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INTRODUCTION

The Bermuda Equestrian Federation (the “BEF”) is the governing body for equestrian sport on the island, and designs and implements policies and programs to protect the welfare of both equine and human athletes. In all competitions, rules are essential if the sport is to be well ordered and are designed to ensure the health, equity, safety and welfare of the horse, rider and driver.

Knowledge of the rules of any sport is required of each participant, and the exhibitor at a Recognized Show is in no way exempt from this responsibility. A complete knowledge of and compliance with the rules are essential and the exhibitor must be fully cognizant of all the rules as well as class specifications in the Divisions in which he shows.

It is obvious that, however complete rules may be, they never can cover all possible situations which may arise. If there is any doubt about the meaning of any of the regulations they should be interpreted in the sense of ensuring fair conditions for all competitors.

PART I – GENERAL COMPETITION RULES

The term `Federation' when used herein includes all Recognized Events, Competitions or Shows held under the auspices of the Bermuda Equestrian Federation, Limited (hereinafter referred to as “the B.E.F”). All show events will be conducted according to these rules. Any new rules issued by the Federation shall take precedence. In these rules reference to `he` includes `she' and reference to `horse` includes `pony`, unless otherwise stated.

Definitions:

Adult or Senior – An individual who has reached their 19th birthday as of September 1st of the competition Year.

Age of Equine – For the purposes of eligibility to compete, the actual age of the animal (foaling date) will be used. If this date is not available through an official source, the horse’s age will be determined as of the January 1st prior to the start of the current competition year. Horses and Ponies under 3 years of age may not be ridden in any BEF Recognized Show.

Age of individual – the Age of an individual on September 1st will be maintained throughout the entire competition year.

BEF Representative - Although not part of the Show Committee, there must be an approved representative of the Bermuda Equestrian Federation to ensure that the rules are adhered to according to the schedule. Failure of Show Organizers to adhere to the rules may result in BEF recognised classes not being counted for year end points and awards.

Coach - any adult or adults who receives remuneration for having or sharing the responsibility for instructing, teaching, schooling, or advising a rider, driver, or handler in equestrian sport or skill.

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Competition year – September 1st through May 30th. Points accumulated for any show held during the summer months will be counted for the following competition year.

Competition Officials - The term 'Competition Official' or 'Show Official' shall include and refer to the following persons: Show Director, Officers, Show Secretary, Stewards, Timekeepers, Veterinarians, Judges, Course Designers and Technical Delegates.

Competitor - The horse, rider (handler, driver) or horse/rider combination being judged depending on the judging specifications for a particular competition.

Disqualification – To exclude a competitor or horse from participation, for cause, in a given class, division, or competition.

Elimination – To exclude a competitor or horse, for cause, from judging consideration in a class. A competitor who is eliminated is ineligible to receive an award regardless of the number of competitors in the class.

Excused – To have the judge(s) grant permission to, or request that a competitor leave the class. A competitor who is excused is ineligible to receive an award.

Exhibitor - The owner or lessee of a horse when entered in a class where only the merits of the horse or horse/rider combination are to be considered. In Equitation Classes, Exhibitor refers to the rider. An exhibitor may not serve as a Judge or Ring Steward in any Show in which he exhibits until he has finished all his classes.

Falls - A rider is considered to have fallen when he is separated from his horse, that has not fallen, in such a way as to necessitate remounting. A horse is considered to have fallen when the shoulder and haunch on the same side have touched the ground or an obstacle and the ground.

Height – Horses must be over 14.2 hands. Ponies are 14.2 hands and under. Exceptions to this rule may be found in dressage.

Hors de Concours - If a horse competes Hors de Concours (without being judged), the horse cannot compete in a subsequent BEF recognized class over fences in the same ring on the same day. However, the rider of an Hors de Concours horse may compete in subsequent classes.

Immediate Family - The term 'Immediate Family' shall include the following: husband, wife, parents, child, stepchild, brother, sister, half-brother, and sister, in-laws of the same relations as stated above, and grandparents.

Junior - An individual who has not reached their 19th birthday as of September 1st of the current competition year. The age of an individual on September 1st will be maintained throughout the entire competition year. Persons born on September 1st assume the greater age on that date.

Limit Classes and Divisions – Limit classes are open to riders which have not won six first place ribbons in any BEF recognized class requiring the individual to compete at that height or higher in jumping competitions, or at that level or higher in dressage competition.

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Not in Good Standing – Any person who has been expelled or suspended by, or is indebted to, the Bermuda Equestrian Federation or associate member organizing the competition. No recognised competition shall allow a person not in good standing to judge, direct, exhibit, ride or drive.

Open Classes - An Open class is open to all horses and ponies of any age, size or sex, regardless of previous awards received, in accordance with class or division rules. There is no qualification for the rider, driver or handler except as specified in division rules for the particular category or level of classes.

Ownership - An official lease of a horse shall be construed as bonafide ownership for BEF registration purposes.

Para-Equestrian - Para-Equestrian (PE) is a competition, division or section that provides equestrian competition opportunities for eligible individuals with a diagnosed permanent, physical disability as determined by the FEI Classification, which is based on the FEI Profile System for Para-Equestrian.

Pony - Ponies are animals that do not exceed 14.2 hands. Small ponies are 12.2hands and smaller, Medium ponies are 13.2 hands and smaller, and Large ponies are 14.2 hands and smaller. Ponies may be ridden only by junior exhibitors in BEF recognized competitions. Exceptions – Ponies may be ridden by Adults in dressage (other than FEI Pony, Junior and Young Rider Tests) and in classes not rated by the BEF at the discretion of the horse show management.

Show Director - The Show Director is responsible for the coordination of the show and formation and direction of the Appeals Committee. A Recognized Show should exercise extreme care in the selection and appointment of the Show Director for the mutual benefit of committees, exhibitors, competitors and spectators. A thorough knowledge of the rules of the Federation shall be one of the prerequisites of a person serving as Show Director. Any Show Director who violates or knowingly permits violation of the rules of the Federation at his show shall be subject to disciplinary action. A Show Director may not serve as a Judge or Steward of his own show nor may he be a rider or driver.

Show Secretary - The Show Secretary shall be responsible for all matters in connection with entries at any show.

Stallions - Unless otherwise stated in the Prize List provided by the show management stallions may only be shown by adult 19 years and older. This includes any class where the rider or stallion is be judged including in-hand, hunter, jumper, equitation, western, flat or gymkhana classes

Stewards - At each Recognized Show there shall be no less than one named steward, and in accordance with the type of competition, may be a Ring Steward, Chief Jump Steward and/or Collecting Ring Steward.

Veterinarian – A veterinarian must be a graduate of an accredited veterinary school or college.

Young Rider - In the International Disciplines individuals are eligible as Young Riders or Young Drivers from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 16 until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 21.

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General Rules:

The rules of the BEF take precedence over the rules of any other Association, and unless otherwise stated, the following rules apply for all local competitions. FEI rules take precedence over BEF rules at all FEI Sanctioned Competitions. Any question not covered by the rules of the Federation shall be decided by the Directors of the competition at which it arises. Such decisions by a Show Committee may be reviewable by the BEF. It is expected that where rules are not explicitly set out under these rules, the rules of the United States Equestrian Federation are used (www.usef.org) or the Federation Equestrian International (www.fei.org) are used. The BEF rules, as set out in this document, may be added to, altered or amended at any meeting of the Board of Directors by a majority vote of those present, after consultation with the rules committee. Current rules will be available on the BEF's website at all times.

Code of Conduct:

As a member of the BEF, or while participating or attending a competition in any capacity that is sanctioned by the BEF, all persons are required to adhere to the respective code of conduct as outlined on the [BEF's website](#) under the title Bermuda Equestrian Federation Codes of Conduct. In addition, those persons attending FEI competitions are expected to adhere to the [FEI Code of Conduct](#) and [FEI Clean Sport](#) addition to the BEF Code of Conduct.

