**CLASS & DIVISION DESCRIPTIONS**

***All regular classes $20, medal classes $30***

**Short Stirrup Equitation (NEHC Rated “C” & MHC Rated “C”)**

Open to Riders 12 years of age or under. To show over a course of 4 to 8 fences at a height of 18”. On the Flat class will show at a walk, trot and canter. Rider may not show in any class requiring fences higher than 18”. Only 8 horses or ponies to canter at once. Classes 23, 24, 29

**MHJ Short Stirrup Medal**

Open to riders 12 years of age and under. To be shown over 4 to 8 fences at a height of 18”. The fences shall be cross rails or verticals with no combinations. To fill a class and for points to count at least two riders must complete the course. Once qualified, riders may continue show in the class until August 11. After August 11, 2013, only those riders not qualified may continue to compete in the class. Class 25

**NHHJA/Downeast Short Stirrup Equitation Medal**

Open to riders 12 years of age and under, competing on horses or ponies. All ages (Short and Long Stirrup) compete together at the qualifying shows, but age groups will be divided at the finals. Riders must not never have shown over fences that exceed 18”. Riders shall be required to perform a minimum of six fences with at least one change of direction. Fence height will be 18”. 25% of contestants, at least 2, will be called back for individual testing. Testing optional, verbal recommended. USEF tests 1-8, class 26.

**Lead Line (MHC Rated “C”)**

Open to Riders 6 years of age and under. To show collectively at the walk and individually at the trot. To be judged with emphasis on equitation; also suitability and manners of mount to be considered. Leader on foot must be 14 years of age and/or over. Rider may only compete in this class. 34 & 35

**Short/Long Stirrup Hunter**

Open to all riders. To show over a course of 4 to 8 fences at a height of 18”. On the Flat classes will show at walk trot and canter. Rider may not show in any class requiring fences higher than 18”. Classes 27, 28, 30.

**Walk Trot (MHC Rated “C”)**

Open to Horses and Ponies. Open to Riders 10 years of age and under who have not shown in any class that requires a canter. Rider must show in regular class in order to compete in the championship class. Classes 31, 32, 33

**Modified Hunter (Unrated)**

Open to horses and ponies. No restriction to age or status of rider. Fences 2’. Classes 22, 23, 25

**MHJ Adult Mini Medal**

Open to all Adult Amateur riders that have not shown over a course where the fences exceeded 3’ in the current year. To perform over a course of at least 8 fences not to exceed2’6**”.** To fill a class and for points to count at least two riders must complete the course. Once qualified, riders may continue to show in the class until August 11. After August 11, 2013, only those riders not qualified may continue to compete in the class. Class 15

**Children’s / Adult Special Hunter (MHC Rated “C”)**

Open to Amateur Adult and Junior Riders. No Professionals. Open to Horses and Ponies that have not jumped 3’ or over in the previous year, OR Riders who have not shown at 3’ or over in the previous year. Fences not to exceed 2’6”. No in and outs. Classes 10, 11, 21

**Children’s / Adult Equitation**

Open to Riders who have not shown over a course where the fences exceed 3’ at a recognized show. Fences 2’ for small and medium Ponies, 2’6” for large Ponies and Horses. Classes 12 & 22

**MHJ Mini Medal** Open to SEHA Members who have not reached their 15th birthday as of December 1st of the current year and have not competed in any horsemanship class in which the rider is required to jump higher than 3’ with the exception of the USE Federation Pony Medal. All contestants are to compete over a course not to exceed 8 fences and not less than 6 fences, at a height not to exceed 2’6”. No combinations. Contestants are not allowed to cross enter into the National Children’s Medal, WIHS ,MHC, NEHC and RIHA Medal, USEF Medal, USET or the ASPCA Horsemanship class at any show during the year. To fill a class at least 2 exhibitors must complete the course. Class 14

**MHC Mini Medal**

All Riders must present a valid membership number before entering this class. Open to Riders who have not reached their 15th birthday and who have not competed in classes in which the entry is required to jump higher than 3’. 6 to 8 Fences not to exceed 2’6”for medium and large ponies and horses and 2’ for small ponies. One or more individual test of the top 4 contestants may be requested at the judge’s discretion (USAE test 1-8). 10 points are required to required to qualify for this class. (10,6,4, and 2). Any qualifying Rider is not eligible to enter at future shows. A Mini Medal Rider who competes in the MHC Jr. Medal is no longer eligible to compete in the Mini Medal Division. To fill a class, at least 4 competitors must complete the course. Class 13

