



2026

Rule Book

2026 Show Schedule

March 13-15 Season Opener Club Show @ Extraco Events Center

March 27-29 Texas Rose Horse Park

April 18-19 Merriwood Ranch

April 25-26 Stony Glen Stables

May 16-17 Hunters Gate

May 23-24 Spellbound Farm

June 5-7 DHJSC Mid-Year Club Show/USHJA Outreach Festival

June 20-21 Aubrey Meadows

September 5-6 Aubrey Meadows

September 20 Prospering Farm

September 26-27 Spellbound Farm

October 3-4 Merriwood Ranch

October 24-25 Hunters Gate

November 7-8 Stony Glen

December 4-6 Year End Club Show @ Extraco Event Center

MEMBERSHIP:

1. **DHJSC** membership will consist of:
 - a. **Junior** Individual memberships - \$50 annually (anyone who has not reached their 18th birthday on or before Dec. 1, 2025.)
 - b. **Senior** Individual memberships - \$50 annually (anyone 18 or over as of December 1, 2024)
 - c. **Family** memberships - \$85 for families with 2 or more riders in the same household.
 - d. **Trainer** memberships- \$25 for professionals acting as trainers during the season.
2. **ALL Trainers must be current DHJSC members.**
3. Each horse/rider combination who is not a member and is competing in a DHJSC recognized show will be required to pay a non-member fee of \$35 per show. Each show sponsor collects the non-member fees as necessary and submits them with the required show fees to DHJSC at the conclusion of the show.
4. **Barn memberships** are a one-time \$350 fee and are for the lifetime of the barn. Barns must be members to be linked on the DHJSC website. Barns must be members and participate in a minimum of four (4) shows to award a sportsmanship award at the year-end banquet.
5. Membership forms now include a universal show waiver release, COVID release, and registration for the nominating fee good for the current show season.
6. **USHJA OUTREACH**
 - DHJSC members, upon their first time registering for membership with DHJSC, will receive a USHJA Outreach membership. If the applicant already has a USHJA membership, they must provide that number with their DHJSC membership renewal each year.
 - Horses do not need to be registered or microchipped in order to participate. Those wishing to have their horses earn Outreach points must record their horse with USHJA (\$20 annual Outreach recording/\$75 lifetime recording).

- All existing USHJA numbers (horse, rider, owner) must be supplied with each entry to each show.

ELIGIBILITY FOR YEAR END AWARDS:

1. To be eligible for a year end award a rider must be a current DHJSC member. Points will not accumulate until rider is an active member.
2. To be eligible for a year end award in Equitation a rider must compete in the **same division** 4 times at recognized show during the show year. To be eligible for a year end award in Hunters or Jumpers a horse must compete in the same division 4 times at a DHJSC recognized shows during the show year (regardless of rider). To be eligible for year-end awards to be presented, a division must make four times within the year.
3. There must be three (3) entries in the first over fences class and two (2) entries in the subsequent over fences and/or flat classes for the points to count toward the end of year awards. Two over fences classes must be held in a division for champion and reserve champion points to be awarded. If fewer classes are held, only those points will go toward the end of year awards without champion or reserve.
4. **JUMPER NOMINATING FEE:** A \$50 nominating fee for jumpers must be paid for jumpers to compete for year-end scholarships. Scholarship points will start accumulating at the first show at which the jumper nomination fee is paid. **NO BACK POINTS WILL BE ALLOWED.** Horses may still receive year-end awards without a paid nominating fee, however, they will receive no scholarship money. The nominating fee will follow the horse in case of transfer of ownership.
5. **HIGH POINT ADULT.** A \$25 nominating fee may be paid for amateur adults to compete for a high point adult year-end award. Two high point adult awards will be given, one each for hunters and jumpers.
6. **THOROUGHBRED INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TIP).** A \$25 nominating fee may be paid for eligibility for year end TIP awards. DHJSC is partnering with TIP to offer awards and ribbons for Thoroughbreds participating in DHJSC club shows. Owners are responsible for registering their horse with TIP and for providing the TIP number to the show secretary at DHJSC club shows.

