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# 1. General Provisions

## 1.1 Definitions

“*Competition Grounds*” means all areas under the control of the host facility for the duration of the YHS Event, including arenas, schooling areas, barns, parking areas, and surrounding premises.

“*Entry*” means submission of an official entry form (electronic or paper) together with a valid form of payment.

“*Horse*” includes ponies, unless otherwise specified

“*Judge*” means the individual(s) appointed by Management to officiate a class or division.

“*Management*” means the Young Horse Show Series, its designated show management, officials, agents, and representatives acting within the scope of their authority.

## 1.2 Management Authority

YHS Management reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to refuse or cancel any entry, disqualify exhibitors, prohibit exhibition of any entry, or withhold awards of prizes without claim for damages. Management further reserves the right to divide classes by section, limit entries, adjust schedules or class order, substitute judges or officials, and cancel or reschedule classes due to weather, footing, or circumstances beyond its control. Management may modify any policy or rule set forth in this Prize List if necessary in the interest of safety, fairness, or horse welfare. In the event of ambiguity or conflict in interpretation of these Rules & Regulations, the decision of YHS Management shall be final.

## 1.3 Force Majeure

YHS shall not be liable for cancellation, delay, or modification of any class or event due to weather, acts of God, facility issues, governmental action, public health concerns, or other circumstances beyond its control. Management reserves the right to make necessary adjustments to the competition schedule or format. Participation in YHS Events is voluntary and at the exhibitor’s own risk.

## 1.4 Host Venue Requirements

Each YHS Event is conducted at an independent host facility. Exhibitors are responsible for complying with all additional host facility rules, including but not limited to health documentation, vaccination requirements, stabling policies, pet restrictions, biosecurity protocols, and local regulations. Where host facility policies are more restrictive than YHS policies, the host facility policies shall prevail.

## 1.5 Media Release

By entering a YHS Event, participants grant the Young Horse Show Series the right to use photographs, video, digital images, and likenesses of horses and participants taken during the event for promotional, archival, educational, and marketing purposes. No compensation shall be owed for such use.

## 1.6 Trade Compliance

The Young Horse Show Series and its services are subject to applicable United States export control and sanctions laws and regulations (“Trade Restrictions”). By entering or participating in a YHS Event, you agree to comply with all applicable Trade Restrictions and represent that you are not, and are not acting directly or indirectly on behalf of, any person or entity subject to comprehensive U.S. sanctions or identified on any applicable U.S., EU, or UK restricted party list, including but not limited to the U.S. Department of the Treasury Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) Specially Designated Nationals List.

Nothing in these Rules & Regulations shall be construed to require any party to act in violation of applicable Trade Restrictions.

## 1.7 Entry Constitutes Agreement

Submission of an entry constitutes acceptance of and agreement to be bound by these Rules & Regulations.

## 1.8 Code of Conduct

Harassment, unsportsmanlike conduct, abuse of officials, or disruptive behavior may result in removal from the grounds and/or suspension from future YHS Events.

## 1.9 Assumption of Risk & Indemnification

Participation in YHS Events involves inherent risks associated with equestrian activities. By entering or participating in any YHS Event, exhibitors, owners, riders, handlers, and their agents acknowledge and assume all such risks. As a condition of participation, all parties are required to execute a separate release and hold harmless agreement. Nothing in these Rules & Regulations shall limit or supersede the terms of any such executed waiver or indemnification agreement.

# 2. Eligibility & Participation

## 2.1 Horse Eligibility

Horses and ponies from yearlings through six-year-olds are eligible to participate. Seven-year-olds may compete in schooling classes only. Horses are considered to be one year older on January 1 each year regardless of birth month.

To compete in qualifying classes, horses must provide proof of registration with a YHS-recognized registry, including WBFSH-recognized registries and most USEF-recognized breed registries. Veterinary notes, USEF registration cards, PHR papers, insemination records, or similar documents are not acceptable as proof of registry. Management reserves the right to

require verification of age and eligibility at any time. Please contact the office if you are uncertain about the eligibility of your horse. Horses must have an active annual membership with YHS.

