

## ^ BHSA - \* VHSA ASSOCIATE CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Leadline Equitation - Open to riders 7 years & under as of Dec 1 of current show year. Judged 50% equitation and 50% suitability. No cross entry into any other class. Points go to the rider.

^ BHSA Pre-Short Stirrup Equitation - Open to riders 10 years & under as of Dec 1 of the current show year. Riders may be asked to walk, trot, and perform simple Equitation tasks. Riders not allowed to cross enter into classes where they would be asked to canter or jump.

^ BHSA Short Stirrup Equitation -18" X-rails - Open to riders 12 years & under as of Dec 1 of the current show year. Jumps may not exceed 18". Riders not allowed to cross enter into classes where they would jump over 18". Trotting allowed.

\* VHSA Short Stirrup Hunter - 18" straight rails - Open to riders 12 years & under. Trotting is permitted. RIDERS and MOUNTS may cross enter only into pleasure and non-VHSA classes.

^\* BHSA-VHSA Small-Medium Pony Hunter - Open to Small or Medium Ponies (measuring not to exceed 13.2 hands) ridden by Juniors. Jump heights to be a minimum of 2' for Small Ponies and 2'3" for Medium Ponies. If this division is combined with the Large Pony, then it is the Show Secty's responsibility to indicate the size of each pony. Adult riders are not eligible.

^\* BHSA-VHSA Large Pony Hunter - Open to Large Ponies (measuring over 13.2 hands, but not to exceed 14.2 hands) ridden by Juniors. Jump heights to be a minimum of 2'6" and not to exceed 3'. If this division is combined with the Small-Medium Pony, then it is the Show Secty's responsibility to indicate the size of each pony. Adult riders are not eligible.

^\* BHSA-VHSA Hunter Pleasure Pony - Junior riders on ponies only. May be combined with Junior Hunter Pleasure Horse and/or Adult Hunter Pleasure Horse, if less than 3 entries. It is the Show Secty's responsibility to indicate which are the pony, Junior or Adult riders. Judged on manners, suitability, soundness and way of going.

^\* BHSA-VHSA Junior Hunter Pleasure Horse - Junior riders on horses only. May be combined with Hunter Pleasure Pony and/or Adult Hunter Pleasure Horse, if less than 3 entries. It is the Show Secty's responsibility to indicate which are the pony, Junior or Adult riders. Judged on manners, suitability, soundness and way of going. Horses may not cross enter into another Pleasure Division at the same show.

^\* BHSA-VHSA Adult Hunter Pleasure Horse - Adult riders on horses only. May be combined with Hunter Pleasure Pony and/or Junior Hunter Pleasure Horse, if less than 3 entries. It is the Show Secty's responsibility to indicate which are the pony, Junior or Adult riders. Judged on manners, suitability, soundness and way of going. Horses may not cross enter into another Pleasure Division at the same show.

^ BHSA Low Hunter - 2' - Open to horses and ponies. No restrictions on riders. Jump heights to be a minimum of 2' and not to exceed 2'3". May be combined with the Schooling Hunter if either or both do not have 3 entries. If combined, entries must jump the correct height for their division and it is the Show Secty's responsibility to indicate which is the Low Hunter and which is the Schooling Hunter.

^ BHSA Schooling Hunter - 2'6" - Open to horses and ponies. No restrictions on riders. Adults may ride ponies not entered in a Pony division. Jump heights to be a minimum of 2'6" and not to exceed 3'. May be combined with the Low Hunter if either or both do not have 3 entries. If combined, entries must jump the correct height for their division and it is the Show Secty's responsibility to indicate which is the Schooling Hunter and which is the Low Hunter.

