

SHSA BYLAWS 2016

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be the **SUFFOLK HORSE SHOW ASSOCIATION**, herein after referred to as the SHSA.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of the SHSA shall be as follows:

1. To expand and enhance the image of equestrian sport and competition.
2. To certify show recognition and assign dates to hosting farms or organizations.
3. To encourage participation in all SHSA activities by all members in good standing of SHSA.
4. To make adequate and fair rules governing activities and to enforce them for the common benefit.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1 - ELIGIBILITY

Any individual in good standing is eligible for membership in the SHSA. The membership must be renewed annually the term being March 1 of current year to February 28(29 if Leap Year) of the next year. Membership will be active from the date the club Treasurer receives the membership application with payment. Points earned on or after this date will count toward Year-End High Score Awards. Points earned prior to the membership application date will not count toward Year-End High Score Awards. **To be eligible for Year-End Awards, the owner, the animal and the rider/handler must be registered with the SHSA and all dues and show fees paid in full.** To be a member in good standing, there should be no present or unresolved record of suspension against the applicant, or unpaid show fees not yet resulting in a suspension. In case of suspension, applicant should settle the cause of the suspension before or at the time of applying for membership.

SECTION 2 - CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

- A. ADULT members are those persons eighteen years of age and over,
- B. JUNIOR members are those persons who have not reached their eighteenth (18th) birthday prior to December 31 of the previous year in which they wish to show.

SECTION 3 - DUES

Annual dues for all members shall be \$15.00. Annual fee for recording horse, re-recording change of horse ownership or change of horse name shall be \$10.00. All riders/handlers must be a separate paid member to be able to acquire points on a recorded animal. A family membership will be \$40. **In essence, it will be \$10.00 for each horse, \$15.00 for each handler/rider, and the owner of the animal. If the owner and the rider/handler are the same, only one ten-dollar fee is due for the person and five dollars for the animal.**

SECTION 4 -ENTRY FEES

Class FEES for SHSA classes will be \$10.00 for pre-entry and \$12.00 for entry after the deadline date of pre-entry.

SECTION 5 - VOTING RIGHTS

All adult individual members in good standing of the SHSA shall have the right to vote at all the General Membership Meetings they attend on the basis of one (1) vote per member.

SECTION 6 – SUSPENSIONS

Suspensions will be administered to any member by a majority vote of the governing committee for:

- A. Any violations of the rules of this association.
- B. Any abuse to an animal displayed at any SHSA sanctioned Horse Show.

Upon being suspended, that member loses their privilege to vote and to accumulate points. Once the member is suspended, they have two (2) weeks from the date of notification of the suspension to resolve the matter and pay any penalties. If this is done, the member will be restored as a member in good standing and all points will be reinstated. If suspended and there is no action on the members part, that member will remain suspended. To re-join thereafter, all suspensions need to be resolved.

SECTION 7 - RECOGNIZED SHOWS

Recognized shows shall be defined as those held in the SOUTHSIDE HAMPTON ROADS area,; as well as SMITHFIELD, FRANKLIN, ISLE OF WIGHT, IVOR and WAKEFIELD, which apply to the governing committee for SHSA recognition meet the following conditions:

- A. All SHSA sanctioned shows shall follow SHSA rules.
- B. Shows must be open to all.
- C. All Show Managers will use the Bylaws provided in their show package. The bylaws will give the list of classes used by SHSA.
- D. Show Managers are responsible for delivering all monies and paperwork to the SHSA Treasurer within 7 days of their show.
- E. A copy of the prize list will be e-mailed to each SHSA member, (unless flagged for mailing) no later than two (2) weeks prior to the show.
- F. Each show must hold a minimum of six (6) SHSA Hunter Divisions and ten (10) SHSA Pleasure Divisions. Added halter classes may be held prior to SHSA classes and performance classes be held at end of the appropriate division.
- G. The prize list must include the following:
 - 1. Name, Location and contacts for the show.
 - 2. Date, beginning Times of scheduled blocks of classes, and rain date should cancellation occur due to inclement weather.
 - 3. Name of Judge.
 - 4. Name of Steward**Refer to ARTICLE IV, SECTION 2, I
 - 5. List of classes and their SHSA specifications.
 - 6. Entry fees.
 - 7. Times of lunch Break and if concession will be provided.
 - 8. General rules of that particular show, i.e. Tarps, tents must be kept away from rings, schooling will be allowed at stated times, or no riding will be allowed in certain areas, etc.

