



PHSA Rulebook 2025-2026

Effective December 1, 2025

The Pennsylvania Horse Show Association (PHSA) is an affiliate of USEF (United States Equestrian Federation) and USHJA (United States Hunter Jumper Association) and follows the rules and regulations of USEF and USHJA unless otherwise stated. PHSA is dedicated to supporting the local equestrian community through fostering fair competition, horse welfare and educational opportunities.

Horse Shows

Types of horse show membership:

USEF Channel 1 – Cost of membership is \$150 per show for the 2025-2026 competition year.

USEF Channel 2 – Cost of membership is \$75 per show for the 2025-2026 competition year.

USEF Breeding Show – rated horse show that only offers USEF Breeding classes, no performance classes are offered other than Young Hunter Under Saddle classes. Cost of membership is \$50.

Regional/Non-Rated/Hunter Derby Only – Cost of membership is \$50 per show for the 2025-2026 competition year.

PHSA will charge a \$45 fee for all returned checks.

Applications for show membership and payment will be sent, via email to memberships@pennhsa.org, thirty (30) days prior to the competition date along with a copy of the prize list. The application forms can be found on our website at www.pennhsa.org. Once the application and payment have been received, the show will be entered on our calendar.

In the event of a show cancellation, show management must immediately notify the PHSA secretary at memberships@pennhsa.org. If notification is received two (2) days prior to the competition date, a full credit will be given to the show towards a future show date. If the show wishes to receive a refund and proper notice is given, the show will be refunded less a \$25.00 office fee. If no notice is given prior to the competition date, no credit or refund will be offered.

Competition managers are required to send their points to memberships@pennhsa.org within fourteen (14) days of the completion of the event. Points must be sent in .dat file format. If points are not sent in the proper format and need to be entered manually, a \$50 fee will be imposed for this service. Failure to comply may result in the show's approval being removed or loss of future horse show dates.

In order for points to count, Rated/Regional/Non-Rated shows must correctly name and run divisions/classes under PHSA specifications. Individual shows may choose to run divisions/classes as they see fit, but only divisions/classes named and run in accordance with PHSA specifications will count towards year-end points. Division specifications can be found on our website at www.pennhsa.org.

In the event that divisions/classes need to be combined, they only may be combined with other divisions/classes as designated in accordance with PHSA specifications.

Regional/Non-Rated shows must keep on file the judge's cards until PHSA points are finalized for the competition year. PHSA may request, at any time, a copy of the judge's cards. If the cards are not provided within fourteen (14) days of the request, the points for the show in question may be voided.

The decision of the judge is final, any show found to be in violation of altering the judge's placings will be found in violation of PHSA rules and will lose future horse show dates or their PHSA approval will be removed completely.

Members

Individuals must be a member in good standing in order to earn points and be eligible for year-end awards. Rider/handler/owner memberships must be renewed yearly, horse memberships are lifetime. Year-end points will only start to accrue once rider/handler, owner and horse are PHSA members.

Membership levels:

Professional – Professional members that have reached eighteen (18) years of age by December 1st of the current competition year and hold a professional membership with USEF. Cost is \$50 for the 2025-2026 competition year.

Amateur – Amateur members that have reached eighteen (18) years of age by December 1st of the current competition year and hold an amateur membership with USEF. Cost is \$50 for the 2025-2026 competition year.

Junior – Junior members that have NOT reached eighteen (18) years of age by December 1st of the current competition year and hold a junior membership with USEF. Cost is \$50 for the 2025-2026 competition year.

Horse – Horse memberships are lifetime and entered into our registry database. Initial cost is \$50, transfer of ownership is \$20, horse name change is \$20.

Members that are deemed ineligible by the USEF will also be deemed ineligible to compete by PHSA.

Annual Awards

To be eligible for a year-end award, the horse/pony and owner, rider/handler must be current members of PHSA. No points will be awarded towards year-end awards until all parties are members in good standing.

Points are accrued from the 1st of the month where horse/pony, rider/handler and owner are all current members.

Members must compete in a minimum of three (3) PHSA recognized shows in order to be eligible for a year-end award. PHSA reserves the right to combine, cancel or split any offered divisions depending upon participation. PHSA will notify members by no later than September 1st of the competition year regarding this decision.

No year-end awards will be mailed. All awards must be picked up at the Annual Banquet, it is the responsibility of the award winner to make arrangements for the award to be picked up.

It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to rectify point discrepancies from December 1st through May 31st, by no later than June 15th or points will be locked. Point discrepancies from June 1st through September 30th must be rectified by no later than October 15th or points will be locked. All points will be considered final by December 15th.