^\* BHSA-VHSA Green Pony/Green Hunter - (Based on years showing O/F) - 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> year horse (2'6") - Junior or Adult rider. 1<sup>st</sup> yr pony (2',2'3",2'6") - Junior rider only. Will be split if entries warrant. Green Ponies (BHSA): Open to ponies (measuring 14.2 hands and under) in their first year of showing over fences as of Dec 1 of the current show year, including Equitation and Pleasure classes over fences at 2' for Small Ponies, 2'3" for Medium Ponies, 2'6" for Large Ponies ridden by Juniors. Jump heights to be a minimum of 2' for Small Ponies, a minimum of 2'3" for Medium Ponies, a minimum of 2'6" for Large Ponies. The Green Pony Division must not be combined with the Green Hunter Division if 3 or more ponies and 3 or more horses are entered. If this division is combined with the Green Hunter Division, then it is the Show Secty's responsibility to indicate which is the horse and which is the pony. Adult riders not eligible on ponies. A pony's Green status is not affected if the pony has not been shown at more than 3 competitions prior to May 15<sup>th</sup> of any competition year. (Provided) in order to maintain Green status for the next competition year the pony must be withdrawn from competition over regulation height and the owner must notify the BHSA by letter, via certified/return receipt mail prior to December 1 of the year of withdrawal. The pony's name and recording number must be included in the letter together with the list of shows where shown. Green Hunter (BHSA): Open to horses in their first or second year of showing over fences at 2'6" or higher as of Dec 1 of the current show year, including Pleasure and Equitation classes over fences. Jump heights to be a minimum of 2'6". If this division is combined with the Green Pony Division, it is the Show Secty's responsibility to indicate which is the horse and which is the pony. (See also Green Pony). If an Adult is on a pony, points can count for Green Hunter, but not for Green Pony Hunter. A horse's Green status is not affected if the horse has not been shown at more than 3 competitions prior to May 15<sup>th</sup> of any competition year. (Provided) in order to maintain Green status for the next competition year the horse must be withdrawn from competition over regulation height and the owner must notify the BHSA by letter, via certified/return receipt mail prior to December 1 of the year of withdrawal. The horse's name and recording number must be included in the letter together with list of shows where shown.

\*^ BHSA-VHSA Children/Adult Amateur - 2'6" or 3' - Children's Hunter (BHSA): Open to horses ridden by Juniors. Jump heights to be a minimum of 2'6". If a show offers more than one division for Juniors/Children's which meet these specifications, then the show must stipulate in the prize list which division is BHSA recognized. If the Children's and Adult Amateur Divisions are combined, then it is the Show Secty's responsibility to indicate which is the Child and which is the Adult Amateur. Adult Amateur Hunter (BHSA): Open to horses, and ponies not ridden in a Pony division. Ridden by Adult Amateurs. Jump heights to be a minimum of 2'6". Professionals are not allowed to ride in this division. If the Children's and Adult Amateur Divisions are combined, then it is the Show Secty's responsibility to indicate which is the Child and which is the Adult Amateur.

^\* BHSA-VHSA Working Hunter - 2'9" or 3' - (Junior and Adult). Open to all horses and ponies not entered in a Pony division. If a show has an Open Hunter Division but does not have a Working Hunter Division, then BHSA will accept those points towards the Working Hunter Division. Jump heights must be a minimum of 2'9".

California Warm Up - \$12 entry - unjudged - once per horse - Course B.

**- - - Please be aware that there has been a rule clarification for the Children's and Pony Equitation Classes. A rider may only participate in one Equitation Class over fences per show, excluding the Equitation on the Flat Class. - - -**

^\* BHSA-VHSA Associate Pony Equitation Class - 2', 2'3", 2'6" - Open to Juniors on ponies. Jump heights to be a minimum of 2' for Small Ponies, 2'3" for Medium Ponies and 2'6" for Large Ponies. To be shown over a course of at least 6 fences. The judge will select at least 1/4 of the class to show at a walk, trot, and canter, and to perform additional tests at the judge's discretion. Shows are allowed to combine any of the 3 Equitation classes, however, the Show Secty must specify on the results sheet by each rider's name as to which class points should be applied to (Pony, JR, & AA). Rider can only accumulate points from one class per show. The BHSA-VHSA Equitation classes can be a part of any other Equitation class, e.g., XYZ Horse Show Assoc/ BHSA-VHSA Pony Equitation Class. If anyone shows in this class and is not a BHSA or VHSA member they will not receive BHSA or VHSA points, nor will anyone be moved up in placement due to a non-member showing in that particular class.

^\* BHSA-VHSA Associate Children/Juniors/Adult Amateur Equitation Class - 2'6" or 3' - Children's/JR Equitation - Open to Juniors mounted on horses. Jump heights to be a minimum of 2'6" and not to exceed 3'. Adult Amateur Equitation: Open to Adult Amateurs mounted on horses. Jump heights to be a minimum of 2'6" and not to exceed 3'. To be shown over a course of at least 6 fences. The judge will select at least 1/4 of the class to show at a walk, trot, and canter, and to perform additional tests at judge's discretion. Shows are allowed to combine any of the 3 Equitation classes, however, the Show Secty must specify on the results sheet by each rider's name as to which class points should be applied to (Pony, JR, & AA). A rider can only accumulate points from one class per show. The BHSA-VHSA Equitation classes can be a part of any other Equitation class, e.g., XYZ Horse Show Assoc/BHSA-VHSA Pony Equitation Class. If anyone shows in this class and is not a BHSA or VHSA member they will not receive BHSA or VHSA points, nor will anyone be moved up in placement due to a non-member showing in that particular class.