SECTION 8 - VIRGINIA HORSE SHOW ASSOCIATION (VHSA) ASSOCIATE SHOWS

SHSA recognized shows also have the option of being VHSA ASSOCIATE recognized, if the farm/organization hosting the show meets the requirements set by VHSA ASSOCIATE RULES (REFER TO VHSA RULE BOOK). SHSA rules shall apply, if an issue is not addressed VHSA rules will apply. This allows for SHSA members who are also VHSA ASSOCIATE members to compete and qualify for the end of the year VHSA ASSOCIATE CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW. For more information refer to the VHSA ASSOCIATE HORSE SHOW PROGRAM in the VHSA rulebook.

SECTION 9 - SHOW DATES

Show dates will be announced at a meeting prior to December 31st (usually the November meeting). These dates will be awarded prior to January 31st

- A. At this time a \$25.00 administration fee must be paid to confirm show dates. If the show should be canceled due to anything other than an act of God; this deposit is non-refundable.
- B. Show dates may not be swapped between farms without the Governing Committee's approval.
- C. Any barn or member wishing to hold a show must be a member in good standing for at least one (1) year. The one (1) year is defined as follows: they must have joined the previous SHSA show year by May 1 in order to be considered with SHSA one (1) year and eligible to host a show in the current show year.
- D. No member applying for SHSA recognition shall be allowed to hold two show dates on consecutive weekends. Only one (1) SHSA recognized show would be allowed on any weekend. SHSA will NOT allow combined shows with other show series.
- E. **Revised 12/12** SHSA shall be limited to no more than 12 shows per calendar season.
- F. The FEE for holding a recognized SHSA Horse Show is \$2.00 per entry in each class to a maximum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00). After retrieving SHSA fees, the Treasurer will issue a check to the Show Manager.
- G. The FEE for canceling a show without a 30 day written notice will be \$100.00. In the case of an unusual circumstance such as the death of a family member or an act of God it will be the board's decision to waive the fee.
- H. SHSA requires Show Managers to provide one adult show secretary for their show. SHSA will provide a Secretary Steward to assist the Manager assigned Secretary.
- I. Insurance Fee for each farm hosting an SHSA show will be \$100 per show. The \$100 fee will only be waived if the host barn can provide a copy of their own insurance policy listing SHSA as additionally insured. There must be an insurance binder or all dates listed on current binder for each SHSA show date at their facility. Updated 12/13

SECTION 10 - REPORTING SHOW RESULTS

After the show, the Secretary Steward will deliver the show results to a previously assigned Board Member that will tabulate points for SHSA. The Show Manager is responsible for ensuring VHSA points are submitted.

ARTICLE IV - MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION

SECTION 1 - FORUM

The direction and management of the SHSA shall be vested in a Governing Committee consisting of an elected slate of Officers and Board of Directors. The officers shall be PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, RECORDING SECRETARY and TREASURER. The Board of Directors shall consist of Thirteen (09) members one (1) of who shall be the immediate past president as advisor to the new group of officers, and one (1) of who shall be a Junior Member. Therefore, the total number of the Governing Committee shall be Four (04) with Thirteen (13) voted positions.

