

RULES & GENERAL INFORMATION

2017 SHOW SEASON • SONOMA HORSE PARK

1. "Every class offered herein which is covered by the rules and specifications of the current USEF Book will be conducted and judged in accordance therewith."

2. Life, senior active and junior active members shall be eligible to participate in all classes at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Preliminary Level or above & Combined Driving Competitions at Advanced Level, Dressage, Reining and Vaulting Competitions and Endurance Rides. A nonmember may participate as a handler, rider, driver, owner, lessee, agent, coach or trainer at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions, Dressage Competitions, Reining Competitions and Combined Driving Competitions upon payment of a \$30 Show Pass fee. Participants in the following classes are exempted from the Requirements of this rule: 1) Leadline; 2) Exhibitions; 3) Games and races; 4) Classes for 4-H members; 5) Walk trot and academy classes (academy classes are classes limited to horses used regularly in a lesson program); 6) USDF introductory level tests, pas de deux and quadrille classes; 7) NRHA Endorsed Reining Competitions. 8) Opportunity classes, 9) Citizens of other nations who have proof, in English, of current membership in good standing of their own National Federation, 10) USEA beginner novice division; 11) Assistant handlers in Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes. See GR901.

3. RELEASES - FEDERATION ENTRY AGREEMENT: By entering a Federation-licensed Competition and signing this entry blank as the Owner, Lessee, Trainer, Manager, Agent, Coach, Driver, Rider, Handler, Vaultier or Longeur and on behalf of myself and my principals, representatives, employees and agents, I agree that I am subject to the Bylaws and Rules of the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (the "Federation") and the local rules of the competition. I agree to be bound by the Bylaws and Rules of the Federation and of the competition. I will accept as final the decision of the Hearing Committee on any question arising under the Rules, and agree to release and hold harmless the competition, the Federation, their officials, directors and employees for any action taken under the Rules. I represent that I am eligible to enter and/or participate under the Rules, and every horse I am entering is eligible as entered. I agree that as a condition of and in consideration of acceptance of entry, the Federation and/or the Competition may use or assign photographs, videos, audios, cable-casts, broadcasts, internet, film, new media or other likenesses of me and my horse from the competition for the promotion, coverage or benefit of the competition, sport, or the Federation. Those likenesses shall not be used to advertise a product and may not be used in such a way as to jeopardize amateur status. I hereby expressly and irrevocably waive and release any rights in connection with such use, including any claim to compensation, invasion of privacy, right of publicity, or to misappropriation. The construction and application of Federation rules are governed by the laws of the State of New York, and any action instituted against the Federation must be filed in NY State. See GR908.4.

SONOMA HORSE PARK: I HEREBY EXPRESSLY, VOLUNTARILY, AND UNCONDITIONALLY RELEASE, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS Howard Herman, Marcia Herman, Meredith Herman, Ashley Herman, Burgundy Farms, Riverside Equestrian Center, Sonoma Horse Park, Sally Hudson and/or Headlands Management, Inc., their owners, officers, members, agents, employees, licensees and invitees, as well as any other person, firm, corporation, company, entity, or anyone in any way connected with the ownership and management of the show premises and the Horse Show, or in control of the premises or equipment related thereto (collectively, "Releasees") from and against ANY AND ALL CLAIMS FOR INJURIES, DAMAGES, AND/OR LOSSES connected with participation in this Horse Show. This includes, but is not limited to, claims for monetary damages, attorney's fees, costs, losses, and/or causes of action against Releasees for any and all Harm to me or my horse(s) and for any Harm caused or contributed in any way to by me or my horse(s) to others, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in this Horse Show, and includes reimbursement of Releasees' costs and attorney's fees incurred in defense of such claims. I further agree to this release, indemnification, and holding harmless WHETHER OR NOT SUCH CLAIM, INJURY, DAMAGE, OR LOSS RESULTED, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, FROM MY NEGLIGENT ACTS OR OMISSIONS OR THE NEGLIGENT ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF RELEASEES, to the fullest extent allowed by law. I also acknowledge that no representations or warranties, whether oral or written, implied or expressed, have been made by Releasees concerning Horse Show premises, the Horse Show event, or activities at Burgundy Farms, Riverside Equestrian Center, and/or Sonoma Horse Park, or any other matter.

