General Rules for ME Hunter/Jumper Association: corrected copy

1. Membership is open to all, and fees will be $30/ family and $25/ individual membership per year.

2.Any show in the state of Maine or in a contiguous bordering state may affiliate with the ME Hunter/Jumper Association. Cost to affiliate will be $20. An affiliate show will receive a mailing list of all MEHJA members, and classes held at an affiliated show will count toward year-end awards in the MEHJA. Shows affiliated with the MEHJA must supply proof of insurance in the amount of $1,000,000 General Liability Shows which includes spectators on or about the grounds, and must name MEHJA as additional insured. This proof of insurance must be received by the MEHJA secretary at least two weeks prior to show. The show must also send a copy of the results of any show to MEHJA within two weeks of the completion of said show. *2010 Promotion: For the calendar year 2010, any show holding one of the hunter breeding classes may affiliate at half-cost, and if holding both hunter breeding classes (ponies and horses), affiliation fee with be waived!*

3. ME Hunter/Jumper Association will offer year-end awards in two separate divisions:

Division I will be for member riders who are also residents of the state of Maine and who are showing in USEF-rated shows, and these shows can be held in state or out of state. For a rider to earn a year-end award in this division, the rider must earn points in a minimum of two shows in his/her respected division. If a rider is showing in USEF shows, and wishes to compete for year-end awards through the MEHJA, the rider needs to request from the MEHJA a show log. At each show, in each class, the rider is responsible for recording the class, division, and placing, and having the log signed by the show secretary.

Division II will be for member riders showing in MEHJA affiliated shows. All divisions/classes listed in this document will be eligible for year-end awards. A rider must earn points in a minimum of 3 affiliated shows held at a minimum of two different locations to be eligible for year-end awards.

For both Div. I and Div. II points will be counted as follows: For classes with greater than four horses, the points for first place will be equal to the number of horses in the class, and for each successive place it will be one less. Therefore, if x= number of horses, 1st place will be x, second place will be x-1, third place x-2, fourth place x-3, fifth place x-4, sixth place x-5. For classes with four or fewer horses, points will be as follows: 1st place 4 points, 2cnd place 3 points, third place 2 points, and fourth place 1 point. Champion = 6 points. Reserve Champion = 4 points.

Year-end awards will be as follows: for leadline, and walk-trot awards will be given through 6th place. For all other classes limited to junior riders awards will be given through 4th place. For all other divisions champion and reserve only will be given.

MEHJA encourages donations of challenge and perpetual trophies. However, they do need to be approved by the board. For future years, starting in 2011, Feb. 1st will be the deadline by which application will need to be made.

4. ME Hunter/Jumper Association will recognize Downeast Medal Participants. For 20010 ME Hunter/Jumper Association will give gold, silver and bronze awards to the participants receiving the highest number of points in qualifying classes throughout the year in each category (walk/trot rails, mini, childrens, pony, junior, modified adult, and adult medals) of the Downeast Hunter/Jumper Medal. Points will be according to the Downeast Medals point scoring/record keeping.

5. Shows should have a measuring stick available in case of protest or question regarding the height measurement of ponies. For 2011 all ponies showing in classes/divisions restricted to ponies will need a pony height measurement card. A USEF card will be recognized; for ponies not having a USEF pony card, the MEHJA will measure and issue a card. A permanent card will be issued for all ponies 6 years of age and older.

CLASS SPECIFICATIONS:

1. **Hunter Breeding Class--Horses**

To be judged on conformation, way of moving, quality, substance, soundness and suitability. Weanlings may wear halters; all yearlings and older must show in a bridle. Weanlings and broodmares to show at a walk, all others at a walk and trot.

2. **Hunter Breeding Class—Ponies**

Open to ponies 14.2H and under
To be judged on conformation, way of moving, quality, substance, soundness and suitability. Weanlings may wear halters; all yearlings and older must show in a bridle. Weanlings and broodmares to show at a walk, all others at a walk and trot.

