

# **MHJA C- CIRCUIT Division Eligibility Requirements:**

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The following requirements apply:

**\*\*\* Pony Show blue ribbons DO count toward C-Circuit eligibility. However, Short Stirrup ribbons DO NOT count.**

## **POINTS:**

For points to count towards Annual MHJA Championship :

1. Equitation Divisions: A minimum of 3 competitors must be judged in order to have points awarded. EXCEPTION: Beginner Junior Equitation & Beginner Adult Equitation where ½ points are awarded if there are less than 3 competitors in the class.
2. Hunter Divisions: A minimum of 3 competitors in a division must be judged in order to have points awarded. Points are awarded according to the number of horses judged in the first Hunter Over Fences class in that division at the show, even if there are less horses competing in this division during the remaining days of the show. Exception: Beginner Junior Hunter & Beginner Adult Hunter where ½ points are awarded if there are less than 3 competitors in the class.
3. Medal Classes: A minimum of 4 competitors must complete the course in order to qualify the winner for the Medal Finals. EXCEPTION: Intermediate Adult Hunter and the Junior/Adult Mini Medal where the top 15 point accumulators in these classes during the season will qualify to compete in the Medal Finals. ½ points will be awarded if there are less than 3 competitors in the class.

## **DIVISIONS OFFERED AT ALL MHJA SHOWS:**

### **1. BEGINNER ADULT HUNTER**

A. *Fence Heights:* 2'

B. *Course*

1) *Simple in nature, no oxers, no IN & OUTS*

2) *Only vertical jumps allowed and no part of the top pole may exceed the maximum height*

C. *Eligibility:* Open to Adult riders who have not won three blue ribbons in a recognized Hunter class at MHJA, MHSA, or USEF shows prior to October 1 of the preceding year. **Ribbons won in MHJA junior classes DO affect an adult rider's eligibility.** Riders do retain their Beginner status for the current show season. Riders having won in the Beginner Adult division do not lose their Novice,

Primary, or Short Stirrup status. This division is not open to any riders who have shown in any Open Hunter or Equitation divisions at MHJA, MHSA or USEF Pony or Regular Member shows. Riders may not cross enter into any divisions that require jumping 2'6" or higher. Jumping 2'6" or higher will make a rider IMMEDIATELY ineligible for this division.

## **2. BEGINNER ADULT EQUITATION**

- A. *Fence Heights: 2'*
- B. *Course*
  - 1) *Simple in nature, no oxers, no IN & OUTS*
  - 2) Only vertical jumps allowed and no part of the top pole may exceed the maximum height
- C. *Eligibility:* Open to Adult riders who have not won three blue ribbons in a recognized Equitation class at MHJA, MHSA, or USEF shows prior to October 1 of the preceding year. Ribbons won in MHJA junior classes DO affect an adult rider's eligibility. Ribbons won in equitation on the flat classes DO NOT affect a rider's eligibility in equitation over fences classes. However, ribbons won in equitation over fences classes DO affect a rider's eligibility on the flat Riders do retain their Beginner status for the current show season. Riders having won in the Beginner Adult division do not lose their Novice, Primary, or Short Stirrup status. This division is not open to any riders who have shown in any Open Hunter or Equitation divisions at MHJA, MHSA or USEF Pony or Regular Member shows. Riders may not cross enter into any divisions that require jumping 2'6" or higher. Jumping 2'6" or higher will make a rider IMMEDIATELY ineligible for this division.
- D. *Walk/Trot:* Optional class. No Annual Championship offered. Riders in this class are not eligible to ride in any classes over fences.

## **3. BEGINNER JUNIOR HUNTER**

- E. *Fence Heights: 2'*
- F. *Course*
  - 1) *Simple in nature, no oxers, no IN & OUTS*
  - 2) Only vertical jumps allowed and no part of the top pole may exceed the maximum height
- G. *Eligibility:* Open to Junior riders who have not won three blue ribbons in a recognized Hunter class at MHJA, MHSA, or USEF shows prior to October 1 of the preceding year. Riders do retain their Beginner status for the current show season. Riders having won in the Beginner Junior division do not lose their Novice, Primary, or Short Stirrup status. This division is not open to any

riders who have shown in any Open Hunter or Equitation divisions at MHJA, MHSA or USEF Pony or Regular Member shows. Riders may not cross enter into any divisions that require jumping 2'6" or higher. Jumping 2'6' or higher will make a rider IMMEDIATELY ineligible for this division.