SECTION 2 - DUTIES OF THE GOVERNING COMMITTEE

- A. The PRESIDENT shall:
 - 1. Preside at all meetings of the General Membership and the Governing Committee.
 - 2. Appoint special committees.
 - 3. Serve as advisor to all of these committees except the Nomination Committee, and perform such duties as are pertinent to the office of President.
 - 4. Confirm all show dates.
 - 5. Co-ordinate for the year-end awards banquet.
- B. The VICE-PRESIDENT shall:
 - 1. Assume all duties of the President, Recording Secretary, or Treasurer in their absence.
 - 2. In case of vacancies in the office of President, Recording Secretary, or Treasurer, the vice-President shall also be responsible for filling the vacant office for the un-expired term or until a replacement is appointed.
 - 3. Serve as show manager for all SHSA board sponsored shows.
 - 4. Be exempt from serving as Steward or Secretary Steward.
- C. The RECORDING SECRETARY shall:
 - 1. Document the proceedings of all General Meetings and Board Meetings.

2. Submit points to VHSA from SHSA conducted shows.
3. Revised and Updated 12/13
 4. Be exempt from serving as SHOW STEWARD or SECRETARY STEWARD.
 5. Be present at each SHSA sponsored show to act as secretary for that show.
 6. Handle all pre-entries prior to SHSA sponsored shows and complete all paperwork for that show.
- D. The TREASURER shall:
 1. Collect all dues and fees from members and shows.
 2. Pay any valid bills submitted to them.
 3. Report on the Treasury at all meetings.
 4. Provide a written report to be published in every newsletter.
 5. Pay show fees to hosting show managers within seven (7) days of receiving funds and paperwork from show manager.
- E. The BOARD OF DIRECTORS shall:
 1. Act in accord with the Officers to conduct and manage the business affairs of SHSA and may exercise the powers of the Association except those conferred upon or reserved to the General Membership.
 2. STEWARD at least one SHSA recognized show throughout the year.
 - a. STEWARDS will be assigned to each show at the Show Managers meeting when the dates are confirmed.
 3. SECRETARY STEWARD at least one SHSA recognized show throughout the year.
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 4. A member of the board will maintain a record of all points submitted by recognized shows towards the Year-End High Score Awards.
 5. A member of the board will maintain a current membership list.
 6. An individual shall be the webmaster for the SHSA website. It is not necessary for this person to be a member of the board. :
 - a. They shall maintain the appearance and make sure that the site is running properly.
 - b. They shall post items that the board warrants necessary.
 7. Board members are expected to attend at least 75% of all board meetings.
- F. The immediate past President is not a voted position. This is a reserved position on the Board. This member should:
 1. Act as a source of support, information and advice for the present Governing committee.
- G. The Junior Member shall:
 1. Bring all concerns of SHSA junior members to the Board for discussion and settlement
 2. Provide a column for the Newsletter.
 3. Be exempt from serving as SHOW STEWARD or SECRETARY STEWARD.
- H. The SHOW STEWARD shall:
 1. Be responsible for having a current copy of the SHSA by-laws and VHSA RULES at the show.
 2. Settle disputes or questions raised about rules governing the running of the show. Members are to approach the Show Steward, not the Show Management, concerning questions about the rules.
 3. Assist the judge in anyway necessary.
 4. With assistance from the Show Manager, be responsible for the smooth and orderly conduct of the show.
 5. **The Steward is not eligible to participate in the show.**
- I. SECRETARY STEWARD shall:
 1. Assist the Show Manager's assigned Secretary with the administrative duties of the show.
 2. Collect show paperwork/receipts and deliver to the TREASURER at the end of the show.

SECTION 3 - QUORUM

At all meetings of the Governing Committee, a majority of the members present shall constitute a quorum, provided

that all members of the Board and all Officers have been notified in advance of the meeting by the Recording Secretary or the President. At such meetings a simple majority vote of the Officers and Directors shall be the act of the Governing Committee

SECTION 4 - TERM OF OFFICE

- A. All Officers and Board Members shall be elected by the General Membership to serve a term of two (2) years. The term will begin the January 1st after the Fall General Membership meeting of the election year and end December 31st upon completion of the second year.
- B. An Officer or Director may be elected for more than one (1) term at the discretion of the membership
- C. The BOARD will fill any vacancy occurring in the Governing Committee other than by expiration of term for the un-expired portion of the term.