Membership:

To be eligible to compete in any BEF recognized class or division, persons must be Members of the Bermuda Equestrian Federation. Membership will consist of the following categories and the appropriate annual dues will be payable on or before 1st September each year and will last until 31st August of the following year. Members not renewing dues within 3 calendar months of due date will automatically be removed from the membership list, and any member renewing after that time will be required to pay an initiation fee.

- Senior Member
- Family Member
- Associate Member
- Junior Competitor
- Affiliated Clubs

Registration of Horses:

To be eligible to compete in any BEF recognized class or division, horses must be registered with the Bermuda Equestrian Federation.

BEF Calendar:

Any association, show organizer, or event organizer wishing to hold a BEF sanctioned event must submit their intended dates to the BEF secretary. No competition dates will be assigned to any association, show or event which has not paid dues, fees or fines owing to the BEF.

Equine Drugs and Medications:

Horses and or ponies are expected to compete free of any performance enhancing drugs, and any trainer and/or Persons Responsible subject to these rules who actually administers, attempts to administer, instructs, aids, conspires with another to administer or employs anyone who administers or attempts to administer a forbidden substance to a horse and/or pony which might affect the

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performance of said horse and/or pony at a competition licensed by the BEF, will be subject to penalties. For the purposes of this rule, a forbidden substance is: Any stimulant, depressant, tranquilizer, local anesthetic, psychotropic (mood and/or behavior altering) sub-stance, or drug which might affect the performance of a horse and/or pony (stimulants and/or depressants are defined as substances which stimulate or depress the cardiovascular, respiratory or central nervous systems), or any metabolite and/or analogue of any such substance or drug.

Therefore, at any time, any horse and/or pony competing in a BEF sanctioned competition may be subject to examination by a licensed veterinarian appointed by the BEF. The examination may include physical, urine, blood tests and/or any other test or procedure at the discretion of said veterinarian necessary to effectuate the purposes of this rule. Any persons who do not cooperate with the veterinarian when asked to present a horse or pony for testing will be subject to penalties at the discretion of the Bermuda Equestrian Federation Board of Directors.

Any horse that tests positive for a banned substance will have all points from that event removed, and, at the discretion of the board of Directors of the BEF will face a penalty. This penalty may include the horse being forbidden from entering any BEF recognized competition for a minimum period of 3 months to a maximum period of 2 years. In addition, any trainer or owner found guilty of administering such medication may face, at the discretion of the Board of Directors of the BEF, a ban from attending any BEF recognised competition in any capacity, including as a spectator, trainer or rider/driver, for a minimum period of 3 months to a maximum period of 2 years.

Human Drug Testing:

In accordance with the rules of the FEI and of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), any BEF member shall comply with in-competition, no advance notice (NAN), and other out-of-competition drug testing conducted by the FEI, WADA, or by a WADA-authorized organization at any time without advanced notice. Failure to cooperate with such in-competition, NAN or other out-of-competition drug testing shall be a violation of BEF rules. In conjunction with the above-described NAN or other out-of-competition drug testing, the Federation is required to submit the names, current addresses, telephone numbers, training times and training and competition locations for individuals and teams as requested by the FEI, or WADA, or USADA to enable FEI, or WADA, to conduct NAN or other out-of-competition drug testing. Notwithstanding the foregoing, compliance with anti-doping regulations rests with the individual subject to testing. A finding of violation of human drug rules by WADA shall be deemed a violation of BEF rules, and will subject the individual to penalties by the BEF.

Cruelty

Cruelty to or the abuse of a horse by any person at a Recognized Show is forbidden, constitutes a violation and renders the offender subject to penalty by both the Show Committee and the BEF. The Show Committee may bar violators from further participation for the remainder of the show. It shall be the duty of the Show Officials to report to the BEF any person who indulges in this practice for such further action as may be deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

At any point, the Show Committee may appoint a veterinarian to inspect any animal in competition. Refusal to submit an animal for examination by an authorized veterinarian after due notification shall constitute a violation any may subject the trainer and/or competitor to penalties as set out by the BEF and/or Show Committee.

The following acts are included under the words 'Cruelty' or 'Abuse' but are not limited thereto:-

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- 1) Excessive use of a whip or physical force, on any horse in a stall, runway, schooling area, show ring or elsewhere on the show grounds by any person.
- 2) Rapping the leg of horse with the butt end of a riding crop or other implement.
- 3) Use of any substance to induce temporary heat.
- 4) Manual poling with any object.
- 5) Use of wire or chain in conjunction with any schooling jump.
- 6) Use of electric device in schooling or showing.
- 7) Showing a horse with raw or bleeding sores around the mouth, ear, saddle, harness, coronets, pasterns or legs.
- 8) Inhumane treatment of a horse in a stall, runway, schooling area, show ring or elsewhere on the show grounds, by any person.

Any action(s) against a horse by a competitor or an exhibitor, which are deemed excessive by a judge, Federation steward, technical delegate or competition veterinarian, in the competition ring or anywhere on the competition grounds may be punished by official warning, elimination, or other sanctions which may be deemed appropriate by the Show Committee. Such action(s) could include, but are not limited to excessive use of the hands, whip or spurs.

Protests, Charges and Athlete Grievances

A charge or grievance for violation of the General Rules of the BEF must state the full name and address (if known) of the accused, must list each rule alleged to have been violated, and must contain a complete statement of the acts which constitute the alleged violation. The maker of the protest, charge or grievance must be prepared to substantiate the protest, charge or grievance by his or her own personal testimony at a hearing or by the testimony of at least one other witness with personal knowledge.

A protest or charge against a Competition or Event must be referred to the BEF by the steward, technical delegate, Show Committee, or Show Secretary. Protests or charges that a steward or technical delegate has failed to attend the competition, perform his duties, or has otherwise violated the Rules of the BEF; or that a judge has failed to conduct a class in accordance with the specifications or has otherwise violated the Rules, should be referred to the BEF Board of Directors.

The soundness of a horse, when determined by an official veterinarian of the competition or by a judge, is not protestable, nor is a judge's decision, representing his/her individual preference or opinion, unless it is alleged to be in violation of BEF rules.

All protests, charges and Athlete grievances brought to the BEF will be reviewed by the Board of Directors who will determine appropriate review and outcome. Protests must be received in writing, signed by the protester, addressed to the BEF and accompanied by a non-refundable payment of \$150 within 72 hours of the alleged violation. Please see section under Horse Shows for further details relating to [Protests at competitions](#).

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Dress – All BEF recognized competitions or events.

It is the tradition of the competition ring that riders and drivers be correctly attired for the class in question, that attendants be neatly dressed and horses be properly presented. It is compulsory for all persons at BEF recognised 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. Exception: In Hunter or Jumper classes, adults may be allowed to remove their headgear while accepting prizes and during the playing of the National Anthem only; they must refasten their headgear prior to the lap of honor.

Any exhibitor may wear protective headgear (ASTM/SEI) and/or a protective vest either body protecting or inflatable, specifically designed for use in equestrian sport in any division or class without penalty from the judge. The BEF recommends that the vest pass or surpass the current ASTM standard F1937 or be certified by the Safety Equipment Institute.

Time Schedule

The announced order or time for classes may not be changed unless at least 12 hours notice of such change is given to each exhibitor and judge affected, or each exhibitor affected consents in writing. Provided the order of events is not changed, the Show Committee may call any class up to 30 minutes ahead of its scheduled time.

For Dressage Competitions, the following conditions apply: (1) Rides may be rescheduled up to one hour earlier or later than announced in the official schedule if each competitor is individually notified at least two hours prior to his/her rescheduled ride time. Rides within a class may be rescheduled in a different order. (2) Ride times or classes may not be changed more than one hour from the time announced in the official schedule unless 12 hours notice of such change is given to each exhibitor and judge affected or each exhibitor affected consents in writing to the change. Public address announcements, schedule changes posted on the show grounds or internet, and statements published in the prize list or entry documents do not meet the notification requirements of this rule.

Emergencies

Provisions should be adopted before the show begins for the proper handling of contingencies. For the avoidance of doubt, exhibitors and participants by virtue of accepting the conditions and rules of any BEF recognised Show by signing an appropriate entry form, understand that they may not hold the organizers of the show, nor the BEF, responsible for any loss or accident or damage during the show.