## 2.2 Professional Handlers

To promote safety and consistency, YHS-certified professional handlers are required for the In-Hand and Jump Chute divisions. YHS will provide at least one certified lead handler at each event, with two whenever feasible. Handler fees are included in the applicable class entry fees.

## 2.3 Qualification Requirements for Finals

Horses must earn the following score to qualify for the corresponding class at the Final:

- 100 & 200 numbered classes: 7.5 or higher
- 300 numbered classes: 7.0 or higher
- 400 numbered classes: 7.0 or higher, or a clear round
- Class 500: 62% or higher

Qualification is class-specific; a qualifying result in one class does not qualify a horse for any other class.

A horse that produces a double clear round in a USEF-rated Jumper class at the applicable age-appropriate height shall be deemed qualified for the age-appropriate 400 numbered class at the YHS Finals, provided official results are submitted to Management.

## 2.4 Stallion Performance Requirement Recognition

Stallions may compete in the Under Saddle divisions to obtain performance results required for NAS lifetime approval status and SF and BWP performance requirements. Heights and difficulty levels will correspond to age-appropriate divisions.

Please contact the YHS office for additional information regarding stallion performance recognition.

# 3. Horse Welfare & Safety

## 3.1 Horse Welfare Policy

All participants are expected to conduct themselves in a professional and sportsmanlike manner. Unsafe riding, abusive handling, or training practices inconsistent with the humane and progressive development of young horses will not be tolerated. The welfare, soundness, and long-term development of the horse are paramount. Horses must be presented fit to compete and not under the influence of medications or substances administered for the purpose of altering

performance, suppressing pain, or masking unsoundness. Judges will allow for normal “young horse” mistakes; results should reflect training and preparation, not artificial enhancement. Management reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to excuse, disqualify, or remove any rider, handler, or horse from the competition grounds in the interest of safety or horse welfare. Participation in YHS Events constitutes agreement to uphold these standards.

## 3.2 Health Requirements

- i. Horses over seven (7) months of age must be accompanied by documentation of vaccination for Equine Influenza Virus and Equine Herpes Virus (Rhinopneumonitis – EHV-1 and EHV-4) administered within six (6) months (180 days) prior to arrival on the show grounds. Horses not in compliance may be denied entry or required to leave the premises at the discretion of Management. Vaccinations should be administered in accordance with manufacturer guidelines and/or veterinary recommendations.
- ii. If vaccines are administered by a veterinarian, exhibitors must provide documentation upon request showing the horse’s name, the vaccine administered, and the date of administration.
- iii. If vaccines are administered by someone other than a veterinarian, exhibitors must provide proof of purchase of the vaccine along with documentation signed by the owner or authorized agent including the name of the vaccine, serial number (if available), expiration date, and date of administration.
- iv. A current negative Coggins test (within 12 months, or as required by state law) is mandatory. Exhibitors are responsible for ensuring all interstate health certificates and entry requirements are met prior to arrival.
- v. Vaccination against West Nile Virus, Eastern and Western Equine Encephalomyelitis, Tetanus, and Rabies is strongly recommended. It is also strongly recommended that horses receive EHV-1 vaccination within 180 days prior to arrival.
- vi. Exhibitors are expected to monitor their horses’ temperatures prior to shipping and should not transport horses with elevated temperatures or signs of illness. Any horse developing a fever or signs of contagious illness while on the grounds must be reported immediately to Management.
- vii. Management reserves the right to isolate, examine, or require removal of any horse exhibiting signs of illness. Isolation facilities may be designated on-site or coordinated with a local veterinary provider if necessary.

## 3.3 Protective Headgear

All riders mounted anywhere on the competition grounds must wear properly fastened protective headgear meeting ASTM/SEI standards for equestrian use and bearing the SEI tag. Protective headgear must be properly fitted with the harness secured at all times while mounted. Helmets are encouraged for all participants when handling, schooling, or leading horses anywhere on the competition grounds.