PCHA: The competition and its management agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the PCHA, its directors, officer, committee members, agents and employees from and against all loss or damage including any and all claims arising out of the competition, including claims as to personal injury or property loss or damage suffered during or in conjunction with competition, whether or not such injury or loss resulted directly or indirectly from negligent acts or omissions of said directors, officers, committee members, agents or employees.

4. MANAGEMENT: The Horse Show Manager reserves the right to itself to interpret all questions and conditions in regard to, or arising out of, or incident to the show without claims for damages or recourse of any kind. All questions not covered in these Rules & Regulations shall be decided by the horse show manager; its decision to be final.

5. RESPONSIBILITY: Horse Show Manager reserves to itself the right to refuse, accept conditionally, or to cancel any entries, disqualify any riders or exhibitors, prohibit exhibition of entries, and cancel award prizes, without claim for damages; to change any course, to cancel or combine any unfilled classes, or to reschedule classes as competition warrants.

6. STALL REQUEST: Trainers will be responsible for payment of all stalls requested. Check or Credit Card required to hold stalls. If stall request are taken, they will only be held until the close of entries.

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7. **CONDITION OF ENTRY:** Every horse entered herein for competition will be under the control of the Horse Show Manager, but the horse show manager will in no case be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur, and it shall be a condition of entry that each exhibitor shall hold the individual horse shows and the officials, employees, directors, officers, sponsoring entities, Sonoma Horse Park, Riverside Equestrian Center, Giant Steps, Headlands Management, Inc. and its employees, directors, officers, sponsoring entities of each horse show & the facilities at which each horse show is held blameless for any loss or accident to his horse(s), employee(s), or equipment which may occur from sickness, fire or other cause. All owners and exhibitors shall be responsible for any damage incurred by them, their agents or employees to stalls, buildings, and other properties on the show grounds, and shall be billed accordingly.

8. **ENTRY PROCEDURES:** Entry blanks must be filled out completely, including all classes entered, signatures and organizational membership numbers. Horses entered without classes may be put on a waiting list for classes if rings are fully subscribed. Entry blanks must be postmarked or submitted electronically (showgroundslive.com/ [headlands](http://headlands.com) or equestrianconnect.com) on or before the closing date of entries. Any entry postmarked or entered online after the closing date of entries may be charged a late fee. Late fee is \$50. For each horse entered, send in the \$100 nominating fee and all stall fees (if a stall is needed). GR907.1 STALLS AND CLASSES MAY BECOME FULLY SUBSCRIBED BEFORE THE CLOSE OF ENTRIES.

9. **NOMINATING FEE:** The Nominating fee will not be deducted from entry fees. Classes scratched in horse show office on official add/scratch forms before the start of the class will receive a full refund. Scratch fees will still apply.

10. **POST ENTRIES/SCRATCH FEES:** Any entry postmarked after close of entries is considered a post entry and will pay a \$50 late fee as penalty. Classes may be added up until 4:00 pm the day prior to the day of the class. A full class fee refund will be given to all classes scratched prior to start of the class (exception - Special classes. See Rules 34 & 35). Horse Show Management reserves the right to limit entries at its discretion.

11. **ENTRY BLANKS:** Please enter each horse in its proper division or class. Exhibitors are responsible for their errors and those of their agents in making out entry blanks. In all cases the description on entry blank must fully identify the horse. The word "entry" shall not be accepted.