3. **Leadline Equitation, 7 years and under**

LEAD LINE EQUITATION, 7 YEARS AND UNDER

To be shown at a walk, trot on an attached lead. demonstrating the rider's control of the horse/pony. Rider may be asked to turn to the right and left. To be judged as an equitation class.

LEAD LINE EQUITATION CHAMPIONSHIP

To be eligible, rider must have been entered, shown and judged in Leadline Equitation. To be shown at a walk, trot on an attached lead demonstrating the rider's control of the horse/pony. Rider may be asked to turn to the right and left. To be judged as an equitation class.

4. Leadline Pleasure

LEAD LINE PLEASURE HORSE OR PONY

To be judged at the walk and trot. To be judged on the horse or pony as a pleasure class with manners and the suitability of the mount emphasized.

LEAD LINE PLEASURE HORSE OR PONY CHAMPIONSHIP

To be eligible, must have been entered, shown and judged in Lead Line Pleasure Horse or pony. To be judged at the walk and trot. To be judged on the horse or pony as a pleasure class with manners
and the suitability of the mount emphasized.

5. Walk-Trot Equitation

Open to riders 10 years of age and under. Riders may not compete in any class at this show in which rider is required to canter or lope. Stallions are prohibited.

WALK-TROT EQUITATION, 10 YEARS & UNDER

To be shown at a walk, trot both ways of the ring.

WALK-TROT EQUITATION CHAMPIONSHIP

To qualify, rider must have been entered, shown and judged in the proper qualifier. To be shown at a walk, trot both ways of the ring.

6. Walk-Trot Pleasure

Open to riders ten years of age and under. Riders in this class are not eligible for classes requiring entries to canter or lope. No child entered may compete in any other class requiring entries to canter or lope at any previous show. Stallions are prohibited.

WALK-TROT PLEASURE HORSE OR PONY

To be shown at a walk and trot only both ways of the ring. To be judged on manners, suitability of horse or pony to rider, and performance.

WALK-TROT PLEASURE HORSE OR PONY CHAMPIONSHIP

To qualify, entry must have been entered, shown and judged in the proper qualifier. To be shown at a walk and trot or jog only both ways of the ring. To be judged on manners, suitability of horse or pony to rider, and performance.

3. Short Stirrup Equitation Division

Open to riders 12 years of age or under. Both classes accrue to one award. Rider may not compete in any other hunter seat equitation class at any show and must not have competed in a jumping class exceeding 18" in height.

SHORT STIRRUP HUNTER SEAT EQUITATION ON THE FLAT

To be judged at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. May be asked to halt and back.

SHORT STIRRUP HUNTER SEAT EQUITATION OVER FENCES.

To be shown over a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 8 fences not exceeding 18" in height. Fences may be taken at either a trot or a canter at the option of the rider.

SHORT STIRRUP HUNTER SEAT EQUITATION CHAMPIONSHIP (over fences)

Rider must have shown in qualifying class. To be shown over a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 8 fences not exceeding 18" in height. Fences may be taken at either a trot or a canter at the option of the rider.

4. Short Stirrup Hunter Division

Open to riders 12 years of age or under.

Rider may not compete in any other class that requires jumping fences exceeding 18" in height.

To be shown over a course with a minimum of 4 fences or a maximum of 8 fences not exceeding 18" in height. Fences shall be cross rails or verticals with no combinations.

Classes to count toward Championship

SHORT STIRRUP HUNTER

To be judged on performance, soundness and manners.

SHORT STIRRUP HUNTER STAKE

To be judged on performance, soundness and manners.

SHORT STIRRUP HUNTER UNDER SADDLE

To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Only eight entries to canter at one time. To be judged on performance, soundness and manners.

5. Long Stirrup Equitation Division

Open to riders 13 years of age and over. Both classes accrue to one award. Rider may not compete in any other hunter seat equitation class at any show and must not have competed in a jumping class exceeding 18" in height.

LONG STIRRUP HUNTER SEAT EQUITATION ON THE FLAT

To be judged at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. May be asked to halt and back.