### 3.4 Adequate Footwear

All persons entering the competition grounds must wear adequate footwear with a closed toe.

## 4. Facility Conduct & Rules

### 4.1 Stabling & Facility Rules

Stalls are mandatory for all horses competing in 100 and 200 numbered classes unless the host is willing to allow trailer in. Stall assignments are made by Management and are final unless expressly modified by Management. Horses may not occupy any stall other than the one assigned. Subletting or exchanging stalls without prior approval is prohibited. Stalls used for tack, feed, storage, or any other purpose will be charged at the same rate as a regular horse stall. All such stalls are subject to the same assignment, occupancy, and transfer rules set forth above, including the prohibition on subletting, exchanging, or moving without prior approval. Barn aisles must remain clear at all times. No smoking or open flames are permitted in barn areas. Exhibitors are responsible for maintaining assigned stabling areas in a clean and orderly condition.

### 4.2 Trailer-In Policy

Where permitted by the host facility, horses may trailer in without purchasing a stall. Horses must be attended at all times and may not be tied to trailers. If Management determines that a trailer-in situation is unsafe, exhibitors may be required to purchase a stall or leave the grounds.

### 4.3 Dogs/Pets

Dogs and other pets must be on a leash or otherwise properly contained at all times. Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their animals and for any damage or injury caused. Any dog or pet found loose may be detained. Any dog or pet that disrupts a class or exhibitor's round may result in fines and financial responsibility for associated costs. Management reserves the right to remove from the premises, and/or bar future entry to, any animal displaying aggressive, unsafe, or disruptive behavior. Owners shall be financially and legally responsible for any damage or injury caused by their animals.

### 4.4 Schooling & Lunging Policy

Lunging is permitted only in designated areas. Schooling in competition arenas is permitted only during designated schooling times. The jump chute may only be used during scheduled schooling sessions and horses may only be handled in the jump chute by an approved YHS staff handler. Unauthorized use of the jump chute is prohibited. Management reserves the right to restrict or suspend schooling privileges in the interest of safety or horse welfare. If jumps are flagged, they must only be jumped in the correct direction (red on the right, white on the left).

## 5. Divisions & Class Specifications

### 5.1 Qualifier Divisions & Class Descriptions

#### 5.1.1 GENERAL

There are five divisions. Horses may compete in more than one division and/or class appropriate to their age group.

#### 5.1.2 In-Hand/At Liberty (Classes 101-104): 101 (Yearling)/102 (2-Year-Old)/103 (3-Year-Old)/104 (4-Year-Old)

##### *Format*

Open to all disciplines. Horses will be presented in-hand followed by a 2 to 3 minute at-liberty phase. At the judge's discretion, the at-liberty phase may be conducted first with in-hand presentation following.

##### *Judging*

The horses will be scored on conformation (30%), quality of all three gaits (30%), overall athleticism (30%) and overall impression (10%).

##### *Minimum Score Needed to Qualify for Finals*

7.5

##### *Equipment Provisions*

- Yearlings can compete in a halter (preferably leather) and a lead (chain shank optional).
- Two-year-olds can compete in a bridle with a bit with removable reins (clips) or a halter and a lead (chain shank optional).
- Horses or ponies 3 years and older will be required to compete in a bridle with a bit with removable reins (reins must have clips attaching them to the bit, no buckles or hook and stud closures).
- If a 3-year-old or older horse or pony has not or cannot be shown in a bridle with a bit, please notify show management prior to the start of the class so that we can notify the judge and avoid any issues with the judge or other participants.
- Chain shanks are permitted only when showing in a halter and may not be used with a bridle unless the horse has a halter over top of the bridle and the chain shank is attached to the halter and not the bridle. The bridle must have reins with removable clips attached for handling in the ring.
- No boots or wraps are allowed.

