



PUNTA GORDA HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION

"Partners in Promoting Youth Development"

HUNTER/JUMPER Rules & Regulations | 2009/2010 Show Season

1. The By-Laws shall enforce and support the Punta Gorda Horseman's Association. The By-Laws are an incorporation of the Rules and Regulations and the Current Show Bills.
2. It is the responsibility of the entire membership to promote good sportsmanship among the competitors.
3. Membership dues are due July 1st. They may be paid by mail, at the regular meeting or show. Membership dues must be paid before or at the first show to retain continuous eligibility.
4. Annual Membership dues are as follows:

Non Riding/Non Showing.....\$25.00
Single Riding Members.....\$45.00
Family Riding Members.....\$65.00
5. Nominations: A current paid member may nominate an unlimited number of horses at \$35.00 per horse. Nomination fee will be waived if your nomination paperwork and your \$50.00 sponsorship for each horse are submitted together. Owner/rider/handler must be a member and horse must be nominated before acquiring points toward year-end awards. A current Coggins test must be included with a nomination form (as required by state law). The horses name must be the same as the Coggins papers unless specifically marked (AKA) "barn name".
6. Every Member is required to work a minimum of 15 hours in order to qualify for year-end awards. Fifteen hours can be purchased for \$300.00 within the first three months of each show season. A minimum of seven hours must be obtained by each member who is qualifying for year-end awards by the end of the third regular season show. Any member who fails to meet the requirements, due to personal reasons, may appear to the grievance committee.
7. Any member can work for another member for the 15 required hours. If working for another member those hours MUST be designated as such at the time they are worked and may not be later transferred. If working towards 40 hour award ALL hours must be worked by the individual going for the award.
8. Members are required to check in with the designated person at the beginning and at the end of their shift to receive credit for time worked.
9. Only previously designated workers are permitted in the announcer's booth.
10. No one under the age of 18 shall be permitted to handle money without the supervision of an adult.
11. Workers in the registration booths have the right to request the age of any competitor. If questioned and unable to provide proof, the competitor will be permitted to show, however they must provide proof of age within 14 days. If proof is not provided then the competitor will forfeit any points earned at said show.
12. In order to run a tab you must leave a signed check or a \$20.00 cash deposit with the registration booth. If you wish to enter a class, you must do so before the class begins. This can only be done by completing an entry form at the registration booth. The announcer CANNOT accept entry forms from anyone other than the registration booth. Once you have entered you may add or drop a class with an appropriate slip filled out and signed.
13. Directors or their designated deputies will oversee their portion of the show. They will make sure all rules are followed, and that all patterns and courses are set up.



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14. The Executive Board or Director present at the show has the ability to cancel the show for lack of volunteers or inclement weather.
15. A Current Negative Coggins test is required by State Law. If you fail to produce a current Coggins test you will be asked to leave the show grounds, entry fees will not be refunded.
16. If you have a grievance concerning horse show procedures you must bring that grievance to the Director of that show. During the show the Director's decision is Final. If the grievance is unsolved you may submit an appeal in writing to the Executive Board.
17. Any abusive and/or profane language or any type of unsportsmanlike conduct on the show grounds is grounds for disqualification. These actions will result in the loss of points for that show and possible removal from the show grounds.
18. The judge's decision is FINAL, Parents, guardians, trainers, etc. who wish to discuss the judges decision must approach the Director only. The Director may then approach the judge if necessary. No one, not showing in the called class, is allowed to enter the arena at any time, for any reason during the show and may only approach the judge when finished showing for the day.
19. The Punta Gorda Horseman's Association strongly endorses the policy of humane treatment of horses. No person(s) on the show grounds (including but not limited to the parking area and show area) may treat a horse in an inhumane manner. This includes, but is not limited to, striking the horse above the shoulder with a whip or other instrument, rapping the legs with the butt end of a whip or other instrument and showing a horse with raw or bleeding sores. Failure to comply will result in the immediate disqualification from the show and/or dismissal from the show grounds and may result in the suspension or revocation of membership.
20. Anyone who creates a safety hazard on the show grounds and is asked to stop by an authorized individual of PGHA, and does not, may lose points for the show and may be asked to leave the show grounds for the duration of the show and possibly the show circuit year.
21. Alcohol or illegal drugs are not permitted at any PGHA show.
22. No Stallion may be shown by anyone under the age of 18 except for the current year colts and fillies class.
23. Delays in starting the shows will be held to a minimum and will be authorized only by a Board Officer, Announcer or Director.
24. All riders are reminded that they ride at their own risk. Helmets are strongly recommended for all riders under the age of 18. Florida Statutes 375.251 states an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.
25. The Announcer and co-announcer's responsibility is to reflect good will and sportsmanship during the show as well as expedite the show in a reasonable manner. The Announcer must be 18 years of age or older, however substitutions may be made at the Director's discretion.
26. No rider will be allowed to register for a class after that class has begun. In Performance, Halter and Hunter/Jumper classes an exhibitor may not enter the arena after a class has been called, the gate has been closed and the class has begun unless approved by the Judge. Two minute gate call strictly enforced.



