$450.00      *(Life Membership does not include Horse Registration)***

**Senior Membership      \$70.00      **Business/Farm Membership \$70.00****

**Junior Membership      \$70.00      **Blue Ribbon Business/Farm \$120.00****

**Professional Membership \$70.00**

*(One Horse Registration is included with each annual Junior & Senior Membership, Amateur or Professional)*

**Horse Registration      1 Year - \$20.00 • 3 Years - \$50.00 • Life - \$100.00**

**Note:** Horse owners must be current SCHSA members. If horse is owned by a farm or business, it must have a Business/Farm membership separate from the individual. Ownership is determined and compliant with USEF/USHJA rules and records.



**There is no charge to transfer ownership between current SCHSA Members.**

Membership may be applied for or renewed by mail, via the SCHSA web site, or at sanctioned horse shows. Memberships received by mail must include payment by check or credit card to be accepted. Memberships are valid on the day received. Memberships received from a sanctioned event in the official show packet are valid from the first day of that event. **There is a 7 day grace period following the close of any SCHSA sanctioned horseshow to join the organization in order to have points from that show count.** If a payment for membership is returned by the financial institution as non-negotiable or credit card payment is declined, all points, medal qualifications, and benefits of membership are suspended. The member will be notified and given 14 days to replace the non-negotiable payment, reimburse all bank fees charged to the association and pay a minimum \$25.00 administrative fee to reinstate membership status, points, and medal qualifications.

**Eligibility: Riders and Trainers must be members and horses must be registered at the time of competition for points to count. Riders and Trainers must be members before entering medal classes for points to count.** It is the responsibility of riders, parents, and trainers to understand eligibility rules and to maintain eligibility as described for each section.

## **PART IV - SCHSA MEDAL CLASSES**

### **Section 1 - MEDAL CLASSES – GENERAL RULES & SPECIFICATIONS**

The Southern California Horse Show Association offers six Medal classes. These classes must be offered at all SCHSA approved events. Medal classes may not be run on an open card with other classes, except 17-Under with 18-Over or 12-Under with 13-Over when it is determined that the required number of exhibitors may not be met for points to count unless classes are combined. In combined Medal Classes, in addition to the winner, the highest placing rider accruing points, in the alternate age group of the winner, will also qualify for the finals.

**a. Eligibility: RIDERS AND TRAINERS MUST BE CURRENT MEMBERS BEFORE ENTERING MEDAL CLASSES.** It is the responsibility of riders, parents, and trainers to understand eligibility rules for each medal class and to maintain eligibility as described for each section, through the finals.

**b.** If not addressed under the rules of the specific Division or Medal Class, after a period of five years, and if no competitions have been attended during the five-year period, a rider is eligible to compete at any lower fence height than when competition ceased. Further, if an infraction has occurred invalidating a rider's eligibility, a rider may submit to the Board, in writing, a request for reinstatement of eligibility to compete in a specific class or at a lower height. Request should include any additional information that would assist the Board in understanding the circumstances. Requests may be made provided rider did not show over the regulation height at more than two (2) competitions in the previous five (5) years preceding the request.

**c. Points:** At least three (3) exhibitors must compete, complete, and receive a ribbon for the points to count.

**d.** Already qualified riders may not show in final qualifying class at Medal Finals' events.

**e.** A horse may be ridden once, by only a single rider in a medal class or combined medal classes at any given show. If all other qualifications are met a horse/rider combination may compete in other SCHSA Medals at the same show. The same horse may be ridden by a different rider at a regular show only if the class is distinct and judged on a separate card. (see different rules for Medal Finals)

## **Section 2 - COMBINED CLASSES/AGE SPECIFICATIONS**

- a. In the event of insufficient entries, the 17 & Under and 18 & Over Medal classes may be combined. In the event of insufficient entries, the 12 & Under and 13 & Over Horsemanship Medal classes may be combined. (If 12-U & 13-O are combined, no combinations obstacles are allowed).
- b. In combined Medal Classes, in addition to the winner, the highest placing rider accruing points, in the alternate age group of the winner, will also qualify for the finals.
- c. To participate in a medal class, a rider must be eligible by age on the day the rider competes in the medal class, as well as the date on which the Medal Finals are held. Age of rider is determined according to USEF Rules. Exception: Following a current year Medal Finals, riders must compete in the age division they wish to qualify for the next competition year: i.e. when competing at shows held after the 17-Under Finals, a rider who would become 18 (show age) the following year would compete in 18- Over Medal Classes. (Note: this is for medal classes only not show divisions, such as hunters or equitation.)