LONG STIRRUP HUNTER SEAT EQUITATION OVER FENCES.

To be shown over a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 8 fences not exceeding 18" in height. Fences may be taken at either a trot or a canter at the option of the rider.

LONG STIRRUP HUNTER SEAT EQUITATION CHAMPIONSHIP (over fences)

Rider must have shown in qualifying class. To be shown over a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 8 fences not exceeding 18" in height. Fences may be taken at either a trot or a canter at the option of the rider.

6. Easy Does It Hunter Division

Open to riders of any age with no restriction as to status. Horse/pony and rider combination may not enter any other class requiring horses to jump over 2'3" at the same show.

To be shown over a course of four to eight fences not to exceed 18" with no combinations. May trot or canter over fences.

Classes to count towards Championship:

EASY DOES IT HUNTER

To be judged on performance and soundness.

EASY DOES IT HUNTER STAKE

To be judged on performance and soundness.

EASY DOES IT HUNTER UNDER SADDLE

To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Light contact with horse's mouth is required. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive, and move freely. They should not be eliminated for slight errors. No more than eight horses will be asked to canter at one time, but based on quality of entries, judge may canter fewer. To be judged on performance and soundness.

7. Schooling Hunter Equitation Division

Open to Junior and Amateur Adult exhibitors who have not competed previously in a class with fence heights greater than 2' 6" Rider may not compete in any other equitation division at the show. If sufficient entries, class may be split into a junior section and an amateur section.

Prize list must state if a class is to be held ON THE FLAT or OVER FENCES.
HUNTER SEAT EQUITATION ON THE FLAT

HUNTER SEAT EQUITATION OVER FENCES

In Over Fences classes, all contestants must jump at least six (6) jumps. Fences shall be 2' to 2' 3" in height.

HUNTER SEAT EQUITATION CHAMPIONSHIP

To qualify, exhibitor must have been entered, shown and judged in qualifying class. Fences shall be 2' to 2' 3" in height

NOTE: For points to count, championship must be held over fences.

8. Schooling Hunter Division

Open to Junior and Amateur Adult exhibitors who have not competed previously in a class with fence heights greater than 2'6".

The same horse/pony and rider combination cannot show in any other rated hunter or jumper division with fence heights greater than 2'6".

Open to horses and ponies to show over the same course.

Fences 2' to 2'3" in height.

Classes to count toward Championship

SCHOOLING HUNTER

To be judged on performance and soundness. Manners shall be emphasized and extreme speed shall be penalized.

SCHOOLING HUNTER STAKE

To be judged on performance and soundness. Manners shall be emphasized and extreme speed shall be penalized.

SCHOOLING HUNTER UNDER SADDLE

To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring maintaining light contact with horse's mouth. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. They should not be eliminated for slight errors. At the discretion of the judge, no more than eight horses, at a time may be asked to hand gallop collectively one way of the ring. To be judged on performance and manners.

9. Special Working Hunter

No restrictions as to age or status or horse/pony or rider.

Open to horses and/or ponies.

Fences not to exceed 2'6".

Classes to count toward Championship

SPECIAL WORKING HUNTER

To be judged on manners, performance and soundness.

SPECIAL WORKING HUNTER STAKE

To be judged on manners, performance and soundness.

SPECIAL WORKING HUNTER UNDER SADDLE

To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring maintaining light contact with horse's mouth. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive, and move freely. They should not be eliminated for slight errors. At the discretion of the judge, no more than eight horses at a time may be asked to hand gallop collectively one way of the ring. To be judged on manners, performance and soundness.

10. Pony Working Hunter

To be ridden by a Junior Exhibitor under 18 years of age. Show management may divide into Small-Medium Pony Hunter and Large Pony Hunter on the day of the show if there are sufficient entries.

Fences for ponies shall be as follows:

Small Ponies, not exceeding 12.2 hands, fences to be 2’3”;

Medium Ponies, over 12.2 hands but not exceeding 13.2 hands, fences to be 2’6”;

Large Ponies, over 13.2 hands but not exceeding 14.2 hands, shall be 3’.

