## **HDRC RULES & REGULATIONS**

## **Hunter/Equitation Shows**

- EACH RIDER & HORSE COMBINATION NEEDS A SEPARATE NUMBER.
- 2. Open classes are open to amateurs & trainers.
- **3.** ALL riders must wear boots and ASTM-Approved helmets when riding on the show grounds. Absolutely no exceptions.
- **4.** If you need to cancel a class, it must be done before the class starts, and it must be done with the show secretary. NO refunds will be issued unless the class is canceled.
- **5.** All decisions from judge(s) are final.
- **6.** USEF rules govern, but HDRC rules prevail.
- 7. NO DOGS ALLOWED
- **8.** NO STALLIONS ALLOWED.
- **9.** Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded out to each division. To be eligible for year-end awards you must be a member of HDRC at the time of entry. You may join at show sign-up.
- **10.** Any inappropriate/abusive behavior towards others or horses will result in disqualification and removal from site.
- **11.** All riders must sign a Release of Liability form on entry before they get a number. All riders under 18 may not enter a class without the release form signed by a parent or guardian.
- **12.** Open check or other form of payment must be completed with show office BEFORE an exhibitor can receive a number.
- **13.** JR/AM divisions A and B will be judged by age group, JR is 17 and under, AM is 18 and over.
- **14.** If a professional rider wants to enter in any divisions other than open, you will be asked to school only and wear your number upside down.
- **15.** Show age qualifications are the age of rider December 1st of the year prior.
- **16.** Riders who win high-point of a division for the year, must ride in the next division up the following year.

## **CLASS SPECIFICATIONS AND DEFINITIONS:**

- Open divisions/classes are for all riders regardless of riding status.
- Leadline classes are for riders 10 and under who have never shown in trot/canter or any other divisions.
- Professional riders are only allowed in open divisions and/or in the open warmups.
- Warm up rounds are Open. One round per horse/rider combination.
- Classes may be combined at Show Manager's discretion.

- WALK/TROT may not cross enter in any other divisions/classes (unless schooling)
- CROSS RAILS DIVISION Riders who have not competed in classes with fences higher than 2'. May not cross-enter into other jumping classes. Riders may compete in flat classes in other divisions, except walk/trot.
- Junior Rider classes are for riders under 17 years of age. May not have reached
  18 years of age by December 1st of the year prior.
- Amateur Rider 18 & over non professionals (amateur).
- Horsemanship is judged on horse and rider communication between one another,
  equitation is judged on the rider's form.
- Equitation is judged on the rider's performance and control of the horse, use of riding aids, proper attire, correct form, and usually factor in rider poise and the cleanliness and polish of horse, rider and equipment.
- In Hunter classes horses are judged on several points, including: hunting pace, movement, style of jumping, and manners.