PHSA offers year-end awards in the following rated divisions:

Green Hunter 3'3"3"

Green Hunter 3'6"/3'9"

Performance Working Hunter 3'3"/3'6"

Adult Amateur 18-35

Adult Amateur 36+fvfbnbh

Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3"

Amateur Owner Hunter 3'6"

Children's Hunter Horse 14 and Under

Children's Hunter Horse 15-17

Small/Medium Children's Hunter Pony

Large Children's Hunter Pony

Junior Hunter 3'3"

Small Junior Hunter 3'6"

Large Junior Hunter 3'6"

Small Pony Hunter

Medium Pony Hunter
Large Pony Hunter
Green Pony Hunter
Pre-Adult Hunter
Pre-Children's Hunter 14 and Under
Pre-Children's Hunter 15-17
Pre-Children's Small/Medium Pony Hunter
Pre-Children's Large Pony Hunter
Leadline
Mini Stirrup/Walk & Trot
Short Stirrup Equitation
Short Stirrup Hunter
Modified Hunter
Baby Green Hunter
Low Hunter
Jumpers .85m and Lower
Jumpers .90m and Higher
Amateur Jumper
Junior Jumper
Ladies Side Saddle
PHSA High Score Thoroughbred Performance Award

PHSA offers year-end awards in the following breeding divisions:

TB and Non-Registered TB Yearling Colt and Gelding
TB and Non-Registered TB Yearling Filly
TB and Non-Registered TB Two-Year Old Colt and Gelding
TB and Non-Registered TB Two-Year Old Filly
TB and Non-Registered TB Three-Year Old
Pennsylvania Bred Yearling Colt and Gelding
Pennsylvania Bred Yearling Filly
Pennsylvania Bred Two-Year Old Colt and Gelding
Pennsylvania Bred Two-Year Old Filly
Pennsylvania Bred Three-Year Old
Non-TB Yearling Filly
Non-TB Yearling Colt and Gelding
Non-TB Two-Year Old Filly
Non-TB Two-Year Old Colt and Gelding
Non-TB Three-Year Old
Mares 4 & Older Suitable to Produce Hunters
Pennsylvania Bred Yearling Ponies
Pennsylvania Bred Two-Year Old Ponies
Pennsylvania Bred Three-Year Old Ponies

Yearling Pony Colt and Gelding
Yearling Pony Filly
Two-Year Old Pony Colt and Gelding
Two-Year Old Pony Filly
Three-Year Old Pony
Mares 4 & Older Suitable to Produce Pony Ponies
Junior/Amateur Handler
Young Pony Hunter Under Saddle
Young Hunter Under Saddle
Young Working Hunter Under Saddle

PHSA offers year-end awards in the following regional/non-rated divisions:

Developing Hunter
Baby Green Hunter
Adult Hunter
Children's Hunter Horse
Children's Hunter Pony
Low Hunter
Pre-Children's Hunter Horse
Pre-Children's Hunter Pony
Pre-Adult Hunter
Thoroughbred Hunter
Modified Hunter
Pleasure Pony
Pleasure Horse
Leadline
Shortest Stirrup
Short Stirrup Hunter
Short Stirrup Equitation
Jumpers .85m and lower
Jumpers .90m and higher
Hunter Derby

Points

No points will be awarded unless three (3) entries have shown and placed in performance classes. Exception, in hunter classes where three (3) entries compete, but only two (2) entries complete, half points will be awarded. Hunter breeding and leadline classes may run with any number of entries.

In the event of a tie, two year-end awards will be awarded.

Division Champions will be awarded 2 times the total point value of first place of the first class in that section. Division Reserve Champions will be awarded 1.5 times the total point value of first place in the first class of that section.

Local/Regional and Channel II Points Chart:

# in Class	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
3-8	20	15	10	5	4	3
9-15	25	20	15	10	5	4
16-25	30	25	20	15	10	5
26+	40	35	30	25	20	15

Channel I National Points Chart:

# in Class	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
3-8	35	25	20	15	14	13
9-15	40	35	30	25	24	23
16-25	50	45	40	35	34	33
26+	60	55	50	45	44	43

Channel I Premier Points Chart:

# in Class	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
3-8	40	35	30	25	24	23
9-15	50	45	40	35	34	33
16-25	60	55	50	45	44	43
26+	70	65	60	55	54	53

Hunter Breeding Classes Points Chart:

# in Class	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
1*	1			
2*	2	1		
3-10	5	3	2	1
11+	10	6	4	2

* If a horse which competes in a qualifying class with less than three entries becomes Best Young Horse or Reserve Best Young Horse at the competition, they will receive full points for the qualifying class. (i.e. 5 points for 1st, 3 points for 2nd)

Points awarded in the Best Young Horse Class for Champion and Reserve Champion are based upon the total number of horses entered in all rated classes of the Hunter Breeding Division.

Total Number	Champion	Reserve Champion
1-2	2 points	1 point
3-14	5 points	3 points
15+	10 points	6 points

Pony Hunter Breeding Points are based on the total number of ponies in the rated classes of the Pony Hunter Breeding Division (Yearling, Two-Year Olds and Three-Year Olds).

Total Number	Champion	Reserve Champion
1-14	5 points	3 points
15+	10 points	6 points

Hunter Derby Points – Only awarded at Regional/Non-Rated Shows.

Placing	Points
1 st	50
2 nd	40
3 rd	35
4 th	30
5 th	25
6 th	20
7 th	15
8 th	10
9 th	7
10 th	5
11 th	3
12 th	2