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27. Once a class has started, no refunds will be given unless a contestant injures themselves or their horse and cannot compete in the class, or if the horse becomes unsafe. All refunds will be given at the discretion of the Director. Awards or points will not be given in the event of a refund.
28. No contestant shall refund their own money or scratch themselves from a class, this must be done by the registration booth.
29. The registration booth and/or announcer is not responsible for errors made by contestants on the registration/entry forms.
30. Anyone whose check is returned due to insufficient funds will be notified to make it good on or before the next show IN CASH. Failure to make good on the check will permanently nullify membership and year-end awards. There will be a \$25.00 fee for all returned checks.
31. All riders will ride in the order in which they are assigned.
32. All riders must enter and exit through the gate designated.
33. No free exhibition rides will be allowed at any show. In paid exhibition rides, no awards or points will be given. Rider must follow the direction and gait of the class.
34. No arena equipment shall be moved or changed after the first rider completes the course. Exceptions will be made for equipment that has been broken, damaged or deemed unserviceable.
35. A contestant will automatically be disqualified for breaking a pattern or tripping the timer light, once the timer has been started.
36. All competitors will be required to use and maintain reliable, appropriate tack, attire (No tube tops or spaghetti tops allowed) and must wear boots when performing in the arena. (This includes exhibition riders).
37. Leadline participants may NOT enter any other classes.
38. Each member or member's horse must show in front of a minimum of five judges or five shows in the same classes, during the show season to be eligible for Year End Awards.
39. Open classes have no age limits of rider and/or handler.
40. If a competitor chooses to move up (walk to walk/trot, walk/trot to canter/lope, 18" fences to higher fences) and is unable to perform at the higher level/division, the rider can go back down to the lower level/division providing they have not shown in more than two shows. Any points earned in the higher level/division will be forfeited.
41. All points earned must stay in the classes shown in.
42. Walk/Trot classes are open to any rider within the designated age group who has not shown at the canter/lope, in that same discipline, at any horse show. If rider has cantered in English but never shown in Western then the participant could show walk/trot Western and vice versa.
43. If a member's horse dies or becomes unsound during the show season, prior to the following month's show, the member must notify the President and any other Officer their intentions as to whether a substitute horse or the initial horse will be ridden for the remainder of the show season. If the decision is made to finish the season on the initial horse, points will not be earned toward year-end awards while riding the substitute horse during the healing process. However, horse and rider



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will receive credit for attendance toward the five show/judge requirement. Substitute horse need not be nominated. If the decision is made to finish the season on the substitute horse, points will carry through, however points will not be awarded until the following months show and proper paperwork submitted. 72 hours prior to the following month's show this decision, accompanied with a Veterinarian's certificate must be presented to the President or Vice President in writing.