### 5.1.3 Free Jumping (Classes 202-204): 202 (2-Year-Old)/203 (3-Year-Old)/204 (4-Year-Old)

#### *Eligibility*

Open to horses and ponies 2- to 4-years-old

#### *Format*

The jump chute is composed of 3 fences: a cross rail, a vertical and an oxer with a distance of approximately 21' between the first and second fence and 24' between the second and third. The distance will be modified slightly depending on the age group. Exhibitors may indicate to the handlers and/or officials the way their horse has been schooled. We will take it into consideration and adapt our system when possible. Our default system is for the horse to be walked or trotted into the jump chute, released and then caught at the end of the chute and/or preferably the use of the "Rond d'Avrincourt" when personnel is sufficient. Horses can be excused after 2 refusals, if their behavior is dangerous to our handlers or themselves, or if the judge or officials feel the horse's welfare is at stake (e.g., lack of preparation, lack of ability, fear, etc.) The jumps will initially be set at an inviting height so that the horse can become accustomed to the chute and then will raise the jumps accordingly. Placing rails may be placed to help the horse.

#### *Judging*

The horses will receive equally weighted scores for scope, technique, carefulness and willingness.

#### *Minimum Score Needed to Qualify for Finals*

7.5

#### *Maximum Jump Dimensions*

- Maximum dimensions for qualifiers (an increase of 3" will be optional at finals in each age group):
  - Two-year olds:
    - Maximum height: 1.10m (3'7"); Maximum width (oxer): 1.15m (3'9")
  - Three-year-olds:
    - Maximum height: 1.15m (3'9"); Maximum width (oxer): 1.20m (3'11)
  - Four-year-olds:
    - Maximum height: 1.20m (3'11); Maximum width (oxer): 1.30m (4'3)

### *Equipment Provisions*

- 2-year-olds can compete in a bridle with a bit with removable reins (clips) or a halter and a lead (chain shank optional).
- Horses or ponies 3 years and older will be required to compete in a bridle with a bit with removable reins (reins must have clips attaching them to the bit, no buckles or hook and stud closures).
- If a 3-year-old or older horse or pony has not or cannot be shown in a bridle with a bit, please notify show management prior to the start of the class so that we can notify the judge and avoid any issues with the judge or other participants.
- Chain shanks are permitted only when showing in a halter and may not be used with a bridle unless the horse has a halter over top of the bridle and the chain shank is attached to the halter and not the bridle. The bridle must have reins with removable clips attached for handling in the ring.
- Front boots or wraps are permitted
- Hind boots or wraps are not permitted.

### 5.1.4 Flat Under Saddle (Classes 303-306): 303 (3-Year-Old)/304 (4-Year-Old)/305 (5-Year-Old)/306 (6-Year-Old)

#### *Format*

Open to all disciplines.

Judges will assess the basic gaits of the horse under saddle and its rideability. Up to two horses and riders will be in the ring at once, when possible, with the judge(s) asking the riders to walk, trot, canter and lengthen the gaits.

#### *Judging*

Horses will be scored on the quality of their gaits under saddle, as well as their overall impression and rideability. The judge is looking for a horse that is relaxed, willing, and appropriately developed for its age. Emphasis will be placed on forward rhythm, balance, and a softly connected way of going that best showcases the quality of the horse's natural gaits. Horses will receive a score for walk (25%), trot (25%), canter (25%) and rideability (25%). The scores will be based on the individual horse, not on a relative basis.

#### *Minimum Score Needed to Qualify for Finals*

7.0

#### *Equipment Provisions*

- Riders may use a dressage, jumping or all-purpose saddle.
- Riders are encouraged to use a smooth snaffle or 3-piece bit.
- Pelhams, Kimberwicks, Elevator, Gags or Mikmars with shanks are prohibited.

- Riders may not use draw reins, side reins, chambons, de gogues, neck stretchers or any other head setting device in the class.
- Dressage whips or riding crops are permissible.
- Martingales are not permitted.

### 5.1.5 Jumping Under Saddle (Classes 404-406): 404 (4-Year-Old)/405 (5-Year-Old)/406 (6-Year-Old)

#### *Eligibility*

Open to all disciplines.