Conduct at competitions.

No person may enter the show arena, track during driving competitions, or schooling area and/or collecting ring except judges, stewards, show officials, riders or drivers, or attendants where classes permit attendants. Coaches are only allowed in the Collecting Ring and/or Warm Up area, except when invited or where otherwise stated.

Award winners must be mounted and properly attired when receiving awards, unless otherwise directed. Horses required to jog for soundness prior to award ceremonies may be presented by persons not in show attire, but who are suitably dressed to enter the arena, and the number of the horse must be visible to the judge at the time of presentation. In all other cases, competitors are not allowed in the Main Ring un-mounted without prior permission of the Show Committee or delegated Show Director or unless otherwise directed by the Show Committee.

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For all classes, trotting or cantering through the in-gate without prior permission is forbidden. The penalty for contravening this rule is either a fine or elimination from the class, at the discretion of the judge. Under special circumstances, a steward or judge may give permission for a horse to trot into the ring, but not out of the ring.

Breakage of Equipment (Driving Classes)

a) Except in Hunter and Jumper classes in which specific rules prevail, an exhibitor is entitled to request suspension of judging for a period not to exceed seven minutes in aggregate (but no more than twice in a class) in order to repair broken equipment, replace a shoe or rectify a similar accident. The exhibitor must go to the centre of the ring for any such emergency which will constitute a request for time out. Time shall be taken from the moment the exhibitor goes to the centre of the ring except in the event of a horse casting a shoe when time shall not start until the farrier reaches the animal provided the farrier is available on the show grounds.

If at the expiration of the seven minutes the repair has not been made the exhibitor may proceed as is or be eliminated. The Steward or Judge shall be held responsible for timing unless an official timer is present.

b) If a horse is removed from the ring during a class for the purpose of re-shoeing the Steward or Judge shall accompany and remain with the Horse until it is returned to the ring or excused from the class.

c) If a driver is not involved in a time out, he may make minor adjustments that can be performed with the assistance of one attendant and not be charged with a time out.

Artificial Appliances

All artificial appliances other than those permitted in division rules are prohibited. Tail bandages, tail-sets, chains, or other training devices are prohibited in the ring.

Measurement

The height of all animals shall be stated in hands instead of 'inches', a hand is 4". Maximum height shall be reckoned as so many hands 'and under' while minimum height shall be reckoned as 'over' a given number of hands.

a) A pony shall be considered to be 14.2hh and under. Horses must be over 14.2hh. The height accepted will exclude shoes, with an allowance of 1/2 inch for steel shoes and 3/4 inch for rubber shoes, plus the measurement of any pad. Measurement of height must be taken by a recognized local veterinarian on a level surface as approved by the BEF

b) The height of a horse may be protested only by an exhibitor in the same class, or show official. The height of any horse or pony may only be protested twice in any given year.

c) Should the height of a horse be protested it shall be the duty of the Show Committee to have the official veterinarian measure the pony or horse on a level surface as approved by the BEF. In the event of a dispute officials may request the horse/pony be measured without shoes.

d) It will be the responsibility of the Exhibitor to ensure that the horse is in the correct height division. It is also the responsibility of the Exhibitor to supply the Registration Secretary with official changes to the height of their horse.

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e) All horses & ponies must be re-measured at 6 years old.

Officials

1. **Show Director** - The Show Director is responsible for the coordination of the show and formation and direction of the Appeals Committee. A Recognized Show should exercise extreme care in the selection and appointment of the Show Director for the mutual benefit of committees, exhibitors, competitors and spectators. A thorough knowledge of the rules of the Federation shall be one of the prerequisites of a person serving as Show Director. Any Show Director who violates or knowingly permits violation of the rules of the Federation at his show shall be subject to disciplinary action. A Show Director may not serve as a Judge or Steward of his own show nor may he be a rider or driver.
2. **Show Secretary** - The Show Secretary shall be responsible for all matters in connection with entries at any competition.
 - a. The Secretary of each Recognized event shall have a copy of the current Bermuda Equestrian Federation Rule Book available for reference at all times during the Show as well as a current list of Registered Horses and Membership List.
 - b. The Secretary shall provide a number card for each competitor, which shall be worn in a conspicuous place, as instructed by the Show Committee.
 - c. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to ensure that no entrant shall compete until or unless said exhibitor or his representative has signed an entry form.
 - d. At the earliest possible moment the Secretary shall notify interested exhibitors if a class is not fully subscribed and is cancelled.
 - e. The Secretary shall be responsible for providing a standard judges card carrying the exact specifications of the class, which is to be handed to each officiating judge at the beginning of each class. The Judge is to mark and sign his card at the conclusion of the class and surrender it at once to the Ring Steward for return to the Show Secretary. The Secretary must be sure to record the names as well as the number of the Horses shown.
 - f. Either the Show Secretary or Show Organizer, shall be responsible for accurately recording the results of all B.E.F. designated classes and forwarding same, together with a copy of the Show Schedule and Judges Cards, to the Point Scoring Secretary within one week of the last day of the Show. The recording of said results MUST include the B.E.F. Horse Registration Number & either H for horse or P for pony and the B.E.F. Membership Number of the competitor. [Please Appendix II for more details.](#)
3. **Steward** - At each Recognized Show there shall be no less than one named steward, and in accordance with the type of competition, may be a Ring Steward, Chief Jump Steward and/or Collecting Ring Steward.

Regulations Governing Stewards

- a) The following persons at a given show are ineligible to serve as Ring Stewards:
The Show Director

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The Show Secretary
Judge (except as (b))
Competitor or exhibitor at that show (except as (b)).

Where possible no ring steward may officiate in any class in which any of his horses are being shown or any member of his immediate family (definition page 10) or pupil is taking part.

- b) A Judge may serve as Ring Steward if his duties as Judge are completed. An Exhibitor may serve as Ring Steward ONLY if he has finished exhibiting at said show.
- c) Failure of a steward to attend the show or perform his duties in accordance with the rules shall constitute cause for disciplinary action.

Duties

A Steward should clearly understand that he has no authority in connection with the management or the judging of a show. He is the representative of the Show Committee and should point out in a diplomatic manner any instance where Federation rules are not enforced. He should not dictate to the Judges or Show Committee but should immediately report to the appropriate officials any violation of the rules which might invalidate a class. He should keep himself available to Judges, exhibitors and show committee at all times to clarify the application of the Federation rules and investigate any situation where the rules are not upheld. The other duties of a Steward shall be, but are not limited to, the following:

- a) to protect the interest of exhibitors, Judges and Show Committee.
- b) to report to the Show Director any misrepresentation or substitution of entry without waiting for a protest.
- c) to report to the Show Director any offence or violation of the rules committed by an exhibitor, Judge or official and prefer charges against the violator if the violation is not properly handled by the Show Committee.

4. **Veterinarian** - The following are requirements relating to veterinarian services for all FEI officially sanctioned events. For all other horse shows or events recognised by the BEF, this is recommended policy:

- a) Each show should have a qualified Veterinarian present throughout the show, or prior arrangements made to have a veterinarian 'on call'.
- b) The official Veterinarian shall ensure that he or a qualified associate is on duty during the hours of showing and shall be prepared to handle all injuries in the ring or on the grounds. He shall assist horse show committees in all matters pertaining to the health and welfare of the animals in the show.
- c) The official Veterinarian's decision, if requested by the Judge as to the serviceable soundness of a horse (i.e. whether the horse shows evidence of lameness, broken wind or impairment of vision), shall be final for the purpose of awarding ribbons in the class for which he has been called. If he is not immediately available or not called upon, the judge's decision as to the serviceable soundness of a horse shall be final.