44. Mares more than eight months into their pregnancy may not be shown.
45. Punta Gorda Horseman's Association is committed to the humane treatment of horses, therefore no horse will be permitted to enter the arena (to be judged, compete or do exhibition) more than 15 times a day in any PGHA sponsored event or show. If this rule is broken (whether intentionally or not) ALL points will be forfeited by ALL riders of that horse for that day. Lead line Classes do not count as part of the 15 classes.
46. Pets must be controlled by leashes at all times. Pets must be kept a minimum of 25 feet from the arena fence. Owners of pets who interfere with the performance of a competitor will be charged the entry fee of the class in question.
47. For additional rules & regulations please consult each disciplines show-bill/prize-list and rules specific to that discipline.
48. The Board has the authority to make changes to the show bills/prize list within the first three months of the show season.
49. USEF rules will apply for all Hunter/Jumper classes. PGHA rules will supercede all other rules.
50. The First Hunter/Jumper show will be the Fourth Saturday of September and each Hunter/Jumper show thereafter will be held the fourth Saturday of the month October through April unless otherwise noted on the Prize List/Showbill. The show will start promptly at 9:00 a.m. If the judge is not present, an interim judge will be chosen from those present. In any event, the show will start at 9:00 a.m. There will be one Double Pointed show and one Double Judge show each season. The dates of those shows will be determined by the Director. For the double judged show all entry fees will be double as well and will count as two shows.
51. Class Fees are as follows:
 - \$8.00 Member
 - \$12.00 Non-Member
 - \$5.00 Exhibition/Warm-Up
 - \$10.00 Schooling Fee - All Exhibitors except those in classes 1-3.
 - \$5.00 Administration Fee - Per day, per horse/rider combination.
 - \$25.00 Fee for ALL Marshall & Sterling Classes
52. Attire: Rider & Horse must have proper matching attire/tack for their discipline while showing (example: if rider is dressed in English attire then horse must have on English tack). No tube tops or spaghetti strap shirts will be permitted under any circumstances (including exhibition). Proper attire consists of the following:
 - Hunter/Jumper Classes: See USEF Rule Book, GR318 and EQ109. Polos are only permitted in the Jumper classes 20-25. Horse must be using English tack.
 - Hunter/Jumper Leadline Classes: Rider must be in proper attire in accordance with USEF Equestrian rules. Handler/walker must have on boots, long pants or breeches and a shirt (sleeved shirt, polo



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shirt or collared sleeveless shirt). Horse must be using English tack.

Judges must penalize contestants who do not conform. Judges, at their discretion, may authorize adjustments to the attire due to weather related conditions.

53. Any Leadline participant must be able to sit in the saddle on their own, feet must be in the stirrups, (English stirrups can be wrapped) and the rider must hold the reins. Helmets are required.

54. The only classes where it is permissible to lead a horse is Leadline. If a horse is lead around the ring in any other classes by anyone, then that horse & rider will be disqualified from that class and not eligible for points.

55. Year-End Prize list for Hunter/Jumper as follows:

Year End Awards to be given for all Divisions and all Single Classes Not Included in a Division:

- Grand Champion
- Reserve Champion
- Honorable Mention

Fourth (4th) through Sixth (6th.) place in all divisions or individual classes not included in a division with the exception that all Youth Classes (17 and Under) will be placed as far down as necessary to ensure all youth members receive recognition. Please see individual Prize List for specific Division eligibility information. Warm-Up classes are NOT eligible for Year End Awards.

56. Marshall & Sterling class is NOT ELIGIBLE for Year End Awards.

57. Grand & Reserve for Hunter Jumper classes: Competitor must enter a minimum of two classes per division. In the event of a tie for Grand or Reserve the rider with the higher points over fences/poles will receive the award.

58. In all Hunter/Jumper Classes points for Hunter Classes will be kept on the Horse and for Equitation Classes they will be kept on the Rider unless noted otherwise on the Prize List/Show bill.

59. Points will be awarded as follows with the exception of the Marshall & Sterling class on the Hunter/Jumper Prize List:

- 1st Place6 Points If 6 or more competitors, otherwise points reflect number of competitors.
- 2nd Place5 Points If 6 or more competitors, otherwise points reflect number of competitors.
- 3rd Place.....4 Points " "
- 4th Place.....3 Points " "
- 5th Place.....2 Points " "
- 6th Place.....1 Point " "