## **Section 3 - SCHSA FUTURES MEDAL CLASS**

**This class is subject to all rules as applicable above under Medal Class Sections 1 & 2, General, Age and Combined Specifications**

- a. This class shall consist of one round over a course of at least 8 fences not to exceed two feet three inches in height (2'3"), there shall be no combinations or oxers on course, only one change of direction is required, a work-off must be built into the course. No two fences will be set fewer than three strides (approximately forty-eight feet) apart in the Futures Medal.
- b. This class is open and restricted to junior and amateur members who have not competed in a class where fences are listed in the prize list to be set exceeding two foot six inches (2'6") in height. Exceptions: .80m Jumpers and Hunter Derbies with option fences.
- c. At least three exhibitors must compete, complete the course and earn a ribbon for the class to count. If twelve (12) or more competitors complete the course, both the First and Second place class finishers will qualify for the finals.
- d. Points will be awarded as follows: 1st/10, 2nd/6, 3rd/4, 4th/2, 5th/1.
- e. 10 points qualifies a rider for the finals. Riders may continue to compete after qualifying.
- f. Riders must maintain eligibility through the finals.
- g. Qualified riders may not show in final qualifying class at Medal Finals' events.
- h. This class may not be combined or run on the same card with any other class.

## **Section 4 - SCHSA 17 & UNDER HUNT SEAT MEDAL CLASS**

**This class is subject to all rules as applicable above under Medal Class Sections 1 & 2, General, Age, and Combined Specifications**

- a. This class shall consist of one round over fences counted (60%) and a flat phase (40%). Riders may not switch horses.
- b. The course will consist of at least eight fences set at three feet (3') in height, with two changes of direction, and at least one combination including an oxer.



c. To participate, competitors must be a junior member eligible by age according to USEF Rules. Exception: Following a current year Medal Finals, riders must compete in the age division they wish to qualify for the next competition year: i.e. when competing at shows held after the 17-Under Finals, a rider who would become 18 (show age) the following year would compete in 18 & Over Medal Classes. May be combined with 18 & Over Medal for points to count when less than 3 entries

d. To be eligible to compete in the SCHSA 18 & Over Medal class a rider must be a junior member (see paragraph c. above) and may not have competed in any class with fences exceeding three-foot three-inches (3'3") in height or exceeding 1.0m in height. To be eligible to compete in that years' finals, a rider may not compete in classes above the restricted height. After a period of five years has elapsed from the time a rider has competed in a class exceeding 3'3" or exceeding 1.0m, that rider regains his/her eligibility to compete in the 18 & Over Medal.

f. After a period of five years has elapsed since a rider has competed at three feet (3') or higher with exceptions as indicated above, that rider regains his/her eligibility to compete in SCHSA 13 & Over Medal classes.

e. The same horse and equipment must be used in both phases, except for martingales, which may not be used in the flat phase.

g. All riders must ride in both phases to be placed.

h. Three riders must compete in both phases, complete the over fences course and earn a ribbon for the class to count. If the class is not combined with the 18 & Over Medal, and twelve (12) or more competitors complete both phases, both the First and Second place class finishers will qualify for the finals.

i. Points are awarded 1st/6; 2nd/4; 3rd/3; 4th/2; 5th/1.

j. 3 points qualifies a rider for the finals. Riders may continue to compete after qualifying.

k. Qualified riders may not show in final qualifying class at Medal Finals' events.

l. In the event of insufficient entries, this class may be combined with the 18 & Over Medal Class. If combined, in addition to the winner, the highest placing rider accruing points, in the alternate age group of the winner, will also qualify for the finals.

## **Section 5 - SCHSA 18 & OVER HUNT SEAT MEDAL CLASS**

**This class is subject to all rules as applicable above under Medal Class Sections 1 & 2, General, Age and Combined Specifications.** Class shall have the same specifications as the SCHSA 17 & Under Medal except as indicated.

a. This class shall consist of one round over fences counted (60%) and a flat phase (40%). Riders may not switch horses.

b. The course will consist of at least eight fences set at three feet (3') in height, with two changes of direction, and at least one combination including an oxer.

c. To participate, competitors must be amateur riders eligible according to USEF Rules. Exception: Following a current year Medal Finals, riders must compete in the age division they wish to qualify for the next competition year: i.e. when competing at shows held after the 17-Under Finals, a rider who would become 18 (show age) the following year would compete in 18- Over Medal Classes. May be combined with 18 & Over Medal for points to count when less than 3 entries.

d. To be eligible to compete in the SCHSA 18 & Over Medal class a rider must be an amateur member (see paragraph c. above) and may not have competed in any class with fences exceeding three-foot three-inches (3'3") in height or exceeding 1.0m in height. To be eligible to compete in that years' finals, a rider may not compete in classes above the restricted height. After a period of five years has elapsed from the time a rider has competed in a class exceeding 3'3" or exceeding 1.0m, that rider regains his/her eligibility to compete in the 18 & Over Medal.

e. The same horse and equipment must be used in both phases, except for martingales, which may not be used in the flat phase.

g. All riders must ride in both phases to be placed.

h. Three riders must compete in both phases, complete the over fences course and earn a ribbon for the class to count. If the class is not combined with the 17 & Under Medal, and twelve (12) or more competitors complete both phases, both the First and Second place class finishers will qualify for the finals.

i. Points are awarded 1st/10, 2nd/6, 3rd/4, 4th/2, 5th/1.

j. 10 points qualifies a rider for the finals. Riders may continue to compete after qualifying.

k. Qualified riders may not show in final qualifying class at Medal Finals' events.

l. In the event of insufficient entries, this class may be combined with the 17 & Under Medal Class. If combined, in addition to the winner, the highest placing rider accruing points, in the alternate age group of the winner, will also qualify for the finals.