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d) The official Veterinarian, if called upon by the Judge, shall act as a consultant in regard to structural faults, defects and blemishes in areas which might impair a horse's activity and durability. Having received the benefit of the Veterinarian's consultation, the Judge will then place the horses in question at his own discretion based on their relative merits in the light of the entire class specifications.

e) Only the Judge may call a Veterinarian during a class but is encouraged to do so if his opinion necessitates the disqualification of an entry. The Judge shall give the number of the horse in question and the veterinarian shall render his finding.

f) The Veterinarian shall immediately, after leaving the ring, file a statement of his finding with the Show Secretary, setting forth therein the number and title of the class, the number of the horse, the date and time of day. The Veterinarian shall have his certificate of finding read and signed by the Steward of the show on duty during the particular class.

g) No exhibitor may procure and use a veterinarian's statement to contradict the decision of the Judge or official veterinarian with respect to his own horse.

h) Examination of a horse in the ring by a veterinarian shall be done as inconspicuously as possible and in such a manner as not to draw public attention thereto. Co-operation of Judges to this end is required. A horse shall not be required to leave the ring unless absolutely essential for its well-being.

i) If the Veterinarian is not immediately available, the Judge's decision as to the soundness of a horse shall be accepted for the purpose of excusing a horse from showing.

j) It shall be the duty of the Veterinarian to measure any animal requiring measurement in accordance with the rules of the Bermuda Equestrian Federation.

5. **JUDGE** – For all events, the Judge shall be selected by the Show or Event Committee, and should be suitably qualified to judge. A Judge shall not adjudicate in any class in which a member of his family or any of his horses or pupils are competing, except Show Jumping classes.

A Judge shall not, during the period of a show at which he is judging be the house guest of a person who is exhibiting at such show or whose family is exhibiting at such show, without the express request or consent of the Show Committee.

Responsibilities of a Judge

a) Good judging depends upon a correct observance of the fine points and the selection of best horses for the purpose described by condition of the class. A Judge serves three interests: his own conscience, exhibitors and spectators. He should make clear to the audience that the best horses win. The attention of Judges is directed to the difference of requirements covering classes. The differences should be observed in adjudicating classes. A Judge is obligated to adjudicate each class in conformity with

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the rules and specifications of that class as they appear in the Rule Book. He is expected to be proficient in his Division and possess a thorough knowledge of the rules of the BEF.

b) The decision of each judge constitutes solely his individual preferences and not a verdict by the Show Committee.

c) No exhibitor shall approach a Judge with regard to a decision unless he first obtains permission from the Show Director or Steward who shall arrange an appointment with the Judge at a proper time and place. No exhibitor has the right to inspect the Judge's cards without the Judge's permission.

d) A Judge may order from the ring any unruly horse or one whose actions threaten to endanger other exhibitors or their entries.

6. TIMERS

Organisers of events where there are competitions against the clock being held should ensure that the electronic timing equipment is used where possible. In addition there must be at least two assistant timekeepers using hand held timers.

If two hand held timers are used the slowest of two times shall decide. If three hand held timers are used the middle time of three times shall decide.

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PART II – HORSE SHOW RULES

SCHOOLING SHOWS

Schooling Shows will be of the lowest level of national horse show and may use local or un-rated judges for the hunter, equitation and flat classes. The BEF encourages the use of National trainee jumper judges where possible to judge the jumping classes. These shows will not count for points and their schedules need not be presented to the Rules Committee of the Federation for approval unless they are holding any BEF rated classes which are intended to count for BEF year end points.

B.E.F. RATED CLASSES OR SHOWS

It is possible to hold shows which are rated by the B.E.F. or to hold classes rated by the B.E.F. within shows which are not necessarily recognized. For classes or shows to be recognized and rated by the B.E.F. certain requirements must be met.

Schedules for horse shows which are hosting BEF classes, must be submitted for approval to the Chairman of the Rules Committee of the B.E.F. for shows and/or classes to be recognized by the B.E.F. for points and end of year Championships. The Show schedule must include the following: a) name of judge and course designer, b) the names of the organizing committee of the show and c) prizes if any. A minimum of 7 days is required for approval.

A Bermuda Equestrian Federation Official should be in attendance to verify the standard. For the avoidance of doubt, all competitors must be paid up members of the Bermuda Equestrian Federation when entering BEF designated classes, and all horses shown in BEF designated classes must be registered with the Bermuda Equestrian Federation.

TIME SCHEDULE

a) The announced order or time for classes shall not be changed unless (1) at least 12 hours notice of such change be given to each exhibitor and judge affected, or (2) the consent of each exhibitor affected must be obtained.

b) Provided the order of events is not changed, the Show Committee shall have the privilege of calling any class up to 30 minutes ahead of its scheduled time, except the first class which may not commence ahead of advertised time. Exhibitors should be ready for classes in reasonable time and may not protest such advance of schedule.

b) When it is found that a class is being delayed by horses not being ready to perform, the competition may be closed at the order of the Judge or Show Committee, provided warning is issued and exhibitors are given 2 minutes in which to appear at the in-gate, ready to participate except in Show Jumping (in which specific rules prevail).

SOUNDNESS

Unless specific division rules state otherwise, all animals must be serviceably sound for horse show purposes i.e. such animals must not show evidence of lameness, broken wind or impairment of vision.

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SCHOOLING

- a) Schooling shall only be permitted over fences in an area authorized by the Show Committee.
- b) Warming up of horses under saddle and in harness shall only be permitted in an area authorized by the Show Committee.
- c) It is the responsibility of the Show Committee to provide a schooling area and steward.
- d) The only practice fences that competitors may jump are those provided by the Organizing Committee. The use of fence materials, other than those provided by the Organizing Committee, is forbidden under penalty of elimination.

INTERRUPTION OF PROCEDURE

- a) In the event that a show is stopped while in progress due to storm or other emergency, the decision as to its continuance shall rest with the Show Committee.
- b) A class in operation at the time of stopping of a show shall cease and no placements shall be made. If the class is continued at a succeeding session of the show, it shall go on from the point where it ceased and scores already credited shall count.

DRESS

It is tradition in the show ring that riders and drivers be correctly attired for the class in question, that attendants be neatly dressed and horses properly presented. At all BEF sanctioned competitions, anyone mounted on a horse, including foreign competitors, must wear ASTM (American Society for Testing Materials) or BSI ASTM/SEI or BSI/BS EN approved helmets, with safety harness correctly fastened, at all times while mounted on the competition grounds.

Riders in all classes where jumping is required must wear approved protective headgear with harness in place except in Trail and Western Classes. A Show Committee may at its discretion, bar any entry or person from entering the ring if not suitably presented to appear before an audience, and must bar riders without protective headgear from classes in which it is required.

In Hand Classes: Competitors may choose correct English riding attire or correct Western attire. Alternatively, gentlemen and/or boys can be dressed in slacks; shirt; tie; jacket (optional); hat (optional); shoes or boots. Ladies and/or girls can be dressed preferably in slacks, although a dress (not sundress) or skirt is acceptable: smart blouse or shirt (not T-shirt); hat (optional); shoes or boots

Dress code for each section is listed under the applicable division.

CHALLENGE TROPHIES (ANNUAL)

- a) A challenge (annual/perpetual) trophy is a trophy donated to or offered by a show which must be won a specified number of times under specified conditions. When originally placed in competition it becomes the property of the Show Committee and cannot be withdrawn by the donor.
- b) The conditions of a challenge trophy shall not be changed without the consent of the trophy donor or his legal representative and of all who have qualified as potential winners of such trophy.

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c) The winner of a leg on a challenge trophy in competition is entitled to possession of such trophy to 11 months from date of winning unless a show stipulated that it shall remain in its possession. He shall be responsible for protection and care of the trophy while in his possession. At the expiration of 11 months or one month prior to the next annual show, the show may demand return of trophy if it has not been won outright. Failure to return the trophy shall constitute a violation and shall render the exhibitor subject to penalty. In the event of departure overseas of winner of trophy, custody of the trophy shall be given to the Show Committee. If a trophy is destroyed, stolen or lost and thus cannot be restored, the exhibitor in whose possession it was shall pay to the show the cost of replacing it with a trophy equally suitable and satisfactory to the Show Committee. Such replacement of lost trophy if completed before the next competition, shall exempt the exhibitor from penalty.

c) Should a show or class be discontinued or not held for any period of time, any unretired challenge trophies offered at such show must be returned at the expiration of 11 months to the last active show committee. This committee shall determine the disposition of such trophies but they may not be placed in competition at any show unless the provisions of (b) are met.