ARTICLE V - NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

SECTION 1 - NOMINATIONS

A slate of Officers and Directors shall be prepared for submission to the General Membership by a Nominating Committee that shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors at the General Membership Meeting, additional nominations of members that have been members in good standing for at least one (1) year may be submitted for the positions of Officers and 6 Revised 12/08

Directors from the floor under the normal procedure of nomination and second. The one (1) year is defined as follows: they must have joined the previous SHSA show year by May 1 in order to be considered with SHSA one (1) year and eligible to run for officer/board positions in the current show year.

SECTION 2 - ELECTIONS

All individual members (18 years of age and older) in good standing of the SHSA shall have the privilege to vote on the proposed Officers and Directors at the November meeting. In the event that there is more than one (1) person nominated for a position, the vote shall be by secret ballot; otherwise it will be by show of hands of the membership. The new Officers and Directors shall be ceremonially installed at the annual Year-End Awards Banquet of the election year.

ARTICLE VI - RULES

SECTION 1 - GENERAL RULES

SHSA rules will be followed for all matters unless otherwise stated, and then the rules of the Virginia Horse Show Association, herein referred to as the VHSA shall apply.

- A. No drugs or alcohol shall be allowed on the SHSA show grounds.
- B. All dogs must be on leashes.
- C. **All juniors mounted anywhere on the show grounds must be wearing protective headgear passing ASTM standards. Harnesses must be secured and if said headgear has a brim it must be flexible or semi flexible. Any rider violating this rule at any time will immediately be prohibited from further riding until headgear is properly in place.**
- D. **Any Adults jumping anywhere on the show grounds, riding in any hunter class and/or division must be wearing approved ASTM headgear (as stated above). Any rider violating this rule at any time will be immediately prohibited from riding until proper headgear is in place.**
- E. All Adults are encouraged to comply with the above rule concerning protective headgear.
- F. General Membership meetings will be held at least once per year. Board meetings will be held prior to every General membership meeting or at the call of the President.
- G. Year End Award is defined as a Champion or Reserve, but 3rd through 6th place ribbons will be awarded.
- H. Points earned towards a year-end award will be accrued from all 12 SHSA shows during the year. **Horse and rider combinations must show in a division AT LEAST 4 times during the show season to be eligible**

for year end awards. 1/16

I. Stallions allowed to be shown in all divisions/classes with the exception of the following –**Hunter Ring**: Beginner Equitation Over Fences, Junior/Children’s Hunter (except when combined with Adult/Amateur Hunter), Novice Equitation Over Fences, and Pony Hunter; **Pleasure Ring**: Beginner Pleasure, Junior Equitation, Junior Pleasure, Lead Line, Maiden Walk/Trot Equitation, Novice Equitation, Novice Pleasure, and Walk/Trot Equitation by **an adult handler/rider only**. Note: dangerous or unruly behavior is reason for being excused from the show arena and/or grounds. Show managers have the option to not allow Stallions at their show. It must be posted in bold letters on the show program and sent out prior to the show date.

J. Horses will NOT be allowed to wear any boots, wraps, bell boots or protective gear in any judged class, with the EXCEPTION of Low Jumper.

SECTION 2 - DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

The following shall be considered SHSA recognized divisions/classes eligible for Year-End High Score Awards

A. HUNTER RING:

1. Divisions **Revised 12/12**

- a. Adult / Amateur Hunter
- b. Baby Green Hunter
- c. Beginner Equitation Over Fences
- d. Children’s / Junior Hunter
- e. Green Hunter
- f. Low Jumper
- g. Novice Jumper
- h. Novice EQ OF
- i. Open Hunter
- j. Pony Hunter
- k. Working Hunter