## **Section 6 – SCHSA 13 & OVER HORSEMANSHIP MEDAL**

**This class is subject to all rules as applicable above under Medal Class Sections 1 & 2, General, Age and Combined Specifications.**

a. This class shall consist of one round over fences counted (60%) and a flat phase (40%).

b. The course will consist of at least eight fences set at two feet six inches (2'6 ") in height, with two changes of direction, and at least one combination including an oxer.

c. To participate, competitors must be junior or amateur members eligible according to USEF Rules. Exception: Following a current-year medal final, riders must compete in the age division they wish to qualify for the next competition year: i.e. when competing at shows held after the 12 & Under Finals, a rider who would become 13 (show age) the following year would compete in 13 & Over Medal Classes. *May be combined with 12 & Under Medal for points to count when less than 3 entries. **When combined no combinations shall be used on course.***

d. To be eligible to compete in the SCHSA 13 & Over Medal class a rider may not have shown in any class where fence heights are posted and may be set at three-foot (3') in height or higher. Exception .95 Jumper Classes and hunter derbies with option fences. After a period of five years has elapsed since a rider has competed in classes three foot (3) or higher, that rider regains his/her eligibility to compete in the 13 & Over Medal classes.

e. Riders must maintain eligibility through the finals.

f. The same horse and equipment must be used in both phases, except for martingales, which may not be used in the flat phase.

g. All riders must ride in both phases to be placed.

h. Three riders must compete in both phases, complete the over fences course and earn a ribbon for the class to count. If the class is not combined with the 12 & Under Medal, and twelve (12) or more competitors complete both phases, both the First and Second place class finishers will qualify for the finals.

i. Points are awarded 1st/10, 2nd/6, 3rd/4, 4th/2, 5th/1.

j. 10 points qualifies a rider for the finals. Riders may continue to compete after qualifying.

k. Qualified riders may not show in final qualifying class at Medal Finals' events.

l. In the event of insufficient entries, this class may be combined with the 12 & Under Medal Class. **(If 12-U & 13-O are combined, no combination obstacles are allowed)**. If combined, in addition to the winner, the highest placing rider accruing points, in the alternate age group of the winner, will also qualify for the finals.

## **Section 7 - SCHSA 12 & UNDER HUNT SEAT MEDAL CLASS**

**This class is subject to all rules as applicable above under Medal Class Sections 1 & 2, General, Age and Combined Specifications.**

a. This class shall consist of one round over fences counted (60%) and a flat phase (40%).

b. The course will consist of at least eight fences set at two feet six inches (2'6 ") in height, with two changes of direction and at least one oxer. No combinations may be used. No two fences will be set fewer than three strides (approximately forty-eight feet) apart in the 12 and Under Medal.

c. To participate, competitors must be junior members eligible according to USEF Rules. Exception: Following a current year Medal Finals, riders must compete in the age division they wish to qualify for the next competition year: i.e. when competing at shows held after the 12 & Under Finals, a rider who would become 13 (show age) the following year would compete in 13 & Over Medal Classes. May be combined with 12 & Under Medal for points to count when less than 3 entries. When combined no combinations shall be used on course.

d. To be eligible to compete in the SCHSA 12 & Under Medal class a rider may not have shown in any class where fence heights are posted and may be set exceeding (3'). Exception .95 Jumper Classes and hunter derbies with option fences.

f. After qualifying, a rider may compete and/or win classes above the restricted height, including, but not exceeding 3' and still be eligible for that year's finals. However, that rider is not eligible for SCHSA 2'6" Medal classes the following year.

e. The same horse and equipment must be used in both phases, except for martingales, which may not be used in the flat phase.

g. All riders must ride in both phases to be placed.

h. Three riders must compete in both phases, complete the over fences course and earn a ribbon for the class to count. If the class is not combined with the 13 & Over Medal, and twelve (12) or more competitors complete both phases, both the First and Second place class finishers will qualify for the finals.

i. Points are awarded 1st/10, 2nd/6, 3rd/4, 4th/2, 5th/1.

j. 10 points qualifies a rider for the finals. Riders may continue to compete after qualifying.

k. Qualified riders may not show in final qualifying class at Medal Finals' events.

l. In the event of insufficient entries, this class may be combined with the 12 & Under Medal Class. (If 12 & Under and 13 & Over are combined, **no combinations obstacles are allowed**). If combined, in addition to the winner, the highest placing rider accruing points, in the alternate age group of the winner, will also qualify for the finals.