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GENERAL RULES:

1. It is the responsibility of the show management, exhibitors, trainers and spectators to conduct themselves in a civilized and sportsmanlike manner.
2. This organization recognizes US Equestrian as the national governing body for equestrian sports. Any rules not specifically outlined herein defer to the USEF rulebook. Special circumstances may be considered by the show committee and the DHJSC board.
3. All trainers must be current DHJSC members.
4. In order for each show to run as smoothly as possible, any problems, complaints or suggestions should be directed to the Show Committee.
5. If a show does not offer concessions, they must provide water at each arena.
6. It is required that all hosting barns have a physical copy of the rulebook AT EVERY GATE and it is the responsibility of all judges, show managers, and trainers to be familiar with the DHJSC rulebook.
7. On the show grounds, ALL mounted riders (including trainers) must wear ASTM/SEI approved helmets. Proper attire is required in the show ring (breeches and tall boots/paddock boots for young riders, collared shirt) - jackets may be waived by judge or show management and polo shirts may be worn in jumper classes unless previously stated as unacceptable attire in the prize list.
8. A horse/rider combination may only cross enter into divisions with fence heights of a six (6) inch *or less* difference. This does not apply to special classes (derby, classics, etc.) unless otherwise stated in the prize list.
9. Supervision of schooling must be done by a responsible adult or the accompanying trainer. Riders may not jump unless the trainer or responsible adult is present in the ring or schooling area. Juniors must have a trainer to jump in the schooling ring, as well as in the show ring. Only the trainer and riders can be in the ring or schooling area during schooling. DHJSC board members should help manage the numbers and safety of the schooling ring.
10. Stallions are permitted at DHJSC shows only if allowed by the hosting barn.
11. All dogs must be on a leash to a person's hand or in a confined area - **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
12. Each show is required to have an EMT or Paramedic on the grounds during the show. The fee for the EMT is paid out of the \$35.00 office fee each participant is required to pay at each show.
13. Every show must provide at least one toilet facility per 50 entries.

13. A class will be split if there are 16 or more riders that compete in the class. Individual classes may also be split (i.e. Equitation classes). HUNTER divisions having 16 or more competed rounds in the first class will be split regardless of how many riders compete in the following classes. If the first class does not have 16 or more riders that compete then the division will stand with one pinning. Divisions that are split will award 2 Champions and reserves and each entry will receive the corresponding points. Jumper rounds will be split by class and only if two or more classes are split there will be 2 Champions and 2 Reserves. **WARM-UP CLASSES WILL NOT BE SPLIT**

14. All jumps with boxes, gates, etc. must have a top rail. All top rails or planks must be made of wood. No fence may be wider than its height. All jumps in the hunter ring must be natural and of the type that would be found in the hunt field.

15. Schooling times must be stated in the prize list **along with CLOSED schooling times for Walk/Trot and Walk/Trot/Canter schooling.**

16. If the warmup ring is unsafe or inappropriate, management may allow a short schooling break before each division to allow entries to warm up appropriately.

16. WEATHER DELAYS: Show management must call for a 15 minute weather delay subsequent to a lightning strike within 10 miles.

SHOW COMMITTEE:

1. Show dates are awarded based on participation and consideration by the DHJSC Board of Directors. Attendance at a minimum of 5 shows is required in order to host a show. Attendance at 10 or more shows is required to host 2 shows. If a barn decides to host any show without attending the required amount of shows, they must in turn pay a \$250 fee per show that must be paid in full within 14 days of the verbal or written agreement to do so. This requirement is waived for new barns for their first show. Attendance at shows is determined by the previous show year.

2. Prize list must be submitted to DHJSC president for review and approval at least 30 days prior to show date (jholmquest@gmail.com)

3. Show facilities with two or more show arenas must run all division

types on one day. For example, all jumper divisions on Saturday and all hunter/equitation divisions on Sunday. Show facilities with only one show arena may offer both jumper divisions and Divisions 1-3 on Saturdays.