2. Classes

- a. SHSA/VHSA Equitation over fences

B. PLEASURE RING

1. Divisions

- a. Beginner Pleasure
- b. Green Pleasure
- c. Hunter Pleasure
- d. Junior Pleasure
- e. Maiden Walk/Trot Equitation
- f. Open Pleasure
- g. Open Walk/Trot Pleasure
- h. Walk/Trot Equitation
- i. Western Pleasure
- j. Ranch Horse Pleasure(understudy division 2016)

2. Classes

- a. All Breed Conformation all age group
- b. Model Hunter in Hand
- c. Showmanship At Hand
- d. Suitability For Dressage
- e. VHSA Equitation on the Flat

C. *For a 1st year class/division (understudy class/division) there will be no year-end awards but presented only ribbons, if the class/division makes at least four (4) times in the show year.

D. When warranted, classes will be divided between juniors and adults at the discretion of the show manager.

SECTION 3 – DIVISIONS AND CLASS REQUIREMENTS

A. HUNTER RING

All HUNTER DIVISIONS are to be judged over two (2) prescribed courses of at least seven (7) different fences no jump to be jumped more than once, and one (1) flat class. The first two classes of each division will be over fences. The last class will be under saddle on the flat. A rider may not enter into the flat class only. To be eligible for Champion or Reserve Champion, the exhibitor must show in the flat class. Except BEGINNER EQUITATION, NOVICE HUNTER EQUITATION, and SHSA EQUITATION, all hunter divisions in which the horse is being judged shall be judged on an even hunting pace, jumping style together with faults, manners, way of going, and suitability to be a safe, sound hunter for its rider.

- a. ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER -- Open to adult amateur riders. If this division does not fill it will be combined with Children's Hunter. Same rules as Children's Hunter. Fence heights - 2', 2'6", or 3'.
- b. BABY GREEN HUNTER -- Open to horses and ponies in their first year of showing over fences. May compete over a simplified course or a regular hunter course. May trot or canter. Fence heights - 18" or 2'.
- c. BEGINNER EQUITATION over fences -- Open to riders in their first year of showing over fences. Only the rider is to be judged. Riders are encouraged to trot or canter over four (4) simple fences no more than 18" in height. Rider should show control of mount and basic correct position Flat class is walk trot only. Equitation tests 1-6 may be asked at the discretion of the judge. Rider will NOT be allowed to cross-enter into any other Hunter (over fences) class or division.
- d. JUNIOR/CHILDREN'S HUNTER -- Open to rider's 17 years and under. Extreme speed will be penalized. Fence heights - 2', 2'6", or 3'.
- e. GREEN HUNTER -- Open to horses in their first or second year of showing over fences and ponies showing in their first year over fences. A horse's green status is not affected if the horse has not been shown in more than three (3) competitions prior to May 15th of any competition year. See AHSA ARTICLE 2402. To be judged on performance and soundness as above with less emphasis on lead changes. Extreme speed will be penalized. If entries warrant division will be divided between horse and ponies. Fence heights - 2', 2'6", and 3'.
- f. NOVICE EQUITATION OVER FENCES -- Open to all riders in their first year jumping at the canter, simple lead changes allowed, course of 8 jumps, height 2', hack class is w/t/c. May cross enter into other o/f classes. Classes Added. Revised 01/18/2015
- g. LOW JUMPER -- Open to all riders excluding beginner Equitation Over Fences. Horses and ponies are eligible. Adults may ride ponies. Jump heights shall be no lower than 2'6" in height and no greater than 3' in height for both horses and ponies. Spreads shall be no greater than height of the fence. Division will be 3 courses, revised 01/18/2015. Division will be ran after all Hunter divisions and will require a new course be posted. Horses/ponies can not be schooled over course, but rider can walk course. This is a timed event and stripes, props, flags, etc. are required to be used on jumps.