## **Section 8 – EQUINE INSURNACE / SCHSA CHALLENGE MEDAL CLASS**

**This class is subject to all rules as applicable above under Medal Class Sections 1 & 2, General, Age and Combined Specifications**

a. Open to Junior and Amateur members who have not won a 3'6" Medal Finals.

**b. The course will consist of at least 8 fences, three foot three inches (3'3") in height, with at least two changes of direction and at least one combination including an oxer.** A work-off of the top three riders is mandatory with up to five at the judge's discretion. Work off may be on the flat or over fences. Riders may not switch horses.

c. Jumper type fences may be used; however, banks and liver pools are not allowed.

d. A minimum of two riders will work off using USEF tests 1-19.

e. Three riders must complete the course and earn a ribbon for the class to count. Riders must accrue 10 points to qualify for the finals. Points are awarded: 1st/10, 2nd/6, 3rd/4, 4th/2, 5th/1. Riders may continue to compete after qualifying for the finals. If twelve (12) or more competitors complete the course, both the First and Second place class finishers will qualify for the finals.

f. Qualified riders may not ride in final qualifying class at the show hosting the medal finals.

## **PART V - MEDAL FINALS**

a. The 12 & Under, 13 & Over Horsemanship, 17 & Under, and 18 & Over Medal Finals will consist of two phases: one round over fences, and one flat phase. The Challenge Medal & Futures Medal Finals have two rounds over fences. All will have mandatory work-offs. No apprentice or learner judges may sit with or participate during SCHSA Medal Finals Classes.

b. NO HORSE shall be ridden in more than one medal finals held on the same show day or in the same competition arena, except by the same rider as eligible: {i.e. Rider "A" on Horse "B" in the 12 & Under Finals and 17 and Under Finals}. The same horse must be used for all phases of a Final including, but not limited to: Flat phase; Rounds One and/or Two; Work-off; and Warm-up. (Warm-up rounds are not required, but when ridden are considered the first phase.) Exceptions may be approved by the Executive board and/or the Finals Technical Delegate in the event of schedule changes to due acts of God, i.e. rain, wind, fire.

c. Except for riders qualifying for a Medal Finals by competing in the qualifier at a Finals Event, eligibility protests must be filed in writing to the SCHSA seven (7) days before a Medal Finals. In extreme circumstances, when ineligibility information is only made available at the Finals show, a protest must be filed with the SCHSA office, official representative or Technical Delegate the day prior to the start of that Finals or at least 12 hours prior to the start of the competition during normal competition hours.

d. To be eligible to compete in the final Medal qualifier at a Finals event, rider and trainer must be members at least 24 hours prior to the start of the competition.

e. MEDAL FINALS DRAWS: It is the responsibility of the exhibitors and/or their trainers to enter Medal Final's classes with the show office the day before the draw, so verification of eligibility can be

confirmed. Riders not entered in a timely manner will not be included in the draw and once eligibility is confirmed, will be placed at the beginning of the class.

## **Section 1 - 17 & UNDER AND 18 & OVER MEDAL FINALS**

The Medal Finals in each division, based on the rider's age as qualified, will consist of two phases: one round over fences, and a flat phase. The same equipment and horse must be used in both phases, except that martingales may not be used in the flat phase. The martingale may be replaced for a jumping work-off. Riders must be the correct age for their division as of the date of the medal finals to be eligible to compete. Riders will draw for their order of go. Judges will sit together for the flat phase giving each rider a combined score. The judges may sit together or separately for the over fences phase: but give two scores with their scores being announced after each rider. The point values will be combined in the ratio of sixty percent (60%) for jumping and forty percent (40%) for flat. The judges scores will be averaged and multiplied by 60% for the over fences and 40% for the flat. A minimum of four riders, as well as any rider within in three points of the leader will be called back for a work off and will be judged by both judges sitting together. Scores from the over fences round and the flat phase will be added together and carried over to determine the work-off order, which will be Judges' reverse order of preference. However, final placings will be at the sole discretion of the Judges, and work-off scores will not be announced

## **Section 2 - 12 & UNDER MEDAL FINALS**

The specifications are the same as for 17 & Under and 18 & Over Medal Finals, except fences will be set at 2'6" and there will be no combinations on course.

The Medal Finals will consist of two phases: one round over fences, and a flat phase. The same equipment and horse must be used in both phases, except that martingales may not be used in the flat phase. The martingale may be replaced for a jumping work-off. Riders must be the correct age for their division as of the date of the medal finals to be eligible to compete. Riders will draw for their order of go. Judges will sit together for the flat phase giving each rider a combined score. The judges may sit together or separately for the over fences phase: but give two scores with their scores being announced after each rider. The point values will be combined in the ratio of sixty percent (60%) for jumping and forty percent (40%) for flat. The judges scores will be averaged and multiplied by 60% for the over fences and 40% for the flat. A minimum of four riders, as well as any rider within in three points of the leader will be called back for a work off and will be judged by both judges sitting together. Scores from the over fences round and the flat phase will be added together and carried over to determine the work-off order, which will be Judges' reverse order of preference. However, final placings will be at the sole discretion of the Judges, and work-off scores will not be announced

## **Section 3 - CHALLENGE MEDAL FINALS**

The SCHSA Challenge Medal Finals will consist of two rounds over a three-foot-three-inch (3'3") course of fences. The first-round order will be drawn; the second round will be determined by rider score, low score to high. All riders will show in both rounds. The judges will sit separately during the first two rounds. Each round will count fifty percent (50%). Judges' scores from each round will be averaged then averages will be added. A minimum of four riders plus any rider within three points of the leader will return to work off. The judges will sit together during the work off. The work-off scores will not be announced. The final placings will be at the sole discretion of the Judges.