**MHJ Children’s Medal Pony/Horse**

Open to all Junior riders who have not reached their 18th birthday as of December 1, 2012 and who have not shown over a course where the fences have exceeded 3’. To be shown over a minimum of 8 fences at the required height with at least two changes of direction after the first fence. A combination is optional and must be adjusted according to fence heights. The same pony/ horse must be used in all phases. Only one rider per pony (riders may not ride in more than one height section of the class). Fence heights Small/Medium 2’ and Large/ Horse 2’6”. To fill a class at least 2 exhibitors must complete the course. Class 16

**NHHJA/Downeast Modified Junior Medal**

Open to riders 17 years of age and under, competing on horses or ponies. Contestants shall be required to perform over a minimum of six fences with at least one change of direction. Fence heights will be 2’3”. 25% of the contestants, a minimum of 2 riders, shall be called back for individual testing. Testing optional. Class 19

**Open Equitation Jr/Adult**

Open to Junior Amateur Adult Riders . Fences 3’. Classes 2

**MHC Adult Hunter Seat Medal**

All Riders must present a valid membership number before entering this class. Open to adult members of MHC. Course requires 8 Fences 2’6” to 2’9” with at least one change of direction. Once qualified, rider is no longer eligible for this class. One or more individual tests of the top 4 competitors may be requested at the judge’s discretion (USAE tests 1-17). To fill a class, at least 4 competitors must complete the course. Class 6

**MHJ Adult Medal**

Open to Amateur Adult riders. All contestants are required to perform over at least 8 fences 2'9"- 3’0” including a combination with at least two changes of direction after the first fence. To fill, at least 2 competitors must complete the course. Class 7

**Downeast Amateur Adult Medal**

Open to amateur riders 18 years of age and older, competing on horses or ponies. Contestants shall be required to perform over a minimum of six fences with at least one change of direction. Fence heights shall be 2’6″-2’9”. 25% of the contestants, at least 2 riders, shall be called back for individual testing. Testing optional. USEF tests 1-19. Class 8

**MHC Junior Hunt Seat Medal**

All Riders must present a valid membership number before entering this class. Open to junior members who have not reached their 18th birthday. Course requires 8 Fences not to exceed 3’. One or more individual test of the top 4 contestants may be requested at the judge’s discretion (USAE test 1-19). Any qualifying Rider is not eligible to enter at future shows. 10 points are needed to qualify for Finals. To fill a class, at least 4 competitors must complete the course. Class 3

**MHJ Junior Medal**

Open to junior members who have not reached their 18th birthday as of December 1st of the current year. All contestants are required to perform over at least 8 fences not to exceed 3’3” in height. One or more tests of the top 4 contestants may be requested at the judge’s discretion.(USEF Tests 1-19). Ten points or the finals. To fill a class at least 2 exhibitors must complete the course. Class 4

**DOWNEAST Junior Medal**

Open to riders 17 years of age and under, competing on horses or ponies. Riders shall be required to perform over a minimum of six fences with at least one change of direction. Fence heights shall be 2’9”. 25% of the contestants, a minimum of 2 riders, shall be called back for individual testing. Testing optional. USEF tests 1-19. Class 5

1) Approved headgear must be worn at all times by **everyone** while mounted.

2) All dogs must be leashed and cleaned up after.

3) To be eligible for Championship classes, Rider must have shown in previous classes in that division.

4) Judge’s decisions are final.

5) Show reserves the right to cancel, combine or divide classes as necessary.
6) Lunging in designated areas only.

7) All entries must be signed in all areas before having a number assigned.
8) All Entries must be paid for the day of the show.
9) A processing fee of $30.00 will be charged for any returned checks.

10) Valid MHC and/or NHHJA membership cards must be presented when entering a Medal class.

APPLICATIONS FOR MHC and NHHJA MEMBERSHIPS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE HORSE SHOW OFFICE