



FAIRFIELD-WESTCHESTER  
PROFESSIONAL HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

**2015  
HIGH SCORE  
RULE BOOK**

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## PROGRAM YEAR

The 2015 program will commence on September 1, 2014 and run through August 31, 2015.

## MEMBERSHIP

This high score program is open to all current members of the FW-PHA.

Riders must be active members for Equitation points to accrue.

Owners of horses in the Hunter & Jumper divisions must be active members for points to accrue. If the owner of said animal is a farm or business, then the primary business owner must be a current FWPHA member.

**Trainers of all participating riders & horses must be current PHA members. If a trainer is a current member with a chapter other than the FW-PHA, they must submit proof of their current membership from the other chapter to the point keeper. If a trainer fails to renew their PHA membership by April 1, 2015, then their client's points will be suspended until the trainer renews and is current with their membership!**

Should any member or trainer violate the Rules of the FWPHA or the High Score Program, the committee has the right to refuse or suspend participation in the High Score Program.

Members may join the High Score Program via US Mail or with the show secretary at a show. Membership begins the day the application is postmarked or received by the show management. Please note that it is the show management's responsibility to submit all membership applications with the show results. The FWPHA High score program is not responsible for any errors of show management.

Membership status will be kept updated on the FWPHA website: [www.FWPHA.com](http://www.FWPHA.com) It is the responsibility of the member to monitor the website for the status of your membership. NO memberships will be honored retroactively for more than 30 days if an error in the membership processing occurs.

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

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

## PARTICIPATING SHOWS

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

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

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

Show dues will be \$25 per show & payable with the show results.

Horse Shows offering the High Score program must clearly state on the prizelist cover that they are members of the FW-PHA High Score Program.

Participating shows are required to submit results of all classes, membership applications received at the show, & dues to the point keeper with-in 10 days of the competition of the show. Results must be sent in USEF electronic format & emailed to [Scott@Twinlakesfarm.com](mailto:Scott@Twinlakesfarm.com)

Should any show or member of show management, violate the Rules of the FWPHA or the High Score Program, the High Score committee has the right to refuse or suspend participation in the high score program.

FW-PHA sponsored horse shows will be designated as Double Point shows.

## POINTS

Points in all classes will be awarded as follows:

1st = 10, 2nd = 6, 3rd = 4, 4th = 2, 5th = 1, 6th = 1/2. No additional points awarded for Champion or Reserve Champion.

Two riders must complete the class for points to count. (Note for Jumpers; 2 riders must 'Compete' per USEF rules)

In order for points to accrue, the Rider and or Horse must use the same name and spelling when registering with the Horse Show as was used on the High Score application form (No Nick Names Please!) Any changes in Name or Ownership must be made in writing to the point keeper with in 10 days & points will be transferred without penalty.

Points will be updated monthly on the FWPHA website: [www.FWPHA.com](http://www.FWPHA.com) Once points are posted, they will become final after 30 days. It is the responsibility of the member to monitor points for any errors.

During the course of the program year, the High Score Committee reserves the right to combine or split divisions at their discretion (Including but not limited to 'California Splits', splits by rider age or horse/pony size) for the betterment of the members and the program.

## MEDAL CLASSES & FINALS

Riders will qualify for their respective medal classes after they have accrued 12 points. The High Score committee reserves the right to lower point requirements if needed.

Riders qualifying for 2 finals must choose which level they will compete in at the finals. Riders may not show in more than one medal final.

The Medal Finals will be held at the FW-PHA show in September.

Riders who have won the SAME medal finals for two consecutive years will be ineligible to compete in that same finals for a third year. After a one year leave, riders may continue to show in the finals again. (The two year rule will be in effect)

## HIGH SCORE COMMITTEE & QUESTIONS/DISPUTES

The High Score Committee reserves the right to interpret all questions and conditions in regard to and arising out of any issues, disputes or questions to the High Score Program. The Committee reserves the right to change or modify any Rules or Guidelines during the course of the Program year to better clarify the intent of the Program.

Since USEF recognizes shows participating in this program, USEF rules will take precedence in case of conflict.

All disputes must be made IN WRITING to the Committee Representative:  
Scott Tarter, PO Box 99, Bronxville, NY 10708.

The decision of the High Score Committee will be final.

## 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 June & September FWPFA horse shows.

**Walk Trot:** Open to beginner riders of any age who have not competed at 2' or higher at a Recognized competition. For the purpose of our high score program, Walk Trot Equitation, Pleasure or Hunter U/S classes the points will be awarded to the RIDER.

**Short Stirrup Equitation:** Open to all riders 12 or 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. Fence height 2' to 2'3". Riders may only cross enter with Short Stirrup or Children's Equitation for two years.

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

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

**Modified Adult Equitation:** Open to Adult Amateur Riders. Fence height 2'6".

**Adult Equitation:** Open to all adult amateur riders. Fences not to exceed 3'0".

**Junior Equitation:** Open to Junior riders. Fences not to exceed 3'0".

## HUNTER & JUMPER DIVISIONS

**Schooling Hunter:** Open to all horses or ponies with no restriction as to rider. Fence height 2'0"-2'3". Division will be split between horses and ponies within the high score program.

**Short Stirrup Hunter:** Open to riders, 12 or under, 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 2'6".

**Modified Children's Hunter:** Open to all Junior riders. Fence height 2'6".

**Low Training Jumper:** Open to all horses or ponies. No restrictions as to the riders. Fence height not to exceed 2'9".

**Children's/Adult Jumper.** To be run in accordance with USHJA Zone Specifications.

## **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.

**Short Stirrup Medal:** Open to all 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'.