## **Section 4 - FUTURES MEDAL FINALS**

The Futures Medal Finals will consist of two rounds over fences and a work-off of the top four riders plus any rider within 3 points of the leader. Order will be drawn for the first rounds, with riders showing in reverse order scores for the second. All riders will show in both rounds. Open numerical scoring will be used in first two rounds. Judges will give separate scores, but, may sit together for the first two

rounds. Scores from the first two rounds will be averaged then averages added. For the work off, judges sit together. Scores are not announced in the work off. Fences will be set at two foot-three inches (2'3"). There will be no combinations on course. USEF tests 1-8 may be used. Riders will not be asked to ride without stirrups.

## **Section 5 - 13 & OVER HORSEMANSHIP FINALS**

The specifications are the same as for 17 & Under and 18 & Over Medal Finals except fences will be set a 2'6".

The Medal Finals will consist of two phases: one round over fences, and a flat phase. The same equipment and horse must be used in both phases, except that martingales may not be used in the flat phase. The martingale may be replaced for a jumping work-off. Riders must be the correct age for their division as of the date of the medal finals to be eligible to compete. Riders will draw for their order of go. Judges will sit together for the flat phase giving each rider a combined score. The judges may sit together or separately for the over fences phase: but give two scores with their scores being announced after each rider. The point values will be combined in the ratio of sixty percent (60%) for jumping and forty percent (40%) for flat. The judges scores will be averaged and multiplied by 60% for the over fences and 40% for the flat. A minimum of four riders, as well as any rider within in three points of the leader will be called back for a work off and will be judged by both judges sitting together. Scores from the over fences round and the flat phase will be added together and carried over to determine the work-off order, which will be Judges' reverse order of preference. However, final placings will be at the sole discretion of the Judges, and work-off scores will not be announced

## **Section 6 - TECHNICAL DELIGATE/JUDGES**

There must be a Technical Delegate (TD) for all SCHSA Medal Finals. The TD will be appointed by the Board and will be responsible for meeting with the officials, management, and exhibitors. The TD will meet with the judges before the event to make sure they understand the format and scoring of the class. The TD will be present at the drawing of the order of go. The TD will be present during all aspects of the class to answer any questions that arise. The TD is responsible for insuring the technical requirements of the class are met. In case of a dispute the TD's decision is final. **Management will be responsible for the fee of \$275, as well as lodging, meals and transportation, if necessary.**

SCHSA Board or Technical Delegate must approve the judges used in the finals from those hired by the show. At least one must be from out of the area. Additionally, SCHSA may pay for the second judge, if requested by show management and determined by SCHSA to be not of great use to the show in another capacity. Payment would include fee and travel, and lodging if negotiated. Agreement will be an addendum to the contract, year-to-year, and must be in writing.

## **Section 7 - MEDAL FINALS POINT CALCULATIONS**

The Board will appoint a person to calculate the scores for all SCHSA Medal Finals .That person will be responsible for doing the calculation of percentage scores for the Medal Finals. Horse show management will be responsible for the fee of \$50.00 per medal final or \$150 per day whichever is greater.

## **PART VI - POINTS**

- a. Points are awarded as follows: 1st/7, 2nd/5, 3rd/4, 4th/3, 5th/2, 6th/1.
- b. The SCHSA Championship/Benefit Show will be the only double-pointed, regardless of venue or management, and will be the final "Double Point". Show of each season
- c. Jumper points are awarded as follows: 1st/7, 2nd/5, 3rd/4, 4th/3, 5th/2, 6th/1



- d. Memberships and horse registration must be current for points to accrue.
- e. At least three exhibitors must compete and receive a ribbon for a class to count for points.
- f. Restricted classes, other than by age or fence height do not receive points.
- g. A division must be held at least 5 times for a year-end award to be given.
- h. A horse or rider must compete in at least three (3) SCHSA rated shows in any division(s) and accrue at least 18 points in the same division to be eligible to receive a year-end award.
- i. A rider must accrue at least 50 points and have points at a minimum of three shows to be eligible to receive a year-end High Point award.
- j. All point standings are final the 15th of the month following the date the points are posted to the association web site. Finals point standings for the year-end are final on November 30th. Point discrepancy reports must be received before points become final to be considered. Point discrepancies must be received in writing.