#### *Format*

This class modeled after European Young Horse classes, such as the “Bundeschampionat” Young Horse series in Germany, which are designed to assess a horse’s jumping talent under saddle, while at the same time building confidence and experience. Horses will jump an age-appropriate course of approximately 8-10 jumps. Competitors may choose to jump one or two rounds. If a horse jumps two rounds, the low score will be discarded and the high score will be used for results, provided the higher scoring round receives a Finals-qualifying score of 7.0 or above. If neither round receives a score of 7.0 or higher, but one round is clear, the clear round will be used for results, as a clear round qualifies the horse for Finals. If neither round qualifies for finals—meaning both rounds score below a 7.0 and neither round is clear, the higher score will be used. The lower scoring round will be discarded unless it is a clear round required for qualification. Examples:

A) First round score 8.1 with 4 faults vs second round 7.2 clear – first round would be counted

B) First round 6.5 clear vs second round 6.9 with 4 faults – first round would be counted

Competitors may select from the provided height options for their class. There is no set scoring bonus for selecting a higher or lower height; however, judges may take height selection into account at their discretion. Results will be grouped by age and class number, not height (e.g. class #404 and #405 will each have a single set of results, with no separate results for 404A, 404B, etc.) Competitors who initially only entered one round may add a second round after completing their first round by notifying the gate steward. However, the competitor may need to wait for an additional score sheet to be created and provided for the judge and for an opening in the order of go rotation before being permitted to re-enter the ring. Competitors who have entered for two rounds may scratch their second round with no scoring penalty, but no refunds will be issued after the closing date.

Participants will also have the option to move up in height from the first round to the second round, but they will not be permitted to move down from the first round to the second at the same show. The course will start at the lowest height at the beginning of the day and progressively increase as the day continues. Different heights will not run concurrently, meaning competitors wishing to jump a second round at a higher height will need to wait for their class’s

subsection to run. The course will not be adjusted up and down for individual competitors within a class.

Jump Height Options/Class Subsections:

Class #404: 4yr olds

404 A – Height – 2’6” (horses)/2’0” (ponies)

404 B – Height – 3’0” (horses)/2’6” (ponies)

404 C – Height – 3’3” (horses)/2’9” (ponies)

Class #405: 5yr olds

405 A - Height - 3’0” (horses)/2’0” (ponies)

405 B – Height – 3’6” (horses)/2’6” (ponies)

405 C – Height – 3’9” (horses)/2’9” (ponies)

Class #406: 6yr olds

406 A - Height - 3’3” (horses)/2’0” (ponies)

406 B - Height - 3’6” (horses)/2’6” (ponies)

406 C – Height – 3’9” (horses)/2’9” (ponies)

406 D – Height – 4’0” (horses)

*Judging*

The focus of the judging is on the horse’s jumping “style” (e.g., scope, technique, carefulness and willingness). Horses should be ridden in a soft and balanced frame and with adequate pace that enables them to negotiate each jump in their best form. The course will be designed with an inviting course structure set with the young horse in mind. Time is neither set nor judged.

*Minimum Score Needed to Qualify for Finals*

7.0 or a clear round

*Equipment Provisions*

- Riders may use a jumping or all-purpose saddle.
- Riders are encouraged to use a smooth snaffle or 3-piece bit.

- Riders may not use draw reins, side reins, chambons, de gogues, neck stretchers or any other head setting device in the class.
- Standing and running martingales used in a conventional manner are permitted. All other martingales are prohibited. Martingales must be correctly fitted and must not restrict the horse's natural movement or apply excessive pressure.
- Front boots or wraps are permitted.
- Hind boots are permitted provided they are protective in nature and not designed to create additional pressure or mechanical advantage. Hind wraps not permitted.
- All boots and equipment are subject to inspection by Management or its designee at any time, including at the in-gate immediately following each round or rounds. Failure to present equipment for inspection upon request may result in elimination at the discretion of Management.
- The judge or Management, in its sole discretion, may prohibit, require adjustment or removal of, or eliminate any entry for equipment deemed improperly fitted, excessive, inappropriate, likely to cause discomfort or injury, or inconsistent with the welfare and progressive development of young horses, including but not limited to bits, nosebands, martingales, boots, or spurs.