#### - NEW EQUITATION ON THE FLAT CLASSES -

\* VHSA Junior Equitation on the Flat 15-17 - Open to riders who have reached their 15<sup>th</sup> birthday by December 1<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year, but not reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday as of December 1<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring and judged on position, control and guidance. Tests 1-19 may be used (tests on opposite page), excluding those requiring work over fences. Three entries are necessary to fill this class. The rider must be a VHSA member or the points will not count towards the Associate year-end Championship. If anyone shows in this class and is not a member they will not receive points, nor will anyone be moved up in placement due to a non-member showing in that particular class. Equitation Classes at the Associate Championship Horse Show will be double points. If there are insufficient entries, this class may be combined with the Junior Equitation on the Flat 14 & Under and/or the Adult Amateur Equitation on the Flat.

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\*VHSA Adult Amateur Equitation on the Flat - Open to amateurs 19 years of age and older. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring and judged on position, control and guidance. Tests 1-19 may be used (tests on opposite page), excluding those requiring work over fences. Three entries are necessary to fill this class. The rider must be a VHSA member or the points will not count towards the Associate year-end Championship. If anyone shows in this class and is not a member they will not receive points, nor will anyone be moved up in placement due to a non-member showing in that particular class. Equitation Classes at the Associate Championship Horse Show will be double points. If there are insufficient entries, this class may be combined with the Junior Equitation on the Flat 14 & Under and/or the Junior Equitation on the Flat 15-17.

Tests From Which Judges Must Choose. (EQUITATION on the FLAT)

USEF tests may be performed either collectively or individually but no other tests may be used. Instructions must be publicly announced. A judge may ask riders to re-jump an abbreviated or shortened form of the original course. NOTE: In Hunter Seat Equitation classes, any exhibitor who does not participate in the testing is placed last of those competitors called back to test. Should more than one exhibitor fail to return for testing they will be placed at the judge's discretion. If exhibitors are called back collectively to test, they must remain in the ring until all exhibitors have completed the test. Equitation tests must not have exhibitors trotting or cantering through in gate or out gate. Obstacles jumped in an equitation test must have been included in the original course. Jumps must be jumped in the original direction unless otherwise specified. *BOD 1/17/10 Effective 12/1/10 EC 9/20/10 Effective 12/1/10*

1. Halt (4 to 6 seconds) or halt & back. When riders working collectively are asked to halt & then back, they must not be penalized if they walk forward a few steps & halt after backing.
2. Hand gallop.
3. Figure eight at trot, demonstrating change of diagonals. At left diagonal, rider should be sitting the saddle when left front leg is on the ground; at right diagonal, rider should be sitting the saddle when right front leg is on the ground; when circling clockwise at a trot, rider should be on left diagonal; when circling counterclockwise, rider should be on the right diagonal.
4. Figure eight at canter on correct lead, demonstrating simple change of lead. This is a change whereby the horse is brought back into a walk or trot (either is acceptable unless the judge specifies) & restarted into a canter on the opposite lead. Figures to be commenced in center of two circles so that one change of lead is shown.
5. Work collectively or individually at a walk, trot and/or canter.
6. Jump low obstacles at a trot as well as at a canter. The maximum height and spread for a trot jump is 3' for horses, 2' for ponies.
7. Jump obstacles on figure eight course.
8. Question(s) regarding basic horsemanship, tack & equipment & conformation.
9. Ride without stirrups, riders must be allowed option to cross stirrups.
10. Jump low obstacles at a walk as well as at a canter. The maximum height & spread for a walk jump is 2'.
11. Dismount & mount. Individually.
12. Turn on the forehand done through the walk or the halt.
13. Figure eight at canter on correct lead demonstrating flying change of lead.
14. Execute serpentine at a trot and/or canter on correct lead demonstrating simple or flying changes of lead. (See Test Number 4 for simple change.)
15. Change leads on a line demonstrating a simple or flying change of lead. (See Test Number 4 for simple change.)
16. Change horses. (Note: this test is the equivalent of two tests.)
17. Canter on counter lead. (No more than 12 horses may counter canter at one time.)
18. Turn on the haunches from the walk.
19. Demonstration ride of approximately one minute. Rider must advise judge beforehand what ride he plans to demonstrate.