4. Prize lists are sent out by email to all members.
5. Prize lists should include the size and footing of the arenas
6. Courses must be posted by the in-gate at least one hour prior to the start of the class. Requirements for courses can be found in the descriptions for each division.
7. Eligibility to compete in a division stands until the completion of the season. For example, a rider eligible to compete in the Walk/Trot Equitation at the at which he or she competes remains eligible to compete in that division for the remainder of the year, as long as the 6" rule is abided by.
8. Shows (except Club shows) are managed by the facility hosting the show. Decisions are made by the facility management. Show manager and at least one committee must be a DHJSC member and familiar with the DHJSC rule book.
9. All information (results, fees, forms etc.) is required to be given **completely and correctly** to the Vice-President no more than 10 days following the horse show or the barn will be charged a \$200 late fee.
10. The host barn must take the first available rain date if the show is canceled due to rain, unless approved by the board.
11. Show management must ask for proof of a negative coggins (within 12 months) on each horse entered.
12. All show dates are owned by DHJSC and are non transferrable. Date changes for any reason other than weather or emergency must be submitted and approved in writing 60 days prior to the show date.

FEES REQUIRED TO BE STATED IN THE PRIZE LIST:

1. Classes are to be \$25.00 per class at member shows and \$30 per class at Club shows.
2. Add back classes are \$35.00 per class, and will only be held at Club

shows. \$10 from each entry will be placed into the “pot”. Add back classes pay out in the following amounts: 1st- 30%, 2nd - 22%, 3rd -16%, 4th- 14%, 5th- 10%, 6th-8%.

3. A \$30.00 late fee may be charged per horse/rider combination for entries not received by the due date published on the prize list. NO EXCEPTIONS.
4. A \$50.00 returned check fee may be charged by the show host.
5. Entries must be received ten days before a club show, or the Wednesday before a member barn show. Entries must include the horse, rider, horse owner, barn or trainer name, and class numbers.
6. An office fee of \$40 at club shows or \$30 at member barn shows will be charged for each horse/rider combination at the show. This includes a \$5.00 EMT fee and \$7 to go directly toward scholarship funds and to cover USHJA outreach fees.
7. An awards and hospitality fee of **up to \$50** will be charged at Club shows.
8. Facilities must have a minimum of 100 stalls available for use by outside horses in order to spread any division over two or more days.
9. A \$50/day grounds fee may only be charged **to outside horses not reserving a stall at two day shows at facilities with a minimum of 100 stalls available for use by outside horses.**
10. Facilities may charge a non-showing fee. This fee must be stated in the prize list.

Judges

1. Judges should be used no more than 2 times in each ring during the course of the show year, with the exception of Jumper judges. The President will keep the list of judges used at each show. No judge may judge the same ring at two consecutive shows.
2. Judges must score numerically; this must be clarified to the judge before the start of the show by the host barn or their management.
3. Trainers of the participating barns will be allowed to see the judge's cards from any class at the conclusion of the show. **NOPARENTS MAY ASK TO VIEW THE JUDGE'S CARDS.**
4. Judges may only have five cards open at one time.

5. No judge may judge a horse, and no horse may be shown under a judge, if that judge has been owner, trainer, agent in any capacity, or conditioner of that horse within the previous 90 days.

POINTS:

1. Points accumulated by a horse during the show year in hunter/jumper divisions will follow the horse through a change of ownership or rider.

2. Equitation points follow the rider.

3. First-10; second-6; third-4; fourth-2; fifth-1; sixth-0.5; Champion-10; Reserve -6

4. **In case of a tie in awarding champion or reserve champion**, the following tiebreakers will be used. In jumper divisions, the second round of each division will count as the **tie-breaker** class. In hunter divisions, total points over fences will break any ties. If still tied, 2 Champions will be awarded, and no Reserve Champion. If Reserve is tied, 1 Champion and 2 Reserve Champions will be awarded.

5. Points may be questioned for up to 30 days following the posting of points for any particular show. After 30 days, the points will stand as posted.

ANIMAL WELFARE:

1. Every horse shall be treated humanely and with compassion at all times.

2. The standard by which conduct of treatment will be measured is that which a reasonable person, informed and experienced in generally accepted equine training and exhibition procedures or veterinary standards, would determine to be cruel, abusive and inhumane.

3. DHJSC follows the USEF three hit rule, no more than three “whips” with a stick is allowed in the show ring.

4. DHJSC board members and trainers are allowed to intervene if they see behavior that is dangerous or questionable with the help of the show management.

5. In the event of extreme weather that may be detrimental to the health of the horses, no venue will be penalized for canceling or postponing their show.