### 5.1.6 Dressage Test of Choice: Class 500

#### *Eligibility*

Open to horses and ponies 4-6 years old (judging combined).

#### *Format*

Horses will demonstrate their basic rideability, harmony with their rider and willingness to perform using a test of their own choice (TOC) picked from any USEF, USDF, USEA or FEI dressage tests.

The tests can be performed by any horse and rider pairing of any discipline who is capable of walking, trotting, cantering, and halting. The tests incorporate all three gaits, basic changes of direction, circles and half-circles. Tests may be read for riders.

#### *Judging*

The judge is looking for a horse that is relaxed and willing to do his job. They look for balanced, smooth transitions and clear, rhythmic gaits. They also want to see circles that are balanced, round and the correct size, lines that are straight and immobile halts.

Directive ideas for the Dressage Test (also see FEI tests):

- Freedom and regularity of the gaits
- Impulsion, desire to move forward
- Elasticity of the steps, suppleness of the back and engagement of the hind legs
- Submission, adequate for each age group (acceptance of the bridle and lightness of the forehand)
- Attention and confidence

### *Minimum Score Needed to Qualify for Finals*

62.00%

### *Equipment Provisions*

- Riders may use a dressage, jumping or all-purpose saddle.
- Riders are encouraged to use an FEI-dressage legal bit for this class.
- Pelhams, Kimberwicks, Elevator, Gags or Mikmars with shanks are prohibited.
- Riders may not use draw reins, side reins, chambons, de gogues, neck stretchers or any other head setting device in the class.
- Dressage whips or riding crops are permissible.
- No boots or wraps may be used on the legs during the class.
- Martingales are prohibited.

### 5.1.7 Schooling/Warmup

#### Class #210 - Schooling Jump Chute

Open to horses and ponies one- to five-years-old.

YHS Handlers only inside the jump chute. This class will focus on the safety and comfort of the horse in a jump chute environment. These classes are for horses with little or no experience in a jump chute. It is also a good warm up class for more experienced horses prior to the 200 numbered classes. A good and relaxed experience for the horse will be the focus of the class. Heights of the fences and number of trips will not be relevant. This class is not judged. Not a qualifying class.

#### Class #W403 – Warm-Up Jumping Under Saddle

Height: Cross rails

Open to horses and ponies three- to seven-years-old.

#### Class #W404 – Warm-Up Jumping Under Saddle

Height options: 2'6, 2'9

Open to horses and ponies three- to seven-years-old.

#### Class #W405 – Warm-Up Jumping Under Saddle

Height options: 3', 3'6

Open to horses and ponies three- to seven-years-old.

## 5.2 Competition Procedures

### 5.2.1 Scoring

Each horse will receive a Final Score per class entered that will be based on a scale from 1 to 10 (0 to 20 at Finals) or a % for dressage tests.

### 5.2.2 Orders of Go

Participants are responsible for checking in with the in-gate and monitoring schedule changes. Order of go may be adjusted at the discretion of Management or the in-gate steward to accommodate conflicts or safety concerns. Failure to appear when called may result in being placed at the end of the order or excused from the class. The in-gate person remains in charge of the order of go or conflicts that may arise.

For 300, 400, and 500 numbered classes, we will provide an order of go with tentative times. These times will fluctuate due to unforeseen events such as weather, multiple horses per rider or Horse/Rider preparedness, safety, etc. We recommend that all riders check with the in-gate person prior to coming to the ring in order to avoid waiting and delays.

### 5.2.3 Falls & Judge Authority

If a rider falls or voluntarily dismounts without being directed to do so by the judge, the horse and rider combination will ordinarily be excused from the class. However, the judge may, in their sole discretion, permit the combination to continue if they determine it is safe and appropriate to do so. A horse fall results in elimination. A horse is considered to have fallen when both the shoulder and haunch on the same side have touched the ground, or when the horse's shoulder and haunch on the same side have touched an obstacle and the ground. At all times, the judge retains the authority to excuse any rider/horse or handler/horse combination that, in the judge's discretion, appears unsafe or irregular in its gaits.