The suggested distance for an In and Out when used in a ring for Small Ponies is 20', Medium Ponies 22’, and Large Ponies 24’. The maximum allowable spread on any fence is as follows: Small Ponies 2’3”, Medium Ponies 2’6”, and Large Ponies 3’.

Classes to count toward Championship:

PONY WORKING HUNTER

To be judged on performance and soundness. Manners and suitability of a pony for the rider shall be emphasized and extreme speed shall be penalized.

HANDY PONY WORKING HUNTER

To be shown over a special course, obstacles simulating those found in trappy hunting country. Emphasis in judging to be placed on promptness and manners. Manners and suitability of a pony for the rider shall be emphasized and extreme speed shall be penalized.

PONY WORKING HUNTER STAKE

To be judged on performance and soundness. Manners and shall be penalized. suitability of a pony for the rider shall be emphasized and extreme speed shall be penalized.

PONY WORKING HUNTER UNDER SADDLE

To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring maintaining light contact with horse’s mouth. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. They should not be eliminated for slight errors. At the discretion of the judge, no more than eight ponies, at a time, may be asked to hand gallop collectively one way of the ring.To be judged on performance and soundness. Manners and suitability of a pony for the rider shall be emphasized and extreme speed shall be penalized.

11.Children’s Hunter Division

Open to horses and ponies. To be shown by Junior Exhibitors. Junior Exhibitors 15 – 17 years of age, inclusive, must be eligible for Intermediate equitation over fences as of December 1st of the current show year. The same horse/pony and rider combination cannot show in any other rated hunter or jumper division at the same show with the exceptions of Equitation, Special Hunter and Low Hunter divisions.

Fences no higher than 2’6” for ponies and 3’ for horses.

Horses and ponies to show over the same course.

Classes to count toward Championship:

CHILDREN’S HUNTER

To be judged on performance and soundness. Manners shall be emphasized and extreme speed shall be penalized.

CHILDREN’S HUNTER STAKE

To be judged on performance and soundness. Manners shall be emphasized and extreme speed shall be penalized.

CHILDREN’S HUNTER UNDER SADDLE

To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring maintaining light contact with horse’s mouth. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. They should not be eliminated for slight errors. At the discretion of the judge, no more than eight horses at a time may be asked to hand gallop collectively, one way of the ring. To be judged on performance and soundness. Manners shall be emphasized and extreme speed shall be penalized.

12. Adult Amateur Hunter

To be ridden by Amateurs who are no longer eligible to compete as Junior Exhibitors. Horse/rider combinations are not eligible for any other NEHC or USEF rated classes. Horses may be shown by a different rider in any other division or class at the same competition. Ponies may be ridden by adults, suitability to count.

Fence heights not to exceed 3’.

Spreads not to exceed height of fence.

Classes to count towards Championship:

OPEN ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER

To be judged on performance, soundness, manners, way of going, size of rider to mount and suitability as an Adult Hunter. Horses and ponies may be jogged for soundness at the judge’s discretion

ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER STAKE

To be judged on performance, soundness, manners, way of going, size of rider to mount and suitability as an Adult Hunter. Horses and ponies may be jogged for soundness at the judge’s discretion

ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER UNDER SADDLE

To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring maintaining light contact with horse's mouth. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. They should not be eliminated for slight errors. At the discretion of the judge, no more than eight horses at a time may be asked to hand gallop collectively, one way of the ring. To be judged on performance, soundness, manners, way of going, size of rider to mount and suitability as an Adult Hunter

13. Low Working Hunter
Open to horses and riders of any age with no restriction as to status.

Conformation not to count.

Fences not to exceed 3' in height.

Classes to count toward Championship:

LOW WORKING HUNTER

To be judged on performance and soundness.

LOW WORKING HUNTER STAKE

To be judged on performance and soundness.