Novice Jumper – Revised 12/12 Open to horses and ponies in their 1st or 2nd year of showing in jumper classes at 2'6" or higher as of December 1st of the current show year. Horses and ponies in this division may only cross enter into Novice Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper if the rider is eligible, and Low Jumper at the same show. This division shall be no lower than 2' 3" and no higher than 2' 6". Associations may submit points for their jumper divisions that have the same specifications as VHSA Associate Jumper Divisions. However, shows must use the VHSA Division names on their result sheets. This division will have 3 jumping classes. Revised 01/18/2015

- h. OPEN HUNTER OVER FENCES (NOT A VHSA DIVISION) - Open to all riders excluding Beginner Equitation over fences, to be judged over at least seven (7) fences. Adults may ride ponies in this division
- i. PONY HUNTER -- Open to ponies 14.2 hands and under. Extreme speed will be penalized. ADULTS MAY NOT RIDE PONIES. If entries warrant, class will be split. Fence Heights - 2', 2'6", 3'.
- j. SHSA/VHSA ASSOCIATE EQUITATION -- Open to all eligible riders. Only the rider is judged. To be judged on correct position and ability. The performance begins when the horse and rider enter the ring. Jumping faults of the horse are not to be considered unless it is the result of the rider's inability. To be judged over a course of at least seven (7) fences. Equitation tests 1-13 may be asked at the discretion of the judge. Fence heights - 2', 2'6", or 3'.
- k. WORKING HUNTER -- Open to a horse or rider of any age who is not restricted by previous showing. Fence heights- 2' 2'6" or 3'

B. PLEASURE RING

1. ALL BREED CONFORMATION IN HAND -- To be judged closest to the standard of which that breed represents, still maintaining a correct conformation. Turnout should conform to the breed or type the horse represents. Class will be divided between 2 years and under and three years and over if entries warrant. Classes may be combined when necessary to fill a class. Classes will be combined for yearend unless class makes 50% of the year.
2. BEGINNER PLEASURE -- Open to riders in their first or second year of showing or who are eligible to compete in MAIDEN WALK/TROT OR WALK/TROT EQUITATION (as long as they have not won a year-end champion or reserve champion award in either of those two divisions). To be shown at a walk/trot (jog) both directions of the ring. Horses can be shown in any discipline and tack appropriate for that discipline. To be judged on the horses ability to perform safely and soundly for a beginner rider. **NO CANTER (LOPE) ALLOWED.** These riders are eligible to show in any walk/trot (jog) class or division in the pleasure divisions, except for Green Pleasure.
3. GREEN PLEASURE -- Open to all horses that are competing in their first year or second year of showing under saddle. A horse's green status will be affected if the horse has shown under saddle in any show at any time in any discipline prior to the beginning of the SHSA show year. To be shown at a walk/trot (jog), both directions of the ring with a mandatory canter (lope) as the second class of the division. To be judged on the horse's ability to become a good pleasure horse according to the discipline and breed type exhibited. In order to be eligible for Champion or Reserve Champion, the exhibitor must compete in all three (3) classes of this division.
4. HUNTER PLEASURE -- Open to horses and ponies ridden in proper hunter tack and attire. To be performed at a walk/trot/canter, both directions of the ring. With the middle class being "Go as you Please". Division to be divided between horses and ponies if needed, at the discretion of the show manager. **Adults will not be allowed on ponies in this division.**
5. JUNIOR PLEASURE -- Open to all riders 17 years and under. Open to all disciplines. The middle class will be the "Go As You Please".
6. MAIDEN WALK/TROT EQUITATION -- Open to all riders 9 years of age and under who have not won a year-end award (Champion or Reserve Champion) in this division. Only the rider is to be judged. To be shown at a (jog) only, both directions of the ring. To be judged on correct position of the hands, seat, and legs of whichever discipline is being exhibited. **No canter (lope) allowed.** Rider may cross- enter into Beginner Pleasure, Open walk trot pleasure and Beginner Equitation over fences only. (These riders will not be allowed to enter into any class that requires a canter/lope). May be combined with Walk Trot Equitation
7. MODEL HUNTER IN HAND -- To be judged on conformation, way of going, quality, substance, soundness, and suitability to become or in the case of sires and dams apparent ability to produce or beget hunters. **To be**

