

## Hunter Division Specifications – 2024

**LEADLINE:** For riders 7 years of age and under. Rider not eligible for any other classes and must not have competed in any class other than Lead line. Rider to be led at the walk. Pony to be on lead at all times. Division consists of three classes: (1) 100% pony suitability and manners; (2) 100% rider equitation; and (3) 50% equitation/50% pony suitability. Only class 3 is awarded BHSA Points. Points will accrue to the rider.

**PRE-SHORT STIRRUP EQUITATION:** Open to riders 10 years and under as of December 1 of the current show year. Riders may be asked to walk, trot, and perform simple Equitation tasks. Riders not allowed to cross enter into classes where they would be asked to canter or jump. .

**SHORT STIRRUP EQUITATION:** May not enter any other Equitation class except Equitation on the Flat. For riders 12 years and under. May not enter any classes where fences exceed 18". Division consists of three classes: (1) Walk & trot; (2) 4 fences at 18" - may trot or canter; and (3) same as class 2.

**LONG-STIRRUP EQUITATION:** Open to riders 13 years and older as of December 1 of the current show year. Jumps may not exceed 18". Riders not allowed to cross enter into classes where they would jump higher than 18". Courses may be trotted.

-Requires at least two entries for points to count.

-May be combined with Short Stirrup Equitation and/or Student Equitation.

**STUDENT EQUITATION:** Open to riders 13 years and older on horses or ponies. Jumps not to exceed 2'. Divisions consist of three classes: (1) Walk, trot and canter (2) 4 fences at 2'; (3) same as class 2. Riders may trot or canter over fences and simple changes are permitted. Riders are limited to two years only.

**LIMIT RIDER HUNTER:** Open to horses or ponies. Riders must be juniors or adult amateurs who are not entered in any classes jumping 2'6" or higher. These riders are not eligible to compete in VHSA Adult Amateur Equitation, VHSA Pony Equitation, or VHSA Children's Equitation. Ponies must be ridden by juniors. Horses/ponies may be cross-entered into other divisions. Courses to be a minimum of 6 fences set at 2'3". or 2' rider's choice.

**VHSA SHORT STIRRUP HUNTER:** Open to horses and ponies ridden by children 12 years and under. The division will consist of three (3) classes, two over fence classes and a walk, trot, canter under saddle class. Short Stirrup riders, ponies and horses may not cross enter any other VHSA Associate Division or a VHSA Associate Rated Equitation Class except for VHSA Associate Junior Equitation on The Flat and Pleasure Pony or Pleasure Horse at any show in which they exhibit in the Short Stirrup Division. The jump height for this division will be no lower than 18" and no higher than 2" with a minimum of four (4) jumps. These riders are not eligible to compete in classes over 2'.

**VHSA PONY EQUITATION:** One class for Junior riders. Judged on hands, seat, guidance and control of mount. At least 1/4 of riders completing the course may return to work on the flat. Small ponies to jump 2', medium ponies to jump 2'3", large ponies to jump 2'6".

**VHSA PONY PLEASURE:** Open to Junior Riders only. Division consists of three classes: (1) Walk & trot; (2) Walk, trot & canter; (3) Walk & go-as-you-please.

**VHSA HORSE PLEASURE:** Open to Juniors or Adults on horses. Division is the same classes as. Hunter Pony Pleasure: If class is split into Junior and Adult, the same horse cannot compete in both divisions.

*The following divisions will consist of 3 classes: (1) over 7 or 8 fences; (2) over 7 or 8 fences; and (3) Under saddle. Each division should have at least three entries to fill the section.*

**VHSA PONY HUNTER:** For Junior riders. Small ponies not to exceed 12.2h and to jump 2', Medium ponies are over 12.2h but not to exceed 13.2h and to jump 2'3". Large ponies are over 13.2h but not to exceed 14.2h and jump 2'6".

**VHSA CHILDREN'S/ ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER:** For Junior and Adult Amateur Riders on horses over 14.2h and to jump 2'6" or 3' (rider's choice).

**VHSA GREEN PONY HUNTER:** Open to ponies in their FIRST year of showing at regulation heights or higher, ridden by Juniors. Small: 2' Medium: 2'3" Large: 2'6"

**VHSA GREEN HUNTER:** Open to horses in their FIRST or SECOND year of showing at 2'6" or higher. Fence Height 2'6"

**VHSA ASSOCIATE THOROUGHBRED HUNTER;** The VHSA Associate Thoroughbred Hunter Division is limited to horses that are registered with or are eligible to be registered with the Jockey Club. To accrue VHSA Associate points the height for this division shall be no lower than 2'6". The VHSA Associate Thoroughbred Hunter Division may be combined with the Working Hunter and the Green Hunter.

**VHSA WORKING HUNTER:** Open to animals that are not entered in a pony division at the same show. As a clarification, any animal that competes in a VHSA Associate recognized horse division is ineligible to compete in any VHSA Associate Pony Division at the same show. Fence height: 3'

**Other Divisions (VHSA Associate Divisions have VHSA in heading.)**

**VHSA ASSOCIATE CHILDRENS/ADULT AMATEUR EQUITATION:** Open to juniors or Adult Amateurs mounted on horses. At least one fourth of class may be called back to walk, trot and canter and to perform additional tests at the Judge's discretion. May be combined with the Pony Equitation. May be split into junior and adult amateur and precede their respective divisions. To jump 2'6" or 3' (rider's choice).

**VHSA JUNIOR EQUITATION ON THE FLAT 15-17:** To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring and judged on position, control and guidance. Tests 1-19 may be used, excluding those requiring work over fences. Three entries are necessary to fill this class.

**VHSA JUNIOR EQUITATION ON THE FLAT 14 AND UNDER:** Open to riders who have not reached their 15th birthday by December 1st of the calendar year. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring and judged on position, control and guidance. Tests 1-19 may be used, excluding those requiring work over fences.

**VHSA ADULT/AMATEUR EQUITATION ON THE FLAT:** Open to amateurs 18 years of age and older. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring and judged on position, control and guidance. Tests 1-19 may be used, excluding those requiring work over fences. Three entries are necessary to fill this class.

**BENEFIT HUNTER:** To be run as an unrestricted Hunter Division. Open to horses or ponies ridden by juniors or adults. A portion of each entry will go to the Millwood Thoroughbred Rescue and Adoption Foundation.

**HUNTER HACK:** To be judged on manners and way of go as suited to the hunt field. Open to horses or ponies ridden by juniors or adults.