LOW WORKING HUNTER UNDER SADDLE

To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring maintaining light contact with horse's mouth. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. They should not be eliminated for slight errors. At the discretion of the judge, no more than eight horses at a time may be asked to hand gallop collectively, one way of the ring. To be judged on performance and soundness.

14. Junior Hunter
To be ridden by a Junior Exhibitor under 18 years of age. Open to horses only.

Jumps to be no higher than 3'6".

Classes to count toward Championship:

JUNIOR WORKING HUNTER

To be judged on manners, performance and soundness. Manners shall be emphasized and extreme speed shall be penalized.

HANDY JUNIOR WORKING HUNTER

To be shown over a special course, obstacles simulating those found in trappy hunting country. Emphasis in judging to be placed on promptness and manners. Extreme speed shall be penalized.

JUNIOR WORKING HUNTER UNDER SADDLE

To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring, maintaining light contact with horse's mouth. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. They should not be eliminated for slight errors. At the discretion of the judge, no more than eight horses at a time may be asked to hand gallop collectively one way of the ring. To be judged on manners, performance and soundness. Manners shall be emphasized and extreme speed shall be penalized.

JUNIOR WORKING HUNTER STAKE

To be judged on manners, performance and soundness. Manners shall be emphasized and extreme speed shall be penalized.

15. Working Hunter Division

Points will be awarded in the following classes only if the prize list does not specify conformation to count in the judging.

The minimum and maximum height of the fences must be specified in each class. Height of the fences at the option of the show management but should be a minimum of 3'6".

Classes to count toward Championship:

WORKING HUNTER

To be judged on performance and soundness.

HANDY WORKING HUNTER

To be shown over a special course, obstacles simulating those found in trappy hunting country. Emphasis on judging to be placed on promptness and manners.

WORKING HUNTER STAKE

To be judged on performance and soundness.

WORKING HUNTER UNDER SADDLE

To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring maintaining light contact with horse's mouth. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. They should not be eliminated for slight errors. At the discretion of the judge, no more than eight horses at a time may be asked to hand gallop collectively one way of the ring. To be judged on performance and soundness.

16. Non-TB Hunter Division

Open to horses not registered with the American Jockey Club.

The height of the fences not to exceed 3’3”.

Classes to count toward Championship

NON-THOROUGHBRED HUNTER

To be judged on performance and soundness.

NON-THOROUGHBRED HUNTER STAKE

To be judged on performance and soundness.

NON-THOROUGHBRED HUNTER UNDER SADDLE

To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring maintaining light contact with horse’s mouth. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. They should not be eliminated for slight errors. At the discretion of the judge, no more than eight horses at a time may be asked to hand gallop collectively, one way of the ring. To be judged on performance and soundness.

17. Green Working Hunter

Show management may divide into first year and second year on the day of the show if there are sufficient entries.

A Green Hunter is a horse of any age that is in his first or second year of showing in any class at recognized MHA, NEHC and/or USEF shows requiring entries to jump, (including equitation), 3’6” or higher. Horses showing over courses lower than 3’6” will not lose their green status. First year green horses to jump no higher than 3’6”. Second year green horses to jump no higher than 3’9”. It is recommended that all shows specify no higher than a difference of three inches in the height of jumps for the first and second year horses.

Classes to count toward Championship:

Points will be awarded in the following classes only if the prize list does not specify conformation to count in the judging.

OPEN GREEN WORKING HUNTER

To be judged on performance and soundness.

GREEN WORKING HUNTER STAKE

To be judged on performance and soundness.

GREEN WORKING HUNTER UNDER SADDLE

To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring maintaining light contact with horse's mouth. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. They should not be eliminated for slight errors. Will not be asked to hand gallop. To be judged on performance and soundness

18. Hunt Seat Equitation

All Juniors riding in Hunter Seat Equitation sections must wear protective headgear while riding in the designated schooling and exercise areas, the show ring and while jumping anywhere on the competition grounds. Headgear must be of a type approved by and conforming to the standards of the USEF. Harnesses must be secured and properly fitted. Any rider violating this rule at any time must be immediately prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place. It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian of the Junior Exhibitor to see to it that the headgear worn complies with such standard. Adults are encouraged to comply with this rule, however it is not mandatory.