- shown in a simple snaffle bridle with exception for yearlings and younger which may be shown in halter.** Turnout to be considered a plus.
8. OPEN PLEASURE -- Open to all riders and all disciplines. To be performed at a walk/trot (jog)/canter (lope), both directions of the ring. To be judged against the standard set for the discipline of riding exhibited. The middle class will be the "Go As You Please".
 9. OPEN WALK/TROT PLEASURE -- Open to all riders and all disciplines. To be
 - a. performed at a walk-trot (jog) only, both directions of the ring. To be judged against
 - b. the standard set for the discipline of riding exhibited.
 10. SHOWMANSHIP AT HAND -- Open to all exhibitors. To be judged in a pattern (posted) performed in-hand. Shown in a halter for Western or simple bridle for Hunter and English. With judging emphasized on grooming, fitness, attire, and performance. Exhibitor to follow the 'quarter system' when maneuvering around the horse. Year end points accrue to exhibitor not horse.
 11. SUITABLE TO BECOME A DRESSAGE HORSE -- Open to horses of any age that have not competed in a Dressage Test above First Level as of January 1st of the year showing. To be shown at a walk/trot/canter, both directions of the ring. May be asked to perform a halt from the trot through the walk at the discretion of the judge. To be judged in a way to confirm that the horse has received proper basic dressage training as a result of which its muscles are REVISED 3/10 and loose, it moves freely forward in a clear and steady rhythm, accepting the bit. A plain snaffle bridle and regular cavesson, a dropped noseband, a flash noseband (a combination of a cavesson noseband and a dropped noseband attachment), crescent noseband /or a crossed noseband may be used. Except for the crescent noseband and except for the buckles, all nosebands must be made entirely of leather or leather-like materials. **SNaffle BITS ONLY, JOINTED AND UNJOINTED. REVISED 12/12** Must be shown in a simple snaffle if using two hands. Western Dressage riders in ported bits must be shown one handed.
 12. **SHSA/VHSA 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. **The rider must be a VHSA member or the points will not count towards the Associate year-end Championship.** If anyone shows in this class and is not a member they will not receive points, nor will anyone be moved up in placement due to a non-member showing in that particular class. Equitation Classes at the Associate Championship Horse Show will be double points. If there are insufficient entries, this class may be combined with the Junior Equitation on the Flat 15-17 and/or the Junior Equitation on the Flat 14 and under.
 13. WALK/TROT EQUITATION: Open to riders in their first or second year of showing who have not won a year-end award (Champion or Reserve Champion) in Walk-Trot Equitation. Also open to riders 10 years and younger who HAVE won a year end award (Champion or Reserve Champion) in Maiden Walk-Trot equitation. Only the rider is to be judged. To be shown at a walk/trot, (jog) both directions of the ring. Individual test to be performed at the discretion of the judge. To be judged on correct position of hands, seat, and legs of whichever discipline is ridden. No canter allowed. Equitation tests 1-6 may be asked at the discretion of the judge. Rider may only cross-enter into Beginner Pleasure, Beginner Equitation over fences and Open Walk Trot. May be combined with Maiden Walk Trot
 14. WESTERN PLEASURE -- Open to riders of all ages riding stock-type horses. To be performed at a walk/jog/lope, both directions of the ring on a reasonably loose rein without undo restraint. Horses five (5) years and under maybe shown in a bosal hackamore or a ring snaffle with two (2) hands. Curb straps or chains must conform to USEF standards. The middle class will be "Go As You Please".
 15. Ranch Horse Pleasure—Open to riders of all ages riding stock type horses. To be performed at a working walk/jog/lope both directions of the ring. Horses five (5) years and under maybe shown in a bosal hackamore or a ring snaffle with two (2) hands. Curb straps or chains must conform to USEF standards. The middle class will be "Go As You Please". Emphasis is to be given to free, forward movement suitable for ranch work. Competitors may be asked to perform maneuvers expected of a working horse such as a 360 degree spin, backing, or extending and collecting at any gait.

