

IHJA 2008 OPERATING RULES

1. Each year it shall be the main object of this corporation to sanction shows held in the State of Idaho and the surrounding western region for the purpose of providing operating rules and presenting annual high point awards to duly qualified horses and riders.
2. Each member shall pay annual dues to this corporation in such amount as set by the corporation and all such dues collected shall be turned over to the treasurer to be added to the funds of the corporation.
3. To qualify for the annual high point awards, members may nominate a horse by payment of the nomination fee of such amount as set by the corporation. Horse or rider may be nominated at any time; however, points toward the annual high point awards do not accrue until after the nomination has been made. Where points are accrued by the horse, the horse must be nominated. For a rider to accrue points in equitation or in the HAVEN ACRES MINI MEDAL, BSJC SHOW JUMPING MEDAL, or the RIVERGROVE FARM medal classes they must be a member of IHJA; however they need not ride a nominated horse.
4. IHJA classes not offered at least 50% of the time may be dropped for a minimum of one year.
5. IHJA requires that twelve IHJA sponsored classes (which does not have to include the RIVERGROVE MEDAL, HAVEN ACRES MINI MEDAL, and the BSJC SHOW JUMPING MEDAL, but is encouraged to do so) are offered at a show in order for that show to be approved. All medal classes must be held if at least 3 (three) riders are entered. The winner of the medal finals may ride in the medal classes the following years.
6. Points toward annual high point awards and Medal Classes will only be awarded at approved IHJA shows. With the exception of Medal classes, points will be awarded as follows:

Place	Number of horses in the class		
	3-8	9-15	16-25
1	15	20	25
2	10	15	20
3	5	10	15
4	4	5	10
5	3	4	5
6	2	3	4

Medal classes: See rules 13, 14, and 15. A horse will carry the points earned during the year even if sold. Hunter under Saddle classes count for points towards the

respective division. There must be a minimum of 3 horses for a class to be held and points to count for year-end awards. A show may offer not more than 4 (four) over fences and 1 (one) flat class per division to count towards year-end awards. If a show offers more than 4 (four) classes over fences then only the first four classes will count for points.

7. Show approval is given as follows: tentative dates will be reserved at the general meeting, with existing shows being given priority for their same general date from year to year show managers will pay a \$50 non-refundable deposit to reserve a show date. IHJA approved shows must have 12 (twelve) IHJA classes, a judge that resides out of state, arena size of 120 X 180 (total area) and stabling available on the premises. Show managers must be members of IHJA, and must consult with their IHJA Steward or IHJA area director to validate the above criterion as well as approve the show's prize list. Each show manager shall request and receive final approval of the show's prize list and judge from such IHJA directors at least 30 (thirty) days prior to the show date. Managers of new horse shows must submit their arena size, and amount and type of stabling to the IHJA board at the time they reserve their horse show date.
8. The final premium list must name the judge. A hunter or hunt seat equitation judge may judge only one time per show season, except for unavoidable changes. IHJA board members will approve a judge selected due to unavoidable circumstances, by a majority vote.
9. Show results, showing all entries and scratches in classes, must be provided to the IHJA point keeper within 2 (two) weeks of the event. There will be a \$25 penalty for late show results. Penalty fees not paid to IHJA would result in a show manager (if that person should hold office in IHJA) losing that position of office with IHJA, and may also result in that show not being sanctioned by IHJA the following year.
10. In hunter or equitation classes where the fence height is 2'3" and below, simple changes are equal to flying changes.
11. Schooling fences are to be provided at least one hour before the first class over fences. At least two fences are to be provided free of charge. (One vertical and one oxer.)
12. Protests are handled by Show Manager and Show Steward.
13. HAVEN ACRES MINI MEDAL CLASS 13 AND UNDER- Open to junior members of IHJA that are 13 and under. Fence height to be 2'3" with the same specifications of the RIVERGROVE MEDAL CLASS except a combination is not allowed. A mandatory work-off of the top four (or three if only three) contestants will be asked for using tests 1-8 in the IHJA Rule Book. The class will be judged the same as the RIVERGROVE MEDAL CLASS. Cross entering with the RIVERGROVE MEDAL CLASS will be allowed. A rider who qualifies for both Medal finals can only compete in the higher Medal finals class. Show managers may offer the HAVEN ACRES MINI MEDAL CLASS twice during a two-day show. (Ed. Note: See Rule #14) Point system will be the same as for the RIVERGROVE MEDAL CLASS. There must be a minimum of 3 (three) riders to receive points in the class. To qualify for the finals a rider must accumulate 6 points

or be in the top 6 in accumulative points during the show season. Sashes will be provided by IHJA. Unless this medal is sponsored for the year, show managers will give IHJA 50% of the premiums collected for the class to be used to purchase awards.

14. RIVERGROVE MEDAL CLASS (JUNIOR/AMATEUR) Open to junior and amateur members of IHJA. The medal course to be approved must be of the type found in a hunter class and must consist of 10 jumping efforts, 3 to be oxers, two changes of lead and a combination with a spread fence. A mandatory work-off of the top four or three contestants will be asked for using tests 1-18 in the IHJA rule book. Unless this medal is sponsored for the year, show managers will give IHJA 50% of the premiums collected for the medal class to purchase awards. A regular class fee will be charged for the finals and IHJA will provide the awards unless a sponsorship has been secured for the year. A sash, presented by IHJA will be awarded to the winner of the class. Points will be on a system of 6-4-3-2-1. There must be a minimum of 3 riders to receive points. To qualify for the finals, a rider must accumulate 6 points during the show season. Once a rider wins a class they will no longer compete in the medal class until the final ride off at be held at a designated show.