Prize list must state if a class is to be held ON THE FLAT or OVER FENCES.

HUNTER SEAT EQUITATION ON THE FLAT (specify age group)

HUNTER SEAT EQUITATION OVER FENCES (specify age group; specify fence height "not to exceed ___")

In Over Fences classes, all contestants must jump the same height and jump at least six (6) jumps.

JUMPS shall not exceed 3' and wings are compulsory for classes under 15 years of age. In open classes and classes for 15–17 years of age jumps not to exceed 3'6" and wings are optional.

HUNTER SEAT EQUITATION CHAMPIONSHIP

To qualify, exhibitor must have been entered, shown and judged in any other Hunter Seat Equitation class for riders under 18 years of age.

To be held over fences not exceeding 3'6". If wings are used, they shall be no wider than 30". Judge may require additional tests.

NOTE: For points to count, championship must be held over fences. For year end award purposes, only those qualifying for the championship in an age group class shall earn
championship points.

19. Amateur Adult Hunter Seat Equitation

AMATEUR ADULT HUNTER SEAT EQUITATION ON THE FLAT

AMATEUR ADULT HUNTER SEAT EQUITATION OVER FENCES
NOT TO EXCEED 3 ' (wings optional).

AMATEUR ADULT HUNTER SEAT EQUITATION CHAMPIONSHIP

To be eligible, rider must have been entered, shown and judged in any other Amateur Adult Hunter Seat Equitation class at this show. To be held over a course of fences not to exceed 3'.

NOTES: For points to count, championship must be held over fences. For year end award purposes, only those qualifying for the championship in a regular (not a Medal class) amateur adult hunter seat equitation class shall earn championship points.

20. Hunter Hack

Classes to count toward Championship:

HUNTER HACK HORSE

To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring maintaining light contact with horse's mouth. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. They should not be eliminated for slight errors. At the discretion of the judge, no more than eight horses at a time may be asked to hand gallop collectively one way of the ring. Horses are required to individually jump two fences 2' to 2'6" in height. To be judged on performance and soundness.

HUNTER HACK HORSE CHAMPIONSHIP

To be eligible horse must have been entered, shown and judged in Hunter Hack Horse class. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring maintaining light contact with horse's mouth. Horses should be obedient, alert, and responsive and move freely. They should not be eliminated for slight errors. At the discretion of the judge, no more than eight horses at a time may be asked to hand gallop collectively, one way of the ring. Horses are required to individually jump two fences 2' to 2'6" in height. To be judged on performance and soundness

21. Hunter Pleasure

Open to all horses of a hunter type ordinarily used for pleasure purposes with no limitations as to status of rider.

HUNTER PLEASURE HORSE, OPEN

To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring maintaining light contact with horse's mouth. To be judged on manners, performance, quality, presence, substance and soundness.

HUNTER PLEASURE HORSE CHAMPIONSHIP

To be eligible horse must have been entered, shown and judged in Hunter Pleasure Horse, Open class. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring maintaining light contact with horse's mouth. To be judged on manners, performance, quality, presence, substance and soundness

22. Puddle Jumpers

All jumper divisions to follow USEF rules. Puddle Jumper division is for classes that are to 0.80m. All classes that fall in this height range will be eligible to count toward year-end award in the puddle jumper category.

23. Schooling Jumpers.
All jumper classes to follow USEF rules. Schooling Jumper division is for classes that are greater than 0.80m in height, but not exceeding 1.00m in height. All classes that fall in this height range will be eligible to count toward year-end award in the schooling jumper category.

24. Open Jumpers.
All jumper classes to follow USEF rules. Open Jumper division is for classes that are greater than 1.00 m in height. All classes that fall in this height range will be eligible to count toward yer-end award in the open jumper category.