- A. Be properly signed, and in the case of a minor, be signed by a parent or guardian.
- B. Be made on an entry blank provided by the show.
- C. Show the correct mailing address of the owner.
- D. Social Security number must be included on entry blank.
- E. Include copy of USEF membership card for each owner, lessee, agent, trainer, coach, rider & handler.
- F. Include copy of USHJA membership card for each owner, lessee, agent, trainer, coach, rider & handler.
- G. Include all additional membership numbers and birth dates of junior and amateur riders. Attach photocopy of USEF amateur card.
- H. Attach photocopy of USEF pony measurement card for any ponies entered in the Pony Hunters, Children's Pony Hunters, Pony Equitation and Pony Jumpers division. See rule 28.
- I. Attach photocopy of USEF measurement card for any Junior Hunter entered in hunter division. See rule 28.
- J. Payment for Nomination Fee and Stall Fee per horse must be included.
- K. Credit card number, expiration date and signature must be included on the credit card form.

12. **REFUNDS:** All refund requests must be submitted in writing. Before close of entries, all fees will be refunded. After close of entries, no refunds given unless one of the following requirements is met:

- Prior to start of show, entry fees will be refunded less the stall fee and office fee.
- After show starts, classes scratched in Horse Show Office before class has started will be refunded.
- After show starts, add and scratch fees for Classics, Grand Prix, Stakes & Special Classes will apply.

13. **RETURNED CHECKS:** Checks returned by the bank for any reason are regarded as a serious offense and will be handled in the following procedure. \$50 or 10% of the amount of the check will be assessed for each returned check. Accounts will be given 10 days to be paid in full with cash or cash equivalent, or they will be turned into USEF and PCHA for further disciplinary action. Credit Cards declined and charge-backs will be handled as above.

14. **UNPAID CHARGES:** If show management or official (i.e. farrier, veterinarian, feed supplier, photographer, food concessionaire, etc.) must bill an exhibitor for unpaid charges, a \$50 billing fee will be added to amount due.

15. **COURSES:** Courses may consist of any combination of the following: Brush, Gates, Oxers, Panels, Post and Rails, Banks, Ditches, Coups, and Liverpools. The horse show management reserves the right to adjust fence heights and/or spreads in jumper classes as competition warrants.

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16. PRIZE MONEY: Prize money not deducted from the statement will be made payable to owner listed on entry blank and mailed within 30 days after the show. PRIZE MONEY WILL NOT BE MAILED UNLESS THE OWNER'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER IS LISTED ON ENTRY BLANK. ANYONE REQUESTING 1099 CHANGES AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN MAILED WILL BE CHARGED \$100 TO BE PAID IN ADVANCE. PRIZE MONEY CHECKS NOT CASHED AFTER 90 DAYS WILL HAVE A STOP PAYMENT PLACED ON THEM AND EXHIBITOR WILL FORFEIT PRIZE MONEY. PRIZE MONEY WON BY FOREIGN EXHIBITORS: Foreign exhibitors are advised that the U.S. Internal Revenue Service requires sporting events to withhold 30% of prize money won in the United States. Foreign exhibitors should apply for a U.S. Social Security number and will be asked to complete form W-8 prior to the Headlands Management, Inc. Horse Shows issuing prize money won.

17. ADD-BACK: In classes with add-back, prize money is computed from the number of horses that actually show.

18. ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE: Horses and grooms may arrive & depart within the days listed below:

SHP SPRING CLASSIC • MAY 10 - 14, 2017

Arrivals can be accommodated ONLY between the hours of 8 AM and 6 PM.

Arrive no earlier than Sunday, 8:00 AM May 7, 2017

Departure by 7:00 PM Sunday, May 14, 2017

HMI EQUESTRIAN CHALLENGE • MAY 17 - 21, 2017

Arrivals can be accommodated ONLY between the hours of 8 AM and 6 PM.

Arrive no earlier than Monday, 12:00 PM May 15, 2017

Departure by 7:00 PM Sunday, May 21, 2017

HMI JUNE CLASSIC • JUNE 14 - 18, 2017

Arrivals can be accommodated ONLY between the hours of 8 AM and 6 PM.

Arrive no earlier than Sunday, 8:00 AM June 11, 2017

Departure by 7:00 PM Sunday, June 18, 2017

HMI EQUESTRIAN CLASSIC • JULY 26 - 30, 2017

Arrivals can be accommodated ONLY between the hours of 8 AM and 6 PM.