## **PART VII - YEAR END AWARDS POINT CALCULATION**

In each division an award is given, points are totaled for the 10 best shows plus the points accrued at the SCHSA championship show. If an overall high point award is given it is the total of top 10 in the divisions corresponding to the high point award. In case of a tie the championship will go to the horse/rider with the greatest number of points over fences using the same 10 shows.

## **PART VIII - YEAR END HIGH POINT AWARDS**

### **Section 1 - SCHSA "A" High Point Awards**

**AMATEUR OWNER HIGH POINT RIDER (May compete at 3'6" or 3'3")**

**JUNIOR HIGH POINT RIDER (May compete at 3'6" or 3'3")**

*Points calculated from "A" Equitation classes and Junior, Amateur Owner Hunters or Children's, Adult Amateur Hunters.*

**ADULT AMATEUR HIGH POINT RIDER**

**CHILDREN'S HIGH POINT RIDER**

*Points calculated from "A" Equitation and either Children's or Adult Amateur Hunters*

**DIVISION NOTES:** Equitation riders in the "A" divisions who show in both Amateur Owner and Adult Amateur Hunters or Junior and Children's Hunters must declare into which high point division their equitation points will go. Declarations must be received by July 1st of the current show year or points will go into the last hunter division in which the rider participated. Riders only accruing equitation points toward a high point award must also declare which division or accept the division the office selects

### **Section 2 - SCHSA "PONY" High Point Award**

**PONY RIDER HIGH POINT**

*Points from Pony Hunters (Small 2'3", Medium 2'6", Large 2'9"-3"0), and Pony Rider Equitation calculated separately for respective divisions and added together for Pony High Point Rider Award.*

### **Section 3 - "JUMPER" High Point Award**

*Jumper High Point is awarded to the horse that accrues the most point from the top 12 shows and Championship Show in two divisions with any ride(s). If a horse has competed in more than two divisions during a competition year, points will be calculated from the two divisions with the highest number of points earned. A minimum of 50 points must be accrued for year-end high point.*

## **Section 4 - SCHSA "B" High Point Awards**

**11 & UNDER HIGH POINT RIDER**

**12 THROUGH 17 HIGH POINT RIDER**

**18 AND OVER HIGH POINT RIDER**

*Points accrue in Age Break Hunters, Under Saddle, Equitation Over Fences, and on the Flat. Riders may ride multiple horses but only the highest placing horse's points at each show will count toward the High Point Award.*

## **PART IX - SCHSA APPROVED DIVISIONS**

*The following divisions are approved by SCHSA and receive year-end awards.*

### **Section 1 - "A" DIVISIONS**

*The following divisions are approved by SCHSA and receive year-end awards. A minimum of 3 exhibitors must compete, complete the class, and earn a ribbon for points to count **Note:** At one day shows only the first three (3) over fences and one (1) under saddle will count for points in hunter divisions and only the first two (2) over fences and one equitation on the flat will count for points in equitation divisions.*

**JUNIOR HUNTERS, (Low) 3'3" or (High) 3'6"**

*(Juniors follow USEF Rules for Small/Large Junior Hunter and age breaks)*

**AMATEUR OWNER HUNTERS,**

*(Low) 3'3" or (High) 3'6" (Follow USEF Rules for age breaks)*

**ADULT AMATEUR HUNTERS, 3'**

*(may be combined with Children's Hunters for points to count if less than 3 entries)*

**CHILDREN'S HUNTERS, 3'**

*(may be combined with Adult Amateur Hunters for points to count when less than 3 entries)*

**AMATEUR EQUITATION, 3'-3'3"**

*(may be combined with Junior Equitation for points to count when less than 3 entries)*

**JUNIOR EQUITATION, 3'-3'3"**

*(may be combined with Amateur Equitation for points to count if less than 3 entries)*

**A - LOW HUNTER DIVISION, 2'9 - 3'.**

*This division has no entry restrictions.*

**A LOW CHILDRENS/ADULT AMATEUR HUNTERS & EQUITATION: Fences 2'9"**

**A - GREEN HUNTER DIVISION, 3' - 3'3"**

Open to horses in their first three (3) years of showing. May not have jumped in classes where fences are posted to be set over 3'6". Exception 1.10 jumpers and hunter derbies with option fences. Green Hunter Classes over 3'3" will count in Performance Division.

#### **A - PERFORMANCE WORKING HUNTERS, 3' or higher.**

Green Hunter Classes posted at over 3'3" will count in the Performance Division.