HUNTER CLASSES:

1. Measured lines must be posted on the courses. 2'3" and lower classes will be measured 2' shorter for the total line than the standard 12'. For example a 5 stride would be set at 70' instead of 72'. Once the jumps are 2'6" or higher the step must be set on the standard 12' stride.
2. All regular hunter and equitation courses must have a minimum of 7 and a maximum of 9 jumps.
3. 18" Hunter- Full course at 18" height. Fences will be 18" verticals. NO OXERS. Open to any junior/amateur rider that has not received 6 or more blue ribbons at fences 18" and above. Riders may only cross enter into Divisions 3, 5, 6, 7 if a small pony. Division 4, Classes 10,11,12
4. Open Hunter 2'-open to all horse/rider combinations. NO OXERS; Division 5, Classes 13,14,15
5. Maiden Hunter 2'- open to any junior/amateur rider that has not received 6 blue ribbons over fences at fence heights 2' or above. NO OXERS. Division 6, Classes 16,17,18
6. Junior/Amateur Hunter 2'3"-open to any junior or amateur rider. Division 7, Classes 19,20,21
7. Pony Hunter – Smalls 2', Mediums 2'3", Larges 2'6" – open to junior riders on ponies. Division 8, Classes 22,23,24. Courses must be the same (oxers either included or excluded) for all sizes.
8. Baby Green Hunter -2'6" -open to all horses in the first two years of showing at a height of 2'6" or over; Division 9, Classes 25,26,27
9. Junior/Amateur Hunter -2'6' – open to junior and amateur riders; Division 10, Classes 28,29,30
10. Modified Child/Adult Hunter – verticals set at 2'6"; oxers set at 2'9" – open to junior and amateur riders. Division 11, Classes 31,32,33
11. Low Hunter – 2'9" – open to all riders; Division 12, Classes 34,35,36
12. Working Hunter -3' – open to all riders; Division 13, Classes 37,38,39
13. Working Hunter -3'3" – open to all riders; Division 14, Classes 40,41,42
14. Classes may be combined if entries warrant. In this case, classes will be judged and pinned together and points awarded to the appropriate

division. Each entry must jump the height of the division to which they want points awarded.

JUMPER DIVISION

1. There must be at least one course walk per jumper division.
2. Lines must be set on a 12' stride, allowing 6' for landing and 6' for takeoff.
3. Oxers **may** be square **or** ramped.
4. The rider is responsible for knowing the courses. **NO ONE MAY CALL OUT FENCES WHILE A RIDER IS ON COURSE.**
5. Jumper divisions are not to be run by rotation. However, cards may be opened during club shows to expedite the show day.
6. **JUMPER NOMINATING FEE:** A \$50 nominating fee for jumpers must be paid for jumpers to compete for year-end scholarships. Scholarship points will start accumulating at the first show at which the jumper nomination fee is paid. **NO BACK POINTS WILL BE ALLOWED.** Horses may still receive year-end awards without a paid nominating fee, however, they will receive no scholarship money. The nominating fee will follow the horse in case of transfer of ownership.
7. If a rider has 2 refusals, they must be excused. No courtesy fence.
8. Riders are given 45 seconds after the buzzer sounds to approach the first fence. Riders may use this time to present any jump they wish to their horse. If a rider falls off their horse during this time they are allowed to remount but time does not stop and they may receive time faults.
9. .60 Jumpers - (1'11") open to junior and amateur riders; professionals may ride if time allows, but will not be judged or pinned; the course should consist of no more than 8 jumps and cannot have combinations, a hogback, oxers or a liverpool; Division 15, Classes 43,44,45
10. .70 Jumpers - (2'3") open to all riders; Division 16, Classes 46,47,48.
11. .80 Jumpers - (2'7") open to all riders; Division 17, Classes 49,50,51
12. .90 Jumpers - (2'11") open to all riders; Division 18, Classes 52,53,54
13. 1.0-1.05 Jumpers - (3'3"-3'5") open to all riders; Division 19,

Classes 55,56,57.

EQUITATION CLASSES:

Any rider eligible for a division at the start of the season will remain eligible all season.

