



## PUNTA GORDA HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION

"Partners in Promoting Youth Development"

### HUNTER/JUMPER Rules & Regulations | 2021/2022 Show Season

1. USEF guidelines will apply for all Hunter/Jumper classes. PGHA rules will supercede all other rules.
2. 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 Clay Ring will start promptly at 9:00 a.m., Grass Ring at 9:30AM. If the judge is not present, an interim judge will be chosen from those present. There may 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.
3. Class Fees are as follows:
  - \$10.00 ..... Member & Non Members
  - \$5.00 ..... Exhibition/Warm-Up
  - \$15.00 ..... Schooling Fee - All Exhibitors except those in classes 1-3.
  - \$10.00 ..... Administration Fee - Per day, per horse/rider combination.
4. Attire: No tube tops, tank tops or, spaghetti strap shirts will be permitted under any circumstances while showing (including exhibition). Proper attire consists of the following:

Conservative colored protective headgear, properly fastened in accordance with GR318.3 is mandatory for ALL classes and when riding anywhere on the show grounds. All Hunter, Equitation and Jumper Classes: Polo shirts are permitted in all classes, breeches and appropriate English boots. Horse must be using English tack. Lead Line Classes: Rider must be in proper attire as stated above. Handler/walker must have on boots. Judges must penalize contestants who do not conform.
5. No Hackamore's permitted with the exception of Jumper classes.
6. Leg protection not permitted in Hunter or Clay Ring Divisions.
7. Ear pieces or any other communication devices including phones are strictly prohibited while showing.
8. Any rider who falls off their horse during a class must immediately exit the ring or stand in the center in a flat class and will be disqualified. Any rider with 2 refusals will be disqualified and must ask permission from the judge for a 3rd. and final attempt.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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. Year end awards are based on the income of the Association. Class/Division awards may vary based on participation in those classes/divisions.



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12. 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.
13. In all Hunter/Jumper Classes points for Hunter Classes and Jumper Classes will be kept on the Horse, and points for Equitation Classes will be kept on the Rider unless noted otherwise on the Prize List/Show bill. In all instances, Rider must be a member and Horse must be nominated in order to receive points for year end awards.
14. All showing horses must meet a minimum body condition score of 4 as outlined in the Florida State 4-H Rulebook as follows: <https://animal.ifas.ufl.edu/youth/horse/documents/BCS/FL4H-BCS-rule.pdf>

Moderately thin slight ridge along back; faint outline of ribs discernible; tailhead prominence depends on conformation, but fat can be felt around it; point of hip not discernible; withers, shoulders, and neck not obviously thin.