#### **PERFORMANCE HUNTER RIDER DIVISION,**

*Riders who are current members of SCHSA can accrue points, in A and/or B Hunter Divisions. This division is open but designed to reward our professional riders. Horses must be registered for points to count. A minimum of 50 points must be accrued for year-end championship.*

## **Section 2 - "B" Divisions**

*The following divisions are approved by SCHSA and receive year-end awards. A minimum of 3 exhibitors must compete, complete the class, and earn a ribbon for points to count **Note:** At one day shows only the first three (3) over fences and one (1) under saddle will count for points in hunter divisions and only the first two (2) over fences and one equitation on the flat will count for points in equitation divisions. See Exceptions - Walk Trot and Cross Rails.*

**B 11 & UNDER HUNTERS, 2'6"**

**B 11 & UNDER EQUITATION, 2'6"**

**B 12 THROUGH 17 HUNTERS, 2'9"**

**B 12 THROUGH 17 EQUITATION, 2.9"**

**B 18 & OVER HUNTERS, 2'9"**

**B 18 & OVER EQUITATION, 2.9"**

*(Age breaks with same fence heights, may be combined for points to count when less than 3 entries. Exception, 11 & Under may be combined but jumps at 2'6") No fences may be set fewer than three strides (approximately forty-eight feet) apart in the 11 and Under Division or in combined divisions with 11 & Under riders. May also be combined with PCHA or USHJA Classes of same height.*

#### **RESTRICTED DIVISION:**

Fences 2'6" Restricted Hunters; Horses must be registered for Hunter points. Restricted Equitation To be eligible a rider may not enter or compete in classes where fences are posted to be set higher than 2'9" during the current show year. May also be combined with PCHA or USHJA Classes of same height.

#### **JUNIOR/ AMATEUR GREEN RIDER DIVISION, Fences 2'3".**

No combinations. Riders may not enter or compete in classes where fence heights are posted to be set higher than 2'6" during the current show year. One championship will be awarded for the combined total of points received in the following classes: Green Rider Hunters, Equitation Over Fences, Horsemanship, Hunters Under Saddle, and Equitation on the Flat. Only the first two over fences offered at a show in Hunters and Equitation will count towards the high point total. Points are totaled on the rider – if two horses or ponies are ridden only the one with the highest score in the class will be counted. No two fences will be set fewer than three strides (approximately forty-eight feet) apart in the Green Rider Division,

#### **CROSS RAIL DIVISION:**

*Any/all age break splits at shows are eligible for points. Riders may not enter or compete in classes where fence heights are posted to be set higher than 2'3" at any show. One championship will be awarded for the combined total of points received (one class each) in the following classes: Cross Rail Hunters, Equitation Over Fences, Hunters Under Saddle, and Equitation on the Flat. Only the first **six (6) classes as listed in the prize list** will count Points are totaled on the rider – if two horses or ponies are ridden only the one with the highest score in the class will be counted.*

### **WALK-TROT DIVISION:**

*To be eligible for walk trot a rider may not compete in any other classes at that show Except Cross Rails. Once a rider has competed over fences he may not return to the Walk-Trot division. Classes counting toward Walk-Trot high point are Walk-Trot Equitation, Walk Trot Pleasure, Walk Trot Over Poles, **Walk-Trot Under Saddle** and Walk-Trot Obedience. **Only the first five (5) classes** as listed in the prize list will count. Points are totaled on the rider – if two horses or ponies are ridden only the one with the highest score in the class will be counted.*

### **B - LOW HUNTER DIVISION, 2'6."**

*This division has no entry restrictions. Horses must be registered for Hunter points*

### **B – GREEN HUNTER DIVISION 2'6" – 2'9"**

*Open to horses in their first three years of showing.*

**PERFORMANCE HUNTER RIDER DIVISION.** *Riders who are current members of SCHSA can accrue points in A and/or B Hunter Divisions. This division is open but designed to reward our professional riders. Horses must be registered for points to count. A minimum of 50 points must be accrued for year-end championship.*

## **Section 3 – “A” or “B” Pointed Divisions**

### **SHORT (11& UNDER), LONG (12-17), RUSTY (18 & OVER) STIRRUP DIVISIONS, 2'**

*Riders may not enter or compete in classes where fence heights are posted to be set higher than 2'6". One championship will be awarded in each division, for the combined total of points received in the following classes: Short, Long, and/or Rusty Stirrup Hunters, Hunter Under Saddle, Equitation Over Fences, and Equitation on the Flat. (Age breaks with same fence heights, may be combined for points to count when less than 3 entries).*

### **PRE-CHILD ADULT HUNTERS 2'3" – 2'6"**

*Open to junior and amateur competitors with no other entry restrictions. Horses must be registered for Hunter points. May also be combined with PCHA or USHJA Classes of same height. **To maintain eligibility for a year-end award, rider may not jump over 2'9" during the current show year.***

### **PRE-CHILD ADULT EQUITATION 2'3" – 2'6"**

*Open to junior and amateur competitors with no other entry restrictions. May also be combined with PCHA or USHJA Classes of same height. **To maintain eligibility for a year-end award, rider may not jump over 2'9" during the current show year.***

## **PONY DIVISION**

### **PONY HUNTERS:**

*(Small 2'3", Medium 2'6", Large 2'9"-3"0). Ponies must be registered for Pony Hunter points to count. May be combined, but ponies will jump their respective height by size or as combined by show.*