1. A rider may enter any equitation class as long as the 6" rule is followed. There will be no champion or reserve champion awards given at individual shows, but points will be accumulated toward end of year awards. Equitation classes are open to junior and amateur riders only.
2. Walk/Trot Equitation over Poles- Ground Poles- open to any junior or amateur rider who has not received 6 or more blue ribbons over fences. Riders may only cross enter into Division 2. Division 1, Classes 1,2,3
3. Walk/Trot Equitation over Cross Rails – Crossrails not to exceed 18" on the standard and will not have any fill. Open to any junior or amateur rider who has not received 6 or more blue ribbons over fences. Riders may only cross enter into Division 1 or 3. Division 2, Classes 4,5,6
4. Walk/Trot/Canter Equitation – 18" Cross Rails – Crossrails not to exceed 18" on the standard and will not have any fill. Open to any junior or amateur rider who has not received 6 or more blue ribbons over fences in a comparable or higher division. Riders may only cross enter into Division 2, 4, 5, or 6. Division 3, Classes 7,8,9
5. 18" Equitation- Full course of 18" cross rails or verticals. NO OXERS. Open to any junior or amateur rider who has not received 6 or more blue ribbons over fence heights of 18" or higher. Classes 101, 102
6. Maiden Equitation-2'- open to any junior/amateur rider that has not received 6 blue ribbons over fences at fence heights 2' or above. NO OXERS Classes 103, 104
7. Junior/ Amateur Equitation-2'3"-Classes 105, 106
8. Junior/ Amateur Equitation-2'6"-Classes 107,108
9. Modified Child/Adult Equitation-verticals set at 2'6"; oxers set at 2'9" - Classes 109,110
10. Junior/ Amateur Equitation-3'0", Classes 111,112

DHJSC Junior/Amateur Equitation Challenge: Four Equitation Challenge classes will be held throughout the day (18", 2', 2'3", and 2'6" & up). The

rider will ride the course at their height level in their rotation (after the equitation round but prior to the flat classes). The class will be pinned at the end of the day once all riders have participated. Equitation Challenge Finals will be held at the year end show **for the 18", 2', 2'3", and 2'6" and up**. Year end awards will be given for each of the **four** challenges. ** The rider must compete at the highest height level they are showing. If riding in low or high jumpers, the rider may compete in the Equitation Challenge at the 3'3" height. Rider may only ride one horse in one class at each show. (Cannot ride in both rings at the same show) At the year-end show, all riders who have accumulated points in the equitation challenge at four shows during the current season may ride in the over fences finals class on Saturday. The top eight from each class will compete in a flat workoff on Sunday. The points for each phase will be added together to determine the overall pinning for the year end show. Riders will receive ribbons for the over fences phase and the flat phase and sashes for the overall.

The points for the fences and flat phases will be added together and doubled, then added to the current standings. Class 113 (2'6" & up); Class 114(a,b) (2'-2'3"), Class 115 (18").

Jumper Medal: Two Jumper Medal classes will be held, to be divided between .60 and .70 jumpers, and .80-1.05 jumpers. To be judged on the rider's jumper style, faults and pace for an overall placing. Judges and competitors may refer to the standards for the USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal, USEF Show Jumping Talent Search, and the WIHS Jumper Phase to further examine expectations and judging guidelines. The same Horse/Rider combination must compete in at least one jumper class to be eligible for the Jumper Medal class per horse show. At the year-end show, all riders who have accumulated points in the equitation challenge at four shows during the current season may ride in the over fences finals class on Saturday. The top eight from each class will compete in a flat workoff on Sunday. The points for each phase will be added together to determine the overall pinning for the year end show. Riders will receive ribbons for the over fences phase and the flat phase and sashes for the overall. The points for the fences and flat phases will be added together and doubled, then added to the current standings. Class 116a (.60 jumpers), 116b (.70 jumpers), and Class 117 (schooling through High jumpers)

Work Off for Equitation Challenges and Jumper Medals:

Classes 113 and 117: 1- 10

Classes 114(a,b), 115, and 116(a,b) : 1 - 6

1. Halt
2. Hand gallop
3. Collected walk, trot and/or canter
4. Sitting trot without stirrups
5. Two point
6. Demonstrate change of direction at the trot
7. Turn on the forehand or haunches
8. Change of direction at the canter
9. Counter canter
10. Drop stirrups and pick up at all gaits (walk, trot, or canter)