#### **4. BEGINNER JUNIOR EQUITATION**

H. *Fence Heights: 2'*

I. *Course*

- 1) *Simple in nature, no oxers, no IN & OUTS*
- 2) Only vertical jumps allowed and no part of the top pole may exceed the maximum height

J. *Eligibility:* Open to Junior riders who have not won three blue ribbons in a recognized Equitation class at MHJA, MHSA, or USEF shows prior to October 1 of the preceding year. **Ribbons won in equitation on the flat classes DO NOT affect a rider's eligibility in equitation over fences classes. However, ribbons won in equitation over fences classes DO affect a rider's eligibility on the flat** Riders do retain their Beginner status for the current show season. Riders having won in the Beginner Junior division do not lose their Novice, Primary, or Short Stirrup status. This division is not open to any riders who have shown in any Open Hunter or Equitation divisions at MHJA, MHSA or USEF Pony or Regular Member shows. Riders may not cross enter into any divisions that require jumping 2'6" or higher. Jumping 2'6' or higher will make a rider IMMEDIATELY ineligible for this division.

D. *Walk/Trot:* Optional class. No Annual Championship offered.

Riders in this class are not eligible to ride in any classes over fences.

#### **5. JUNIOR/ADULT MINI MEDAL**

1. FENCE HEIGHT- 2'

2. COURSES:

Courses to be simple in nature. No oxers. No In & Outs. Only vertical jumps allowed. No part of the top pole may exceed the maximum fence height.

3. ELIGIBILITY: Open to Junior and Adult riders who have not won three blue ribbons in a recognized Equitation class at MHJA, MHSA, or USEF shows prior to October 1 of the preceding year. **Ribbons won in MHJA junior classes DO affect an adult rider's eligibility. Ribbons won in equitation on the flat classes DO NOT affect a rider's eligibility in equitation over fences classes. However, ribbons won in equitation over fences classes DO affect a rider's eligibility on the flat** Riders do retain their status for the current show season. Riders having won, do not lose their

Novice, Primary, or Short Stirrup status. This division is not open to any riders who have shown in any Open Hunter or Equitation divisions at the MHJA, MHSA, or USEF Pony or Regular Member shows. Riders may not cross enter into any divisions that require jumping 2'6" or higher. Jumping 2'6" or higher will make a rider IMMEDIATELY ineligible for this division.

4. **FINAL QUALIFIERS:**

The top 15 point accumulators in this class during the season will qualify to compete in the Medal Finals.

5. **LOCAL MEMBER SHOWS:**

This class cannot be offered at a Local Member show

## **C-Circuit Division Eligibility Requirements:** **AMATEURS:**

### **1. PRIMARY ADULT WORKING HUNTER**

A. *Fence Heights:* not to exceed 2'3"

B. *Eligibility:* Open to Amateur riders ONLY, who have not won 6 blue ribbons in ANY hunter class over fences. **Ribbons won in MHJA junior classes DO affect an adult rider's eligibility.** Competing in any classes 2'9" or higher will IMMEDIATELY make a rider ineligible for this division. Ribbons won in Over Fences classes DO affect a rider's eligibility on the flat.

### **2. PRIMARY ADULT EQUITATION**

A. *Fence Heights:* not to exceed 2'3"

B. *Eligibility:* Open to Amateur riders ONLY, who have not won 6 blue ribbons in ANY equitation class. Ribbons won in equitation on the flat classes DO NOT affect a rider's eligibility in equitation over fences classes. However, ribbons won in equitation over fences classes DO affect a rider's eligibility on the flat. **Ribbons won in MHJA junior classes DO affect an adult rider's eligibility.** Competing in any classes 2'9" or higher will IMMEDIATELY make a rider ineligible for this division.