15. BSJC SHOW JUMPING MEDAL: Open to junior and amateur IHJA members. The class is a test of individuals as show jumping riders. Competitors must use the same horse in both phases of the competition. Stallions are permitted. The course should be of the type used in a Level 2 Jumper class. The jumping phase shall be over a course of at least 10 fences 3'-3" in height with spreads no more than 3'3". The course must include at least one double or triple combination. Time allowed should be calculated at 360 yards per minute and timed electronically or manually. A tone will be used to signal the rider to start the course. Time and jumping faults should be taken into consideration by the judge in evaluating the rider's performance. In the flat phase riders may show in a group at the working walk, the working trot sitting, the working trot rising, as well as showing a lengthening of stride, the working canter, the counter canter, and the working canter showing a lengthening of stride. To be judged on rider's position and seat, and the correctness and effect of the aids. No martingales are permitted in the flat phase. Only running martingales used in the conventional manner are permitted in the over fences phase. Draw reins, standing martingales or restricted running martingales are prohibited. Reins must be attached to the bit(s) or directly to the bridle. Gags and hackamores are allowed except in the flat phase. Change of bridle is permissible between phases. The over fence phase counts for 60% and the flat phase 40%. Judges may require additional tests and not be limited to tests 1-18 in the IHJA rule book. A sash will be awarded to the winner of the class. Points will be on a system of 6-4-3-2-1. There must be a minimum of 3 riders in the class to receive points. To qualify for the finals a rider must accumulate 6 points during the show season. Once a rider wins a class, they may no longer compete in the BSJC Medal Class until the final ride off to be held at a designated show. The winner of the BSJC Medal Finals may ride in the medal class in the following years. Unless this medal is sponsored for the year, show managers will give IHJA 50% of the premiums collected for the class to be used to purchase awards. A regular class fee will be charged for the finals and IHJA will provide the awards unless a sponsorship has been secured for the year.

16. Ponies will be measured by request.
17. Any exhibitor with an outstanding debt at an IHJA show will be ineligible to show at an IHJA show until the debt is cleared.
18. IHJA will provide each show manager a board member as an official horse show steward. The steward will serve as a liaison between participants and show management with respect to interpretation of rules and resolutions of misunderstandings. The steward will be listed in the show premium.
19. All show participants, family members, and show personnel are expected to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times.
20. To receive year-end awards, a rider must participate in 50% of IHJA shows.
21. Adults are amateurs if they meet the following criteria:

Regardless of one's equestrian skills and/or accomplishments, a person is an amateur for all competitions conducted under Federation rules who after his/her 18th birthday, has not engaged in any of the following activities which would make him/her a professional.

- Accepts remuneration for riding, driving, showing, training, schooling or conducting clinics or seminars.

- Accepts remuneration for giving instructions in equitation or horse training. (Persons acting as counselors at summer camps, who are not hired in the exclusive capacity of riding instructors are excluded and persons giving instruction and training to the handicapped).

- Accepts remuneration for employment in other capacity (e.g., secretary, bookkeeper, veterinarian, groom, farrier) and gives instruction, rides, drives, shows, trains or schools horses, other than horses actually owned or leased by him/her, when his/her employer or a member of the family of said employer or a corporation which a member of his/her family controls, owns, boards or trains said horses.

- Accepts remuneration for the use of his or her name, photograph or other form of personal association as a horseman in connection with any advertisement or article to be sold.

- Accepts prize money in equitation or showmanship classes. Prize money may be accepted by amateur riders in Dressage.

- Rides, drives or shows in competitions, any horse for which he/she or a member of his/her family or a corporation which a member of his/her family controls, receives remuneration for boarding, training, riding, driving or showing.

- Gives instruction to any person or rides, drives or shows in competitions any horse, for which activity another person in his/her family or corporation which a member of his/her family controls will receive remuneration for the activity.

- Accepts remuneration, for selling horses/ponies, acts as a paid agent in the sale of horses/ponies or takes horses/ponies on consignment for the purpose of sale or training other than those owned wholly or in part by him/her or by a member of his/her family or farm/ranch/syndicate/partnership/corporation

which he/she or a member of his/her family controls.

The following activities do not affect the amateur status of a person who is otherwise qualified:

- a. The writing of books or articles pertaining to horses.
- b. Accepting remuneration for officiating as a judge, steward, technical delegate, course designer, announcer or participating as a TV commentator, or accepting bona fide remuneration for services as a veterinarian, groom, farrier, tack shop operator or breeder, or for accepting bona fide remuneration for boarding services.
- c. Accepting reimbursement for expenses without profit.
- d. Accepting a token of appreciation, other than money, for riding, driving. (Note: Horse board, prize money, partial support or objects of more than \$300 are considered remuneration, not small tokens of appreciation). (Also note: accepting any amount of money, whether more or less than \$300, is considered remuneration.) Prize money won by an amateur-owner rider/driver/handler in any class (other than equitation or showmanship) is not considered remuneration.
- e. Having the occupation of veterinarian, groom, farrier or owning a tack shop or breeding or boarding stable in itself, does not affect the amateur status of a person who is otherwise qualified.
- f. Any person who is serving an internship for college credit through his/her respective, accredited college program, and who has never held professional status, can accept reimbursement for expenses without profit.