### 5.2.4 Awards & Prize Distribution

Ribbons and/or prize money will be awarded as specified in the applicable Prize List. The number of placings and any prize money offered shall be determined by Management and may vary by class or event. Management reserves the right to adjust awards or prize money in the event of class cancellations, insufficient entries, or other circumstances deemed appropriate by Management. Unless otherwise stated in the Prize List, no prize money is guaranteed. Prize money is NOT applied to the invoice at the show. All prize money is mailed within thirty (30) days of the conclusion of the show to the owner listed on the entry form, or the Payee if given. Prize money will only be mailed if the owner's or payee's W-9 Form is on file with the show office, and all balances are paid. Foreign competitors must include a U.S. Tax ID Number on their entry form or will be asked to complete a W-8BEN or W-8 Certificate of Foreign Status Form. A new W-9 form is required for each calendar year.

### 5.2.5 Presentation & Attire

Riders and handlers are expected to present themselves in neat, clean, and safe attire appropriate for equestrian competition. Formal show attire is not required; however, clothing must be suitable for riding and handling horses and must not pose a safety risk. Braiding is optional in all divisions unless otherwise specified in the Prize List. Horses should be presented in a tidy and workmanlike manner consistent with their age and stage of training. Management reserves the right to require adjustments to attire that is deemed unsafe or inappropriate.

## 6 Finals Special Rules

### 6.1 Finals Entries

All Finals entries must be submitted online through HorseSpot. Horses that were not previously qualified and that qualify during the qualifier held immediately prior to the Finals may enter online without incurring a late entry fee, provided the entry is submitted by 11:59 p.m. local time on the day before the applicable Finals class is scheduled to begin.

### 6.2 Finals Jump Chute

Placing rails will not be used during Finals unless, in the judgment of the Jump Chute crew and officials, their use is necessary for the safety of the horse. If placing rails are used during Finals, one (1) point will be deducted from the horse's final score. This provision applies to Finals only and does not apply to qualifiers.

### 6.3 Finals Jump Heights:

At Finals, maximum jump heights may be increased by up to three inches (3") from the published qualifier maximums at the discretion of the judge and Management.

### 6.4 Finals Scoring:

Finals scores are from 0 to 20 (except in Class 500: Dressage Test of Choice, which will remain a %).

## 7 Financial Policies

### 7.1 Fees/Payment

All entries must be accompanied by an approved form of payment. Accepted forms of payment may include check, credit card, debit card, Venmo, Zelle, PayPal, or other electronic payment platforms as approved by Management. All entries must be secured by a credit card on file or an open check. Entries submitted without a valid form of payment will not be processed. All credit

card charges are subject to an Administrative/Convenience Fee as disclosed in the online entry platform.

## 7.2 Billing Disputes

All open balances will be finalized at the conclusion of competition using the payment method provided with the entry. Exhibitors are responsible for reviewing all charges and notifying the show office of any discrepancies within one (1) hour of the close of competition. Charges not disputed within that timeframe will be considered final.

## 7.3 Non-Negotiable Funds

A fee of \$150, plus applicable collection costs, will be assessed for all non-negotiable funds, including declined checks, declined credit cards, or disputed charges.

## 7.4 Scratch & Refund Policy

### 7.4.1 Qualifier Refunds & Scratches

Office fees are non-refundable under any circumstances. Class and grounds fees are refundable until the published closing date of the competition. Stall or Trailer-In fees are refundable up to seventy-two (72) hours prior to the start of the competition in cases of documented injury or illness. Appropriate documentation must be provided to Management. No refunds shall be issued for scratches made during the competition.

### 7.4.2 Finals Refunds & Scratches

For Finals classes only: Any horse that qualifies during a qualifier held in the same week as the Finals and is subsequently entered into the corresponding Finals class must be scratched no later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the applicable Finals class in order to avoid being charged.

Horses that qualified at any prior qualifier are subject to the standard Scratch & Refund Policy.