

FAIRFIELD-WESTCHESTER PHA



2012 HIGH SCORE PROGRAM RULE BOOK

FAIRFIELD-WESTCHESTER PHA HIGH SCORE AWARDS PROGRAM

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EQUITATION MEDALS

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

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

Mini Medal: Open to all junior riders. Courses should simulate the USEF Medal class. Testing or a flat phase of the top four riders if available, is required, or management may opt to incorporate the test into the course. Fences not to exceed 3'0". Class may be run in conjunction with another recognized class with the same specs.

Adult Medal: Open to all adult amateur riders. Testing or a flat phase of the top four riders, if available is required or management may opt to incorporate the test into the course. Fences not to exceed 3'0". Class may be run in conjunction with another recognized class with the same specs.

3'6" Junior Medal: Open to junior riders. Fence height 3'6". Medal may be run in conjunction with another recognized class with the same specs, or may incorporate the test into the course. Management is encouraged to run this class in conjunction with the National PHA Medal.

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

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

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

Management may offer these medal classes in conjunction with a class in a regular equitation division, riders must be given the option to be "scored" for their medal round, and at the completion, those riders participating in the Medal, must complete a short test or flat phase.

HUNTER & JUMPER DIVISIONS

Schooling Hunter: Open to all horses or ponies with no restriction as to rider. Fence height encouraged to be 2'0". Division will be split between horses and ponies within the high score program.

Short Stirrup Hunter: Open to horses or ponies, ridden by juniors twelve years of age or younger, who have not competed in fences over 2' in height at a recognized competition.

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

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

Adult Amateur Hunter: To be run in accordance with USHJA Zone Specifications. Division will be split 18-35 and 36 and over.

Modified Adult Hunter: Open to all Adult Amateur riders. Fence height encouraged to be 2'6". Management may offer this division combined with the Modified Children's Hunter and/or Low Hunter 2'6".

Modified Children's Hunter: Open to all Junior riders. Fence height encouraged to be 2'6". Management may offer this division combined with the Modified Adult Hunter and/or Low Hunter 2'6".

Low Training Jumper: Open to all horses or ponies. No restrictions as to the riders. Fence height 2'9" and below.

Children's/Adult Jumper. To be run in accordance with USHJA Zone Specifications. Fence height 3' - 3'6".

MEMBERSHIP

This program is open to all owners, riders and horses otherwise eligible under these rules. Members will register by mail or at a participating horse show with the show secretary. Point accumulation will begin on the date that the application is postmarked or received by the show secretary. Applications must be received with the show results to be effective on the date of the show. If applications are delayed by the show management, then the points will begin to accrue on the date the application is received by FW-PHA.

All applications accepted between September 1st and September 30th will be retroactive to September 1st. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE AFTER SEPTEMBER 30TH.

Riders MUST be members of FWPHA for EQUITATION Points to accrue, and Owner/Lessee of the Horse MUST be a member of the FWPHA for HUNTER Points to accrue. If the Owner/Lessee of the Horse is a Farm or Business, the Farm/Business Owner MUST be a FWPHA Member.

All trainers of participants must be an active member of the PHA. Trainers who are members of chapters other than Fairfield-Westchester must submit proof of membership to the program contact.

SHOW YEAR AND AWARDS

The 2012 program will commence on September 1, 2011 and run through August 31, 2012. There will be an awards presentation and dinner at the end of the program year, usually in November.

MEDAL CLASSES

For the Adult Medal, Junior 3'6" Medal, Mini Medal, Pre-Children's Medal, Pre-Adult Medal and Short Stirrup Medal classes, riders will qualify for the finals after they have accrued 12 points. For the Children's Medal riders will qualify after they have accrued 18 points. Management reserves the right to lower point requirements during the high score season. Riders qualifying for two Medal finals must choose one division/level to compete in; riders may not compete in both. The finals will be held at the FW-PHA Horse Show in September. The results of these classes will determine the final placing for the year. Trophies and ribbons through eighth place will be awarded at the conclusion of these classes. Recognition of the winners and their trainers will be made at the awards dinner. Winners of the Children's, Pre-Children's, Pre-Adult & Short Stirrup Medals will no longer be eligible to compete in that medal finals. Winners of the Adult Medal, Junior 3'6" Medal and Mini Medal will not be eligible to compete in the Adult Medal, Junior 3'6" Medal or Mini Medal finals for the show year after they win. After one year, they may re-enter the division. (Riders may compete at shows through out the year in the class, but they will be ineligible to compete in the finals). As part of the finals, riders will be tested by the judge with verbal question(s) which may count for up to an additional 5 points towards their overall riding score.