SECTION 4 - EQUITATION TESTS

These tests may be performed either individually or collectively at the judge's discretion. No other test may be used.

1. Halt (4 to 6 seconds) and back a minimum of 4 steps.
2. Trot down a centerline with a change of diagonal at a prescribed point.

3. Figure eight at a trot, demonstrating correct change of diagonals.
 4. Ride without stirrups or drop and pick up stirrups.
 5. Pull up from any gait other than a walk and halt for 4 to 6seconds.
 6. Circle at a trot.
 7. Figure eight at a canter on the correct lead, demonstrating a simple change of lead.
 8. Circle at a canter on the correct lead.
 9. Turn on the forehand.
 10. Turn on the haunches.
 11. Hand gallop.
 12. Change of leads on a centerline, demonstrating a simple or flying change at a prescribed point.
 13. Canter or counter canter (NOTE: No more than ten (10) horses may counter canter onetime.
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The rider should be aware of the VHSA rules for the discipline of which they are riding. These tests may or may not be asked of all competitors, but may simply be used to break a tie between two or more individuals.

SECTION 5 - POINTS

POINTS for year end awards will be from the exhibitor/ horses best 12 shows out of 12 only.

POINTS shall be awarded in all the above listed classes in the following order:

- FIRST 7 points
 - SECOND 5 points
 - THIRD 4 points
 - FOURTH 3 points
 - FIFTH 2 points
 - SIXTH 1 point
 - CHAMPION 5 points
 - RESERVE CHAMPION 3 points
- A. In the Hunter Divisions, the Champion and Reserve shall be awarded to the two competitors who have won the most points (see article VI section 3). In the case of a tie, the competitor with the most points over fences shall be the Champion (or Reserve). If this method does not resolve the tie, a hack-off shall be required.
 - B. The Hunter ring points will count toward year-end awards when at least two (2) exhibitors participate.
 - C. In the Pleasure Divisions and Equitation on the Flat Classes, in case of a tie, a hack-off shall be used to determine the Champion and Reserve Champion.
 - D. The Pleasure ring points will count toward year-end awards when at least three (3) exhibitors participate.
 - E. A division or class must make a minimum of 4 times in order to count for year-end awards

SECTION 6 - AFFILIATE SHOW POINTS

SHSA members showing in other Associations cannot compete with SHSA at lower levels than they compete with in other Associations. Anyone found competing with SHSA at lower levels should be brought before the Board for review. The only exception to this rule will be for a 4-H member showing at the 4-H District or State Horse Show.

SECTION 7 - RIGHT TO PROTEST

- A. Any member in good standing of the SHSA has the right of protest regarding any concern relating to
- B. SHSA. Any protest/concern must be made in writing (by the member) to the Governing Committee of the SHSA within two (2) weeks of the incident. Concerns/protests during an SHSA recognized show should be taken to the Show Steward. Should the matter not be resolved at that time, the member shall present the protest in writing to the Governing Committee within two (2) weeks of the show date. The decision of the Governing Committee shall be final and binding.

ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this Constitution and By-Laws must be proposed, by any member in good standing, in writing to the Governing Committee. If the Governing Committee is in approval with the proposed Amendment, it will be presented to the General Membership at its November general meeting.

ARTICLE VIII- JUDGING CRITERIA 13 Revised 3/10

Judges judging any SHSA shows that are a rated VHSA Associate **Show must be a member of VHSA.**
Judge may sign up for VHSA Membership on day of SHSA show. No Judge judging any SHSA show shall have been a member of SHSA for at least one calendar year. No judge shall judge a class/division in which he or she has a student/horse in that class, or has been training/teaching said rider/horse within the 60 days. No Judge is to judge more than two (2) SHSA shows per show season, unless given prior approval by the board. No Judge may judge consecutive show dates with the exception of a rain make- update Revised 12/13