### **3. INTERMEDIATE ADULT WORKING HUNTER**

A. *Fence Heights:* not to exceed 2'6"

B. *Eligibility:* Open to Amateur riders ONLY, who have not won 9 blue ribbons in ANY hunter class over fences. **Ribbons won in MHJA junior classes DO affect an adult rider's eligibility.** Competing in any classes 3' or higher will IMMEDIATELY make a rider ineligible for this division. Ribbons won in Over Fences classes DO affect a rider's eligibility on the flat.

#### **4. INTERMEDIATE ADULT EQUITATION**

- A. *Fence Heights:* not to exceed 2'6"
- B. *Eligibility:* Open to Amateur riders ONLY, who have not won 9 blue ribbons in ANY equitation class. **Ribbons won in MHJA junior classes DO affect an adult rider's eligibility.** Competing in classes with fences 3' or higher makes a rider IMMEDIATELY ineligible for this division. Ribbon won in equitation on the flat classes DO NOT affect the rider's eligibility in equitation over fences classes. However, ribbons won in equitation over fences classes DO affect the rider's eligibility in equitation on the flat.

#### **5. INTERMEDIATE ADULT MEDAL**

- A. *Fence Heights:* not to exceed 2'6"
- B. *Eligibility:* Open to Amateur riders ONLY, who have not won 9 blue ribbons in ANY equitation class and are current MHJA members "in good standing". **Ribbons won in MHJA junior classes DO affect an adult rider's eligibility.** Competing in any class 3' or higher will IMMEDIATELY make a rider ineligible to compete in this Medal. The top 15 point accumulators in this class during the season will qualify to compete in the Medal Finals.
- C. This class cannot be offered at Local Member shows.

### **C-Circuit Division Eligibility Requirements: JUNIORS**

#### **1. PRIMARY JUNIOR WORKING HUNTER**

- A. *Fence Heights:* not to exceed 2'3"
- B. *Eligibility:* Open to Juniors ONLY, who have not won 6 blue ribbons in ANY hunter class over fences. Competing in any classes 2'9" or higher will make a rider IMMEDIATELY ineligible for this division. Ribbons won in Over Fences classes DO affect a rider's eligibility on the flat

#### **2. PRIMARY JUNIOR EQUITATION**

- A. *Fence Heights:* not to exceed 2'3"
- B. *Eligibility:* Open to Junior riders ONLY, who have not won 6 blue ribbons in ANY equitation class. Competing in any classes 2'9" or higher will make a rider IMMEDIATELY ineligible for this division. . Ribbon won in equitation on the flat classes DO NOT affect the rider's eligibility in equitation over fences classes. However, ribbons won in

equitation over fences classes DO affect the rider's eligibility in equitation on the flat.

### **3. INTERMEDIATE JUNIOR WORKING HUNTER**

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### **4. INTERMEDIATE JUNIOR EQUITATION**

- A. *Fence Heights:* not to exceed 2'6"
- B. *Eligibility:* Open to Junior riders ONLY, who have not won 9 blue ribbons in ANY equitation classes. Ribbons won in equitation on the flat classes DO NOT affect a rider's eligibility in equitation over fences classes. However, ribbons won in equitation over fences classes DO affect a rider's eligibility in equitation on the flat. Competing in any classes 3' or higher will make a rider IMMEDIATELY ineligible to compete in this division.

### **6. INTERMEDIATE JUNIOR MEDAL**

- A. *Fence Heights:* not to exceed 2'6"
- B. *Eligibility:* Open to Junior riders ONLY, who have not won 9 blue ribbons in ANY equitation over fences classes. Riders must be current MHJA members "in good standing". Competing in any classes 3' or higher will make a rider IMMEDIATELY ineligible to compete in this Medal. Riders winning one blue OR one red ribbon qualify for the annual Medal Ride-Off. Riders winning one blue ribbon are not eligible to compete in this Medal class for the rest of the show season.

## **C CIRCUIT DIVISION ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: HUNTER**

### **1. VERY GREEN HUNTER**

- A. *Fence Heights:* 2'3" to 2'6"
- B. *Eligibility:* Open to all riders including professionals. Open to horses in their first year of showing over fences. Horses may cross enter into the Regular Member Baby Green Hunter division. Ineligible to compete in the Regular Member Baby Green Hunter division the following show season.