Arrive no earlier than Sunday, 8:00 AM July 23, 2017

Departure by 7:00 PM Sunday, July 30, 2017

GIANT STEPS CHARITY CLASSIC • AUGUST 2 - 6, 2017

Arrivals can be accommodated ONLY between the hours of 8 AM and 6 PM.

Arrive no earlier than Monday, 12:00 PM July 31, 2017

Departure by 7:00 PM Sunday, August 6, 2017

STRIDES & TIDES • SEPTEMBER 13 - 17, 2017

Arrivals can be accommodated ONLY between the hours of 8 AM and 6 PM.

Arrive no earlier than Sunday, 8:00 AM September 10, 2017

Departure by 7:00 PM Sunday, September 17, 2017

SHP SEASON FINALE • SEPTEMBER 20 - 24, 2017

Arrivals can be accommodated ONLY between the hours of 8 AM and 6 PM.

Arrive no earlier than Monday, 12:00 PM September 18, 2017

Departure by 7:00 PM Sunday, September 24, 2017

19. PARKING: Horse trailers will be parked in designated areas. Autos will also be parked in designated areas. No autos allowed in the barn aisles.

20. LIMITED RV SPACE: RV parking is available at \$375 per RV per show. Includes 20 amps of electricity, water and two pump-out services. If available, 50 amp spaces will be available for an additional \$150 per show. There are limited spaces available. RVs must park in designated area with a dated permit provided by the show. Permit must be visibly placed in windshield. RVs will be pumped on Thursday and Saturday Evenings. Reservations will be taken on a paid first come-first served basis.

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21. **GOLF CARTS:** Minors without a valid driver's license allowing them to operate a motorized vehicle in the state in which they reside are not permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind, including, but not limited to, golf carts, motorcycles, scooters, or farm utility vehicles at Sonoma Horse Park. Minors who have a valid temporary license may operate the above listed motorized vehicles as long as they are accompanied by an adult with a valid driver's license. The parent(s), legal guardian(s), or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating a motorized vehicle in violation of this rule are solely responsible for any damages, claims, losses or actions resulting from that operation. Violations of this rule will be cause for sanctions against the parent(s), guardian(s) and/or trainer(s) who are responsible for the child committing the offense. Penalties may include exclusion of the child, parent(s), guardian(s), and/or trainer(s) from Sonoma Horse Park for the remainder of competition and charges being filed against any of above individuals in accordance with Chapter 6. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule. USEF GR1301.7

22. **STABLING:** Requests for stalls for horses not entered in the show or for tack, feed or grooming may be reduced by management and refunds given, if there is a shortage of stalls. No straw allowed.

23. **STALLS:** Exhibitors are responsible for the condition of the stalls upon departure. Anyone dismantling stalls or causing damage to a stall will be charged a \$100 fee per panel, with a maximum fine per stall of \$400. Stalls are wood or canvas 10 x 10 with top and bottom doors.

24. **FEED & BEDDING:** All feed orders received in Horse Show Office by NOON will be delivered the same day. Saturday feed orders must be in by NOON. No deliveries on Sunday. All feed orders must state barn and stall numbers. Feed and bedding will not be delivered without a signed open check or credit card number on file at the Horse Show Office.

25. **MEDICAL WASTE:** Needles must be placed in proper receptacles. Anyone found in violation will be subject to \$100 fine or other penalties deemed necessary by show management. USEF GR1210.4

26. **NUMBERS:** Management will provide a number card for each competitor which shall be worn on the rider's back clearly visible to the judge at all times when in competition. Riders wearing the wrong number or no number at all may be eliminated from the class by the judge.

