

OPHA Rule Changes for 2019-2020

Dues are going up for 2020. Professional and Horse-Related Professional dues are \$30, Junior and Amateurs are \$40, Schooling Show Riders are \$30. Horse nominations are now \$25. Sign up soon, as joining on or after Feb 1 will incur an additional \$5 for memberships (horse nominations will not increase Feb 1)

Clarification of medal class rules

THE O.P.H.A. HUNTER SEAT MEDAL: Delete the following sentence: To fill the class, three competitors must complete the course. Add the following sentence: If a show does not offer the O.P.H.A. Medal Class, points from the USEF Medal class will count toward the O.P.H.A. Medal Class.

FOX SMITH MEMORIAL MEDAL CLASS: Delete the following sentence: T.H.I.S. National Children's Medal points count for Fox Smith points. Add the following sentence: If a show does not offer the Fox Smith Medal class, points from the T.H.I.S. National Children's Medal will count toward the Fox Smith Medal.

DICK GASCOIGNE MEMORIAL PONY MEDAL: Delete the following sentence: To fill the class, 3 competitors must complete the course. Delete the following sentence: USEF Pony Medal points count for Gascoigne points. Add the following sentence: If a show does not offer the Gascoigne Pony Medal class, points from the USEF Pony Medal will count toward the Gascoigne Pony Medal.

Regarding Junior Hunters and Children's Hunters

A junior rider may earn points in Children's Hunter and Junior Hunter on different horse(s) for one year. In subsequent years, the same horse/rider combinations cannot earn points for both divisions again.

Add to OPHA Horse Show Requirements:

Nonpayment of Entries and/or Horse Show Fees. OPHA point shows that accept entries without the payment of the required fees do so at their own risk. However, if a person makes payment for fees that is not negotiable, the horse show/horse show manager may report the name and address of the person in writing or email to the OPHA within 30 days of notification of denied payment, providing the names of the horses and the names and owners/riders for which the non-negotiable funds were to cover. The OPHA will not be involved in collection of funds owed to the horse show; however, horses/riders will not receive OPHA points until the OPHA receives confirmation from the horse show/horse show manager that payment has been received. Payment must be received within 10 days from the time of notification of denied payment, unless some other arrangement with the show management has been made. Once

the show manager has notified OPHA that payment has cleared, points will be restored. Disagreement about whether an account has been paid will be referred to the Horse Show Committee.

Schooling Show managers should provide their judges with the guidelines for judging Schooling Rider classes, which appear on page 8 of the Rule Book.