PERPETUAL TROPHIES

A perpetual trophy is a trophy donated to or offered by a show, which is never awarded permanently to an exhibitor but remains the property of and in possession of a show, which may at its discretion present to the annual winner a replica or souvenir trophy. The conditions of such trophy are identical with those of a challenge trophy except that previous winners need not be consulted when and if specifications are changed.

PRIZE RIBBONS

For scoring purposes for year-end awards, the BEF requires organizers to ask judges to place competitors to 10th position regardless of the number of ribbons offered. Judges are to place to 6th for jumping classes.

a) At all Recognized Shows the prize ribbons shall be the following colours:-

GRAND CHAMPION Blue, Red, Yellow, White
RES. GRAND CHAMPION Red Yellow, White and Pink
CHAMPION Blue, Red and Yellow
RESERVE CHAMPION Red, Yellow and White
FIRST PRIZE Blue
SECOND PRIZE Red
THIRD PRIZE Yellow
FOURTH PRIZE White
FIFTH Pink
SIXTH Green
SEVENTH Purple
EIGHTH Brown
Special ribbons of a different colour may be awarded.

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c) At least 4 ribbons are to be awarded in classes of up to 15 entries. 1 extra ribbon should be awarded for each 5 entries thereafter. This excludes Gymkhana entries, where the number of ribbons awarded shall be left to the discretion of the Show Committee.

PRIZE MONEY

Offering of money prizes in Equitation Classes is forbidden, since under the rules covering international sport a competitor accepting money prizes thereby becomes a professional. In Equitation Classes the individual is the competitor and wins the award, whereas in other classes the horse is the competitor and wins the award.

SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES

a) Entries must be made in writing and duly signed by the competitor or authorized agent and must be accompanied by funds to cover applicable entry fees.

b) Exhibitors are responsible for their own errors and those of their agents in the preparation of entry forms.

In the event that a Prize List shall contain a statement as to any entry not in accordance with the exhibitor's original entry form, it is the duty of the Show Committee to take all steps necessary, including public announcements, to correct the error giving precedence to the Exhibitor's entry form, and not the Prize List in error, as authority.

ENTRIES

a) The official entry form must be used to enter all Recognized Shows and must be signed by the exhibitor or his representative. The following statement must be printed on the entry form:-

'I hereby accept the conditions and rules of the above Association relating to my entries in this Show, which I hereby make, to be accepted in good faith by the above Association as being true and correct. I hereby further understand that I may not hold the organizers of the show responsible for any loss or accident or damage during the show.'

b) A horse will not be allowed to compete unless proper entry has been made, and both horse and rider have fulfilled all rules as required.

c) When entering BEF designated classes all competitors must be members of and all horses must be registered with the Bermuda Equestrian Federation at the time of entry.

d) In B.E.F. designated classes The Show Committee must receive 3 entries to constitute a class. If at close of entry, 3 entries have not as yet been received, the Show Secretary must inform any exhibitor entered, allowing them to enter in another class if available. If show organizers wish to hold the class(es) with less than 3 competitors B.E.F. points will not be awarded.

e) Each show schedule shall state, 'When entering BEF designated classes, all horses and ponies must be registered with, and competitors must be members of, the B.E.F. prior to the close of entries.'

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Championship classes are designated by 'B.E.F. #01' or 'BEF #P1' or 'BEF #H1' as applicable to the class being offered.

f) Competitors will be expected to complete entry forms correctly and in their entirety, this will include the B.E.F. registration number & designator H for horse, or P for pony, and the B.E.F. membership number of the rider. Entries received without this information WILL NOT COUNT towards year end awards.

WITHDRAWAL OF ENTRIES

- a) Any horse leaving the ring without the exhibitor's volition shall be deprived of an award in that class.
- b) Scratches must be made with the Show Secretary only, whose name (and phone number) will appear on all show schedules.

POST ENTRIES

- a) In the event that a Recognized Show does not desire to accept post entries it shall so state in the prize list and catalogue and no exceptions shall be made.
- b) In the event that a Recognized Show does desire to accept post entries it shall so state in the prize list and catalogue and they can only be accepted up to 30 minutes prior to the starting of the class and upon signature of exhibitor or his representative. Post Entries ARE permitted for horses not already entered in the show as long as the horse/pony is registered with the BEF.

REFUSAL OF ENTRIES

Show Organizers reserve the right to refuse any entry of an exhibitor who has shown an objectionable attitude towards a given show or previous unsportsmanlike behaviour at a Show or to its management.

SUBSTITUTIONS

a) HORSE: Substitutions may be made after the announced date of the closing of entries in equitation classes or in classes where more than one horse represents an entry (i.e. pairs, teams, tandems). Substitution of horses for equitation classes does NOT require a vets certificate and the horse being substituted does not have to be already entered in the show, but the new mount must be registered with the BEF.

If a horse is sold or injured after the closing of entries Competition Management MAY allow, upon written application, an exhibitor to substitute another horse in the same class (or classes), but the new entry must be given another number. Proof of sale &/or a veterinarians certificate may be required.

b) RIDER: Substitution of rider in Equitation classes is not permitted. Substitution of rider/driver in other classes is permitted unless otherwise stated in the show schedule.

PROTESTS, CHARGES AND HEARINGS Filing and Contents

A protest may be made to a Show Committee by an exhibitor or agent or parent of a Junior Exhibitor or official of the show for any violation of the rules in this section. It must be (a) in writing, (b) signed by the protester, (c) addressed to the Secretary of the show at which the violation occurred, (d)

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accompanied by a deposit of \$50.00 and (e) received by a member of the Show Committee within 30 minutes of the alleged violation or completion of class.

APPEAL - PROTEST

The Show Committee shall hear all protests officially lodged within one hour from the time it is received. A protest must state an identifiable name and contain a complete and definite statement of the acts which constitute the alleged violation. Precise details regarding a violation of the rules are necessary. The maker must be prepared to substantiate the protest by personal testimony at a hearing, or by sworn statement, witnesses or other evidence. All persons directly concerned shall be given the opportunity to appear. If the protest is sustained, the deposit shall be returned to the protester - if not sustained, the deposit shall be forfeited to the show.

A protest against a Recognized Show shall be referred to the Executive Committee of the

NON PROTESTABLE DECISIONS

The soundness of a horse, when determined by an official veterinarian of the show, or by a judge, is not protestable. A Judge's decision representing his individual preference is not protestable unless it is alleged to be in violation of the rules.

A protest with respect to the height of a horse may only be made to the Committee of the Show. Re-measurement shall take place immediately to prevent any change in height by re-shoeing.

HEARINGS

Any person or show against whom a protest is filed shall be entitled to a hearing conducted by the BEF Board of Directors, or a panel chosen by them. Accused persons may attend the hearing at their option and may bring witnesses in their own behalf.

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A - HUNTER DIVISION

Hunter classes are to be judged in accordance with the principles of the rules of the USEF. Championship classes must be judged by a foreign rated judge, properly accredited with their National Federation. This section also applies to any flat class offered at a show that is recognized by the BEF (for example, Riding Horse and Riding Pony classes).

Eligibility

Open to stallions, mares or geldings. Juniors must not ride or handle stallions anywhere on the competition grounds. Manageable stallions ridden by seniors are eligible for all senior classes, but the Show Committee has the right to refuse entry of any stallion of safety or other issues are of a concern. This includes stallions that pose a risk to the safety of others.

COURSES

General Except in case of inclement weather, broken equipment, or similar emergency a course must not be altered except by written permission of all exhibitors. If one or more original obstacles are rendered unusable during a class and no duplicate exists, management may substitute obstacles which approximate as nearly as possible the originals.

Course Designers

The BEF recommends the use of qualified course designers where possible for all BEF sanctioned events.