POINTS

Points in all divisions at USEF participant shows will be awarded for each class as follows; 1st = 10, 2nd = 6, 3rd = 4, 4th = 2, 5th = 1, 6th = 1/2. USHJA Recognized shows will earn 1/2 points. No extra points will be awarded for Champion or Reserve Champion. Two riders must complete the class for points to count.

In order for points to accrue, the equitation rider and the horse name must use the same name and spelling when registering with the horse show secretary as was used in the High Score Registration form. Any changes in name or owner must be made in writing to the program point keeper, and points will be transferred without penalty upon the postmarked date of the request.

Updated points will be posted on the FWPHA website: www.FWPHA.com
Points will be updated monthly. Once points are posted, they will become final 30 days after posting on the website, and no point disputes will be considered. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to monitor the website for point corrections.

QUESTIONS & DISPUTES

Questions regarding points may be directed to the FWPHA point keeper, Scott Tarter at Scott@Twinlakesfarm.com. All disputes must be sent IN WRITING by certified mail to the committee chairman, Naomi Gauruder, 146 Branca Court, Milford CT 06461. The FW-PHA High Score Program Committee will settle all disputes. The committee's decision will be final.

PARTICIPATING SHOWS

This program is open to any qualified USEF recognized Local or Regular Member show, rated A, B or C. (Note, AA rated shows are NOT eligible with the exception of Old Salem & Fairfield Hunt Club), and USHJA Recognized Horse Shows who use a *USEF Licensed Judge*. Shows may not be held within a 20 mile radius (as the crow flies), unless permission is granted from the Senior show to allow another show to run within its mileage protection. For a show to participate, a member of the senior show management must be a member in good standing of the FW-PHA. Confirmation of show participation must be made to the program contact in a timely manner. Horse shows offering this program must display the PHA logo on the prize list, and must state "Member FW-PHA High Score Awards Program" Membership Dues will be \$25 per participating horse show, and must be paid by the receipt of the show results.

Participating shows are required to submit the results of all pertinent classes in the show, and any membership applications received within ten business days of the completion of the show for points to count. It is the responsibility of show management to send in the results within the deadline. Show management is required to send results electronically in USEF format.

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

Since USEF recognizes the shows participating in this program, USEF rules will take precedence in case of conflict. If other organizations are affiliated with the shows, then management may determine if they wish more stringent specifications and entry restrictions are to apply.

EQUITATION DIVISIONS

Horsemanship Test: Riders in all equitation divisions will be offered the option to take a horsemanship practical to count for up to an additional 50 points towards their overall point totals. The test will be administered by a USEF judge, and will be offered at the PHA horse shows.

Walk Trot Equitation: Open to beginner riders of any age.

Short Stirrup Equitation: Open to all junior riders twelve years of age and under who have not competed in classes over fences exceeding 2' in height at a recognized competition.

Pre-Children's Equitation: Open to junior riders. This division is designed to encourage those with minimal show experience. Fences height encouraged to be set at 2' to 2'3" Riders may only cross enter with Short Stirrup or Children's Equitation for two years. Management may offer this division combined with the Pre-Adult Equitation.

Pre-Adult Equitation: Open to adult amateur riders. This division is designed to encourage those with minimal show experience. Fences height encouraged to be set at 2' to 2'3" Management may offer this division combined with Pre-Children's Equitation.

Children's Equitation: Open to all junior riders. Fence height to be determined by show management, but encouraged to be held at 2'6". Management may offer this division combined with the Modified Adult Equitation.

Modified Adult Equitation: Open to Adult Amateur Riders. Fence height is encouraged to be held at 2'6". Management may offer this division combined with Children's Equitation.

Adult Equitation: Open to all adult amateur riders. Fences not to exceed 3'0". Management may offer this division combined with the Junior Equitation.

Junior Equitation: Open to Junior riders. Fences not to exceed 3'0". Management may offer this division combined with the Adult Equitation.