27. **HARD HATS AND ATTIRE:** USEF GR801 will be strictly enforced. It is compulsory for all persons at Federation licensed hunter, jumper or hunter/jumper competitions when mounted anywhere on the competition grounds, to wear properly fastened protective headgear which meets or exceeds ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. It must be properly fitted with harness secured. GR801.2 All exhibitors are required to wear shoes or boots with a riding heel whenever mounted on horseback on the grounds. GR801.9

28. **MEASURING OF ENTRIES:** Time of measuring will be posted in Horse Show Office. All hunter and jumper ponies and junior hunters must have a copy of, or the original measurement cards presented to a show secretary or be measured if card is not available, before the exhibitors' number will be released.

29. **SCHOOLING SUPERVISION:** Please note: paddock stewards are schooling supervisors & have absolute authority to scratch riders who do not follow USEF schooling rules. They can scratch riders without going through the USEF Steward or the Horse Show Manager.

30. **DOGS:** Dogs are not permitted to be loose on competition grounds and must be on a leash or contained. Individuals may not lead dogs on a leash while mounted. Dog owners are solely responsible for damages, claims, losses or actions resulting from dogs' behaviors. Dog owners failing to comply with this rule may be subject to penalty under Chapters 6 & 7 and issuance of warning cards. See USEF GR1301.6. Loose dogs will be detained until owner has paid a \$25 fine. A 2nd offense may cause owner to be barred from showing and expelled from show grounds. Refusal to pay fine will bar owner from further participation in horse show and owner will not be entitled to any refund of entry or stabling fees paid or due. Management reserves the right to call Animal Control to have an animal removed from the premises.

31. **TIME SCHEDULE/POSTED ORDER:** Each evening, time schedule for the next day's schedule is available. This time schedule will be strictly adhered to. Trainer, exhibitor or representative must tell the paddock steward of possible ring conflicts so arrangements can be made to accommodate the rider and time schedule. All Hunter and Jumper orders will be drawn according to USEF Rule JP1 12. Posted orders for Grand Prix, Hunter and Jumper Classics, Hunter and Jumper Derbies will be strictly adhered to. All Horse Show Manager decisions will be final.

32. **LUNGING:** Lunging is NOT permitted in the following arenas: Grand Prix Arena, Grand Prix Warm-Up Arena, Jumper 2 Arena, Main Hunter Arena, Hunter 2 Arena, Hunter 3 Arena and Hunter 4 Arena. The trainer will be fined \$500 each time anyone is caught lunging in any of these arenas. The \$500 penalty fee will be added to trainer's show bill and is expected to be paid upon check out.

33. **ARENAS:** Grand Prix Arena, Grand Prix Warm-up, Main Warm-Up, Jumper 2, Main Hunter, Hunter 2 & Hunter 3 Arenas are sand and CLOPF® Fiber. All other arenas are sand footing. Grand Prix Arena: 350' X 210', Jumper 2: 300' X 160', Main Hunter: 275' X 165', Hunter 2: 260' X 160', Hunter 3: 240' X 140'.

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34. Jumper Grand Prix & Classics: Grand Prix: Horses must declare by 1:00 PM the day before the Grand Prix, Derby & Classics are scheduled to be held. A late fee will be charged if entered after 1:00 PM the day before class is held. A \$100 scratch fee will be charged if the Grand Prix and/or Derby are scratched the day class is held. Classics scratched the day of Classic will pay either \$100 or \$50 scratch fee (see class list for classic penalty fee).

35. Hunter Classics: Horses entered the day of Classic will pay a late fee. To be eligible, horses must have entered, shown and completed the course in at least 2 classes in the Hunter section. Classics scratched day of the Classic will pay either \$100 or \$50 scratch fee (see class list for classic penalty fee). Horses not qualified for second classic round, when the first round is the last class of division, will pay a \$50 scratch fee.

36. Directions to Sonoma Horse Park:

- 101 North: From San Francisco/Marin: Exit CA-37 toward Napa/Vallejo (5.7 miles). Turn left at Lakeville Road (2 miles). 7600 Lakeville Hwy is on the left.
- 101 South: From Santa Rosa: Exit CA-116 East toward Napa/Sonoma (.2 miles). Turn left at Lakeville Hwy (9 miles). 7600 Lakeville Hwy is on the right.
- I-80: Sacramento/East Bay: Exit CA-37 toward Napa (16.3 miles). Turn right at Lakeville Hwy (2 miles). 7600 Lakeville Hwy is on the left.