### **PONY EQUITATION:**

*(Small 2'3", Medium 2'6", Large 2'9"-3"0) may be combined, but ponies will jump their respective height by size or as combined by show.*

*Above divisions are combined for Pony High Point.*

**CHILDRENS PONY DIVISION 2' for Small/Med. and 2'6" for Large.**

*Points calculated on riders from Children's Pony Hunters and Children's Pony Equitation. Ponies in these divisions do not have to be recorded. Because points are calculated on the riders if more than one pony is ridden in a class, only placing from the highest placing pony will count towards points.*

## **Section 4 – “Jumper” Divisions**

**LOW CHILDREN'S/ADULT AMATEUR JUMPERS:** *Fences .80m/.85m - .90m/.95m – 1.00m/1.05m*

**CHILDREN'S/ADULT AMATEUR JUMPERS:** *Fences 1.10m.*

**.80M/.85m: JUMPERS** *Fences .80m or .85m (No rider restrictions)*

**.90m/.95m JUMPERS:** *Fences .90m or .95m (No rider restrictions)*

**1.00m JUMPERS:** *Fences 1.00 m (No rider restrictions)*

**1.10 m JUMPERS:** *Fences 1.10 m (No rider restrictions)*

### **PERFORMANCE JUMPER RIDER DIVISION.**

*Riders who are current members of SCHSA can accrue points in any open Divisions. This division is open but designed to reward our professional riders. A minimum of 50 points must be accrued to receive a year-end championship.*

## **PART X – DIVISION LIMITS & RESTRICTIONS**

- a. If a rider has competed in any class the prize list states is set at three-foot six inch (3'6") or higher prior the current show year, he is no longer eligible for a year-end "B" equitation award from SCHSA. Exceptions, Hunter Derbies with option fences, and as described below.
- b. If not addressed under the rules of the specific Division or Medal Class, after a period of five years has elapsed and if no competitions have been attended during the five-year period, a rider is eligible to compete at any lower fence height then when competition ceased. Further, if an infraction has occurred invalidating a rider's eligibility, a rider may submit to the Board, in writing, a request for reinstatement of eligibility to compete in a specific class or at a lower height. Request should include any additional information that would assist the Board in understanding the circumstances. Requests may be made provided rider did not show over the regulation height at more than two (2) competitions in the previous five (5) years preceding the request.
- c. A rider is not eligible for a "B" year-end division or overall high point champion or reserve champion if the rider has won any "A" year-end age break championship in hunters or equitation or overall A high point championship from SCHSA, LAHJA, PCHA, Zone X, USHJA, or USEF that same year. However, a rider who has won a B Division or B High-Point may continue in the B Division through the age increases or in the same Division where age is not a factor. Any rider winning the same Division for three consecutive years will be awarded a special prize. Additionally, a rider may request in writing, from the Board a "return to lower division status" Reasons may include, time off for college, childbirth or injury.
- d. A rider may not win both an "A" and a "B" yearend High Point award. If, at the end of the year, a rider is champion in both the "A" and "B" division or overall high point the championship will automatically be awarded in the A section. In the "B" section the next highest pointed horse or rider will become the champion for that division or high point section.

## PART XI – CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

- a. To be eligible for a Championship Show Award, a rider must have competed at a minimum of three (3) SCHSA sanctioned shows in the current competition year, Competition may have been in any division, and placing is not required, but rider must have been a member at the time of competition, and must be at the time of the Championship Show, a member in good standing.
- b. At the Championship Show, points will be totaled in divisions entered (1<sup>st</sup> -10; 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6; 3<sup>rd</sup> – 2; 4<sup>th</sup> – 1; 5<sup>th</sup> – ½) and the eligible SCHSA Member(s) with the highest points and the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest points will be the presented the SCHSA Championship and Reserve Championship Awards. A minimum of 5 points is required.
- c. Although riders may earn awards in divisions based on the horse's performance, i.e. hunters and jumpers, the horse must be SCHSA Registered prior to the first day of competition to be eligible for a SCHSA Championship Show Award.

## PART XII– SPECIAL AWARDS

- a. **SILKS TO SHOW RING:** Founded by Lisa Thorpe and is awarded to the Thoroughbred with the highest number of points accrued in any divisions. Including TB restricted classes
- b. **SPORTSMANSHIP:** Founded by Rainbow Canyon Ranch This award is presented to the person who best exemplifies a true sportsmanship and horseman: Someone who is not there just for the ribbons, but for the challenge of the competition and to better their personal best, someone who not only finds joy in winning, but in helping others to win, someone who rises above adversity or helps others to do so. Nominations must be submitted to the SCHSA Office by December 10 of the current year to be considered. Winner must be a current SCHSA Member.
- c. **SHINING STAR AWARD:** Founded by Rainbow Canyon Ranch and selected by the Board. This award is given to someone who has made a positive impact on the association and/or its members. A person who through their example or efforts raised the quality of the association and our sport and encourages others to do the same. Open to parents, trainers, show staff, etc. Winner does not have to be an exhibitor or SCHSA member.