Course Diagrams

Course diagrams must be posted at least one hour before scheduled time of class unless they have been illustrated in the prize list. The plan or diagram of the course must show the obstacles which must be taken in the order indicated by numbers but apart from this the rider is not bound to follow a compulsory track. An arrow is used on the diagram to indicate the direction in which each obstacle is to be taken. When distances between fences are 90' or less from base to base, the distance must be included on the posted course diagram.

Type

1. Obstacles must simulate those found in the hunting field such as natural post and rail, brush, stone wall, white board fence or gate, chicken coop, aiken, hedge, oxer, etc.
2. Chicken coops hinged at the top and free at the bottom, triple bars and hogsback; striped rails; targets; any spread over 4' and square oxers are prohibited.
3. Every course must have at least four different type obstacles.
4. A 6" difference is recommended for the back element of an obstacle. There must be a minimum difference of 3". A ground line is recommended for all obstacles.
5. The top element of all obstacles must be securely placed so that a slight rub will not cause a knockdown and must be equally secure for different heights in the same class.

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6 In Handy classes obstacles must simulate those found in trappy hunting country. The course must have at least two changes of direction and at least one in and out as well as three of the following: hand gallop a jump, bending line, rollback turn, fence at the end of the ring or open a gate while mounted or trot over one obstacle (exception: in and outs are optional for Pony Handy courses). Judges must place emphasis on promptness and tight turns with precedence being given in that order. Handiness is defined as time and ground saving movement without adversely affecting performance or style. Brilliance of pace is defined as a faster pace than ordinary, without sacrificing performance or style. Hand Gallop is defined as a significant increase in pace without sacrificing performance or style. Exception: Ins and outs are optional for Pony Handy Hunter classes.

In and Outs

1. An in and out is considered as two obstacles in the required number of obstacles. It must never be used at the start of the course.
2. An in and out may have one or two strides. The suggested distance for an in and out when used in a ring is 24' to 26'; and on an outside course 26' to 28'. The distance may be altered during a class requiring different fence heights.
3. Suggested distances can be found at http://www.mdccorporation.us/course/usef_distances.html

ATTIRE TACK & EQUIPMENT

Tack

1. Regulation snaffles, pelhams, and full bridles, all with cavesson nose bands are recommended. A judge may penalize for non-conventional types of bits (for example kimberwicks).

Judges must eliminate a horse or pony that competes in illegal bits or nosebands. Illegal bits include, but are not limited to, three rings, gags (other than the hunter gag), et cetera... Illegal nosebands include, but are not limited to, drop, flash and figure eight nosebands.

2. Competitors may be refused an award unless they return to the ring for conformation or soundness with the same complete bridle in which they have performed.
3. Martingales of any type are prohibited in Under Saddle, hack and tie-breaking classes. Standing and running martingales used in the conventional manner are allowed for all over fences classes. All other martingales are considered illegal. A judge must eliminate a horse or pony that competes in a martingale other than a standing or running martingale used in the conventional manner.

Equipment

Light pads and bar shoes are permissible, however, bar shoes indicate a weakness and in Conformation classes, a judge may penalize accordingly. Boots and bandages are prohibited. In the case of inclement weather competition management may permit the use of bell boots.

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- a. **Electronic Communication Devices**
No mounted exhibitor may wear or carry an electronic communication device (i.e., cellular telephone, pager, walkie talkie, iPod, etc.) while in the competition ring. The penalty for wearing or carrying a forbidden device if observed by the judge may be elimination from the class during which the device was worn or carried.
- b. Electronic communication devices used for purposes of coaching, etc., between competitors and individuals outside the ring shall be prohibited in all classes.
- c. Exhibitors who have a chronic condition may apply to the BEF for a Modification exempting them from the provisions of this rule, however riders may not use these devices in over fences classes

Any rider competing and or riding anywhere on the competition grounds with their stirrup, stirrup leather, or foot tied and/or secured in any manner, will automatically be eliminated from the entire competition. The steward or BEF Representative will note the trainer name(s) on their report and further disciplinary actions may be taken by the BEF.

Whips - Competitors are prohibited from carrying a whip that is longer than 30" (75cm) while jumping or schooling over fences. A rider may not carry more than one whip. Whips that are weighted at the end are prohibited. (Exception: Ladies Side Saddle and appointments classes. See HU127.) No exhibitor may carry a whip longer than 30" while competing.

Dress

Competitors should be neatly and suitably attired in coat, riding hat (note: all helmets must be ASTM/SEI or BSI/BS EN approved), shirt and tie, choker or stock, breeches or jodhpurs and boots. (In hot weather coats are optional at the discretion of the Judge.) Juniors showing any horse in-hand or during a jog for soundness must wear approved protective headwear with the attached safety harness fastened. Conservatively coloured safety vests or back protectors may be worn by any competitor at their discretion in any class either over-fences or under saddle without penalty.

Schooling

Schooling is permitted over designated obstacles only, and only in designated 'warm up' areas. Riders are forbidden from lunging or schooling on the track at Vesey Street at any time.

Back to Back Classes

No more than two rounds may be ridden back to back. Classes using back to back rounds must be jogged and pinned separately.

Jumping Order

Set jumping orders are not required in any hunter class over fences, unless determined by the horse show management. If a jumping order is established it must be posted in a conspicuous place at least one-half hour before the class. The jumping order must be legible to a mounted rider. If a jumping order is used throughout the section, a systematic rotation of the starting list must be employed so that a complete cycle is made during the competition. Failure to enter the ring within one minute after an audible signal to proceed is given incurs elimination. The time limit for entering the ring must be enforced by competition management. Management may permit a rider to compete out of order to minimize delays and in case of class conflicts.

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CLASS SPECIFICATIONS

Class specifications for all BEF championship classes or divisions can be found in [Part III – BEF Championship Class Descriptions](#). In the hunter division, classes are grouped as follows:

Under Saddle and Hack Classes

In Under Saddle and Hunter Hack classes, horses are shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring in accordance with class description. They should not be eliminated for slight errors. In certain classes, and only where notified in the class description detailed in the prize list, schedule or entry form, judges may ask horses to hand gallop collectively, one way of the ring. No more than eight will be asked to hand gallop at one time.

Conformation Performance Classes

To be judged 75% performance and soundness; 25% conformation.

Low and Regular Working Classes

To be judged on performance and soundness.

Hunter Pony Division.

Riders must not have reached their 19th birthday as of 1st September of the current season to compete in any Hunter Pony class, and ponies must be handled by junior exhibitors in all phases of a class including jogging for ribbons.

Stallions are prohibited from all classes.

Classes are open to all ponies not exceeding 14.2 hands unless otherwise stated. If split, the below measurements may be used: Small ponies are not to exceed 12.2 hands, medium ponies are over 12.2 and do not exceed 13.2 hands; large ponies are over 13.2 and do not exceed 14.2 hands.

Distances - The suggested distances for in-and-outs are 20' for small, 22' for medium and 24' for large ponies. The in-and-out distance must be adjusted for each height section.

General - Manners and suitability of a pony for the rider are to be emphasized in all classes. Extreme speed is penalized. Suitability of a pony for a rider is determined by height and weight of the rider as related to the size of the pony. Judges must penalize but not necessarily eliminate an entry not having such manners and suitability.

Class Specifications – detailed in [BEF Championship Class Descriptions](#)

JUDGING

No one shall approach a judge with regard to a decision unless he first obtains permission from the Show Committee, steward or technical delegate who shall arrange an appointment with the judge at a proper time and place. No exhibitor has the right to inspect the judge's cards without the judge's permission.

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GENERAL

1. All classes must be judged on performance and soundness, and when indicated in the Class Descriptions, conformation, suitability or manners.
 - 1.1 When a horse makes two faults at one obstacle only the major fault will be counted (Exception; refusals count in addition.)
 - 1.2 When an obstacle is composed of several elements in the same vertical plane, a fault at the top element is the only one penalized.
 - 1.3 At a combination, the faults committed at each obstacle are considered separately. In case of a refusal or run-out at one obstacle in a combination, the competitor may re-jump the previous as well as the following obstacles.
 - 1.4 Judges must penalize unsafe jumping and bad form over fences, whether touched or untouched.
 - 1.5 Teams, Pairs and unicorns (abreast and tandem) should be judged as a single unit, scoring only major faults at each obstacle. (Exception: in cases where two or more horses have knockdowns or refusals, they are scored cumulatively.)
2. Circling once upon entering the ring and once upon leaving is permissible.
 - 2.1 In all classes, trotting or cantering through the in-gate without prior permission is forbidden. The penalty for contravening this rule is either a fine or elimination from the class, at the discretion of the judge. Under special circumstances, a steward or judge may give permission for a horse to trot into the ring, but not out of the ring.
3. In all classes over obstacles, judges must line up competitors on merit of performance before considering conformation or soundness, including two more entries than the number of ribbons offered if there are sufficient entries without major faults.
4. In classes over obstacles, competitors cannot be requested to show at a walk, trot and canter or to re-jump the course unless eliminations are held. If eliminations are held, the finals are judged as an independent class.
5. In cases of broken equipment, the competitor may either continue without penalty or stop and correct the difficulty, in which case he will be penalized 3 faults. In case of loss of shoe, rider may either continue without penalty or be eliminated.

Soundness

All horses must be serviceably sound. All horses being considered for an award in a BEF designated class must be jogged for soundness with rider dismounted at the conclusion of the class prior to ribbons being awarded (Exception: Under saddle classes). Horses must present their number when being jogged.

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Conformation

Quality, substance and soundness. Judges must penalize but not necessarily eliminate horses with structural faults, defects or blemishes (such as pinfiring) in areas which might impair their activity and durability.

Performance

An even hunting pace, manners, jumping style together with faults and way of moving over the course as well as when being jogged for soundness. Manners to be emphasized in Ladies and Junior classes.

When the class is held in a ring, the performance starts as the competitor enters and ends when he leaves.

Disobediences (major faults)

- * Third (3rd) refusal, run-out, bolting on course, extra circle or showing an obstacle to a horse - ELIMINATION.
- * Jumping an obstacle before it is re-set - ELIMINATION.
- * Bolting from ring - ELIMINATION.
- * Failure to keep proper course - ELIMINATION.
- * Jumping an obstacle not included in course - ELIMINATION.
- Fall of horse and/or rider - ELIMINATION. After being eliminated for a fall, the rider may not remount in the ring.

Point Scoring

One point to be added for every three horses TAKING PART in the class. Scoring starts - up to 15 horses. Judges should be asked to score to 10 places despite number of ribbons awarded.

Place	Up to 15 horses	Up to 18 horses	Up to 21 horses	Up to 24 horses	Up to 27 horses	Up to 30 horses
1 st	11	12	13	14	15	16
2 nd	9	10	11	12	13	14
3 rd	8	9	10	11	12	13
4 th	7	8	9	10	11	12
5 th	6	7	8	9	10	11
6 th	5	6	7	8	9	10
7 th	4	5	6	7	8	9
8 th	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 th	2	3	4	5	6	7
10 th	1	2	3	4	5	6

Note – for classes held where less than three riders compete, no points will be awarded for BEF year-end awards. [Please see Appendix II – Year End Point Calculations and processes.](#)

Ties

1. In case of a tie score the Championship and/or Reserve is awarded to the horse that accumulated the most points over fences. If horses have an equal number of points over fences and no points under

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saddle, the tied horses must be shown at a walk, trot and canter. Competitors may be asked to hand gallop at the discretion of the judge. (Exception: Green Hunters). This competition is judged as an independent under saddle class with conformation, soundness and performance to count as prescribed throughout the section.

2. If all tied horses are declared unsound, selection of the winner among such tied competitors is left to the discretion of the judges.

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B - EQUITATION DIVISION

The following details regulations for all seats

Eligibility

1. Riders in classes for junior exhibitors cannot have reached their 19th birthday by the 1st of September in the season of competition.
2. In Equitation classes only the rider is being judged, therefore, any horse that is suitable and is capable of performing the required class routine is acceptable.
3. Stallions are prohibited to be ridden or shown in any class by an exhibitor who has not yet reached their 19th Birthday as of the 1st of September in the season of competition.

Money Prizes

Offering of prize money in Equitation classes for junior exhibitors and amateurs is forbidden. In Equitation classes the rider is the competitor and wins the award.

Judging

1. Soundness. Unsoundness does not penalize a competitor unless it is sufficiently severe to impair the required performance. In such cases, the imposition of a penalty is at the judge's discretion.
2. Any rider not having his mount under sufficient control will be dismissed from the ring and disqualified from that class.
3. Riders must remain on the same mount throughout all phases of a class unless the judge requests a change of mount as part of additional testing.
4. No rider can be asked to perform a test on another horse before he has performed the same test on his own.
5. Attendants are not allowed in the ring except at the request of judge(s).
6. When additional tests are desired, the judges' instructions to riders are publicly announced. It is suggested that the judge go over these instructions with the announcer immediately before they are announced to assure mutual understanding of the wording.
7. In all classes, trotting or cantering through the in-gate without prior permission is forbidden. The penalty for contravening this rule is either a fine or elimination from the class, at the discretion of the judge. Under special circumstances, a steward or judge may give permission for a horse to trot into the ring, but not out of the ring.
8. Conservatively coloured safety vests or back protectors may be worn by any competitor at their discretion in any class either over-fences or on the flat without penalty. The judge may not consider the usage of such protective equipment in any adverse or positive manner. All competitors should be

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aware that certain protective vests may make the ability for the judge to assess the rider's overall position difficult.

8. Numbers must be worn on the rider's back and must be clearly visible at all times when in competition.

Point Scoring

Equitation classes will score as follows. For division championships, where a tie exists, the individual who scored the most points over fences will win the tie. Where there remains an equality of points, the tie will remain.

Place	Score
1 st	11
2 nd	9
3 rd	8
4 th	7
5 th	6
6 th	5
7 th	4
8 th	3
9 th	2
10 th	1

Note – for classes held where less than three riders compete, no points will be awarded for BEF year-end awards. [Please see Appendix II – Year End Point Calculations and processes.](#)

HUNTER SEAT EQUITATION

POSITION

1. General. Rider should have a workmanlike appearance, seat and hands light and supple, conveying the impression of complete control should any emergency arise. Exhibitors may ride side saddle in Adult Equitation classes but not in classes restricted to Juniors.

2. Hands. Hands should be over and in front of horse's withers, knuckles thirty degrees inside the vertical, hands slightly apart and making a straight line from horse's mouth to rider's elbow. Method of holding reins is optional and bight of reins may fall on either side. However, all reins must be picked up at the same time.

3. Basic Position. The eyes should be up and shoulders back. Toes should be at an angle best suited to rider's conformation; ankles flexed in, heels down, calf of leg in contact with horse and slightly behind girth. Iron should be on the ball of the foot and must not be tied to the girth.

4. Position in Motion. At the walk, sitting trot and canter, body should be a couple of degrees in front of the vertical; posting trot, inclined forward; galloping and jumping, same inclination as the posting trot.

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5. Mounting and Dismounting. To mount, take up reins in left hand and place hand on withers. Grasp stirrup leather with right hand and insert left foot in stirrup, toe in girth and mount. To dismount, rider may either step down or slide down. The size of rider must be taken into consideration.

DRESS

1. Protective Head Gear - All riders must wear ASTM (American Society for Testing Materials) or BSI ASTM/SEI or BSI/BS EN approved helmets, with safety harness correctly fastened, at all times while mounted on the competition grounds. Any rider violating this rule at any time must be prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place. Approved and conservative coloured protective headgear is mandatory.
2. Attire - Exhibitors and judges should bear in mind that at all times entries are being judged on ability rather than on personal attire. Riders should wear conservatively coloured coats which are free from adornment which in the judge's opinion is overly distracting. Shirts must have a chocker, similar collar or tie. Breeches or Jodphurs may be beige, buff, canary, tan, rust or white.
3. Spurs, crops or bats are optional. Judges may penalize contestants who do not conform.

Tack & Equipment.

1. Boots and conservative coloured bandages are permitted. Type of saddle is optional.
2. Martingales, either running or standing, are optional in classes over obstacles and in classes requiring both jumping and flat work. They are prohibited in flat classes. Any changes of equipment during a class can be penalized at the discretion of the judge. (Note: adding or taking off a martingale from one phase to another is not considered a change).
3. Stirrups must be silver in color or non-colored stainless steel. Riders entering the ring with stirrups that do not conform will be eliminated. (Exception: quick release safety stirrups and stirrups with jointed branches are permitted when the remaining area of the stirrup branch is silver in color or non-colored stainless steel and does not unduly obscure the judge's view of the rider's foot in the stirrup).
4. Electronic Communication Devices.
 - a. No mounted exhibitor may wear or carry an electronic communication device (i.e., cellular telephone, pager, walkie talkie, etc.) while in the competition ring. The penalty for wearing or carrying a forbidden device if observed by the judge may be elimination from the class during which the device was worn or carried.
 - b. Electronic communication devices used for purposes of coaching, etc., between competitors and individuals outside the ring shall be prohibited in all classes.
 - c. Exhibitors who have a chronic condition may apply to the BEF for a modification exempting them from the provisions of this rule, however, riders may not use these devices in over fences classes.
 - d. An exhibitor who has a chronic condition and has previously been granted at least one annual modification related to the condition, may submit an application for approval of a special three-year modification related to the same condition. The application must be accompanied by sufficient supporting documentation that the condition is unlikely to improve during the three-year period.
5. A rider will be eliminated for competing with a tail wrap.

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6. **In Hunter Seat Equitation**, regulation snaffles, pelhams, kimberwicks and full bridles, all with cavesson nose bands are required. A judge at his own discretion can penalize a horse with nonconventional types of bits or nose bands. A judge must eliminate a horse or rider competing with an illegal bit or noseband other than a cavesson.
7. **In Jumping Seat Equitation**, two or three ring bits can be used in addition to any acceptable bits detailed in Hunter Seat Equitation above. In addition, flash or figure eight nosebands can be used.

Class Routine

1. Over Obstacles. The performance begins when the horse enters the ring or is given the signal to proceed after entering ring. Except for refusals jumping faults of the horse are not to be considered unless it is the result of the rider's ability.

No rider can be eliminated until ten riders have completed the course, or a number equal to the ribbons being awarded. (Exception: three refusals, fall of horse and/or rider and off course).

The following will result in elimination: a) fall of horse and/or rider; b) three cumulative refusals; and c) off course. If elimination occurs during a ride-off, the competitor is placed last of all those chosen for the ride-off. The following constitute major faults and can be cause for elimination: a) a refusal; b) loss of stirrup; c) trotting while on course when not part of a test and d) loss of reins.

Each competitor may circle once before approaching the first obstacle unless otherwise indicated. He then proceeds around course keeping an even pace throughout. If a refusal occurs in a double or triple, competitors must re-jump all obstacles in the combination. Any or all competitors can be called back to perform at a walk, trot and canter or to execute any appropriate tests included in class requirements.

2. Not to Jump. Competitors shall enter ring and proceed at least once around ring at each gait and, on command, reverse and repeat. Riders may be asked to work collectively without stirrups (with the exception of Lead Line and Walk & Trot Equitation). The order to reverse can be executed by turning either toward or away from the rail. Light contact with horse's mouth is required. Entries then line up on command. Any or all riders may be required to execute any appropriate tests included in class requirements. All tests used must be on the flat. Judges are encouraged to call for at least two tests of the top contestants.

3. Outside Assistance. Outside assistance will be penalized at the judge's discretion.

4. In cases of broken equipment or loss of shoe, the competitor must continue or be eliminated.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Classes must be held over at least six obstacles.

1. In Maiden, Novice, Limit and classes for riders under 15 years, jumps cannot exceed 3' and wings must be at least 30" wide. It is recommended that for riders under 12 years, jumps will not exceed 2'9".

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2. In Intermediate classes obstacles cannot exceed 3'3".
3. In Open, Medal and Classes for riders 15 to 18 years, obstacles cannot exceed 3'6" and wings are optional.
4. In Novice classes a change of hand (change of lead) is required.
5. In Limit classes, a change of hand (change of lead) and a combination are required.
6. In Intermediate, 15 years and over and Open classes, at least one change of hand (change of lead) and a combination including an oxer are required.
7. Combinations are prohibited in classes restricted to riders under 12 years old. All combinations must be numbered with a single number and the designations A and B or A, B and C on the course diagram.
8. It is recommended that one class in each competition be held over jumper-type obstacles to encourage interest in F.E.I. competition and one over a hunter course so that riders can be judged on their ability to establish and maintain an even hunting pace.

EQUITATION TESTS

The following are which the judges can choose from in accordance with [requirements for specific classes](#) or divisions). Tests may be performed either collectively or individually. Instructions must be publicly announced.

1. Halt (4 to 6 seconds) and/or back.
2. Hand gallop.
3. Figure eight at trot, demonstrating change of diagonals. At left diagonal, rider should be sitting the saddle when left front leg is on the ground; at right diagonal, rider should be sitting the saddle when right front leg is on the ground; when circling clockwise at a trot, rider should be on left diagonal; when circling counter-clockwise, rider should be on the right diagonal.
4. Figure eight at canter on correct lead, demonstrating simple change of lead. This is a change whereby the horse is brought back into a walk or trot and re-started into a canter on the opposite lead. Figures to be commenced in center of two circles so that one change of lead is shown.
5. Work collectively at a walk, trot or canter.
6. Pull up and halt (4 to 6 seconds).
7. Jump obstacles on figure eight course.
8. Ride without stirrups, or drop and pick up stirrups.
9. Jump low obstacles at a walk and trot as well as at a canter. The maximum height for a walk obstacle is 3'. The maximum height and spread for a trotting obstacle is 3'.

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10. Dismount and mount.
11. Turn on the forehand.
12. Figure eight at canter on correct lead demonstrating flying change of lead.
13. Execute serpentine at a trot and/or canter on correct lead demonstrating simple or flying changes of lead.
14. Change leads on a line demonstrating a simple or flying change of lead.
15. Change horses. (Note: this test is the equivalent of two tests).
16. Canter on counter lead. (Note: no more than twelve horses may counter canter at one time.)
17. Turn on the haunches from the walk.
18. Demonstration ride of approximately one minute. Rider must advise judge beforehand what ride he plans to demonstrate.

REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIFIC CLASSES

The following age limit classes are suggested but may vary according to local conditions:

1. Maiden For juniors under 8 years and 10 years and Under - Test 1.
2. Novice and Limit For juniors under 12 years - Tests 1-3-4-5-6-8-10
3. Short Stirrup 12 years & under – Tests 1-3-4-5-6-8-10-11
4. Juniors 12 to 14 years - Tests 1 – 8, 10, 11, 13, 14
5. Intermediate For juniors 15 to 18 years - Tests 1 - 18.
6. Open For juniors who have not reached their 19th birthday. Tests 1-18.
7. Adult Open to Adults 19 years and over. Tests 1-18.

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C - SHOW JUMPING

SHOW JUMPING classes will be judged in accordance with the principles of the Rules of the F.E.I.

FEI Show Jumping Rules may be found on the FEI website www.fei.org

It is not possible to provide for every conceivable eventuality in these rules. If there is not rule to deal specifically with a particular circumstance, or if the nearest interpretation of the pertinent rule would result in an obvious injustice, it is the duty of those responsible to make a decision based on commonsense and fair play, thus reflecting as closely as possible the intention of these rules and of the General Regulations.

HORSES - Horses and Ponies must be registered with the Bermuda Equestrian Federation when taking part in B.E.F. designated classes.

AGE – Age of Competitors is taken as of September 1st of the current show year in accordance with the general rules of the BEF.

BEF CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES – Jumping classes detailed in section [Show Jumping Year