37. Mailing Address: UPS & FedEx shipments: Sonoma Horse Park, 7600 Lakeville Hwy, Petaluma, CA 94954. Attention: Horse Show Office

38. Listed below are the championships awarded at each horse show:

HORSE SHOW CHAMPIONSHIPS

1.30 Meter Jumpers	Pre-Children's Jumpers	USHJA 2'3 Hunters	Modified Children's Hunters
1.20 Meter Jumpers	Pre-Adult Amateur Jumpers	USHJA 2' Hunters	Modified Adult Amateur Hunters
1.10 Meter Jumpers	Child/Adult Amateur Jumpers	Large Junior Hunters 3'6	Small Pony Hunters
1.00 Meter Jumpers	Pony Jumpers	Small Junior Hunters 3'6	Medium Pony Hunters
.90 Meter Jumpers	High Performance Working Hunters 3'9	Large Junior Hunters 3'3	Large Pony Hunters
.80 Meter Jumpers	Green Hunters 3'9	Small Junior Hunters 3'3	Sm/Med Green Pony Hunters
.70 Meter Jumpers	Green Hunters 3'6	AO Hunters 18 - 35 3'6	Large Green Pony Hunters
1.30 Meter 7 Year Old	High Performance Confirmation Hunters 3'9	AO Hunters 36 & Over 3'6	Sm/Med Child Pony Hunters
1.20 Meter 6 Year Old	Green Confirmation Hunters 3'6	AO Hunters 18 - 35 3'3	Large Child Pony Hunters
1.00 Meter 5 Year Old	Performance Hunters 3'6	AO Hunters 36 & Over 3'3	Equitation 36 & Over
1.35/1.40 JR/AO Jumpers	Performance Hunters 3'3	Junior Modified Hunters	Equitation 18 - 35
1.30 JR/AO Jumpers	Green Hunters 3'3	Amateur Modified Hunters	Equitation 15 - 17
JR/AM Modified Jumpers	Green Hunters 3'	Children's Hunters 13 & Under	Equitation 14 & Under
Children's Jumpers	Young Hunters 7 & Under	Children's Hunters 14 - 17	Low Equitation 18 & Over
Adult Amateur Jumpers	Young Hunters 6 & Under	Adult Amateur Hunters 18 - 35	Low Equitation 17 & Under
Low Children's Jumpers	Young Hunters 5 & Under	Adult Amateur Hunters 36 & Over	Beginning Equitation 18 & Over
Low Adult Amateur Jumpers	USHJA 3' Hunters	Low Children's Hunters	Beginning Equitation 17 & Under
Modified Children's Jumpers	USHJA 2'9 Hunters	Low Adult Amateur Hunters	Equitation Pony
Modified Adult Amateur Jumpers	USHJA 2'6 Hunters		

FRIENDSHIP SERIES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Canter Cross Rail Hunters	Short Stirrup Hunters 10 & Under	Short Stirrup Hunters 11 - 17	Long Stirrup Hunters
Canter Cross Rail Equitation	Short Stirrup Equitation 10 & Under	Short Stirrup Equitation 11 - 17	Long Stirrup Equitation
Walk Trot			

AWARDS & POINTS

PRIZE MONEY

1st: 30% 2nd: 22% 3rd: 15% 4th: 10% 5th: 7% 6th: 6% 7th: 5% 8th: 5%

CLASSICS

Trophy to 1st place. Ribbons to 10th place

CLASSES

Trophy to 1st place. Ribbons to 8th place

POINTS

1st: 10 2nd: 6 3rd: 4 4th: 2 5th: 1 6th: .5

MODEL

1st: 5 2nd: 3 3rd: 2 4th: 1 5th: .5 6th: .25

BONUS POINTS *See list of Open Jumpers Classes

1st: 15 2nd: 9 3rd: 6 4th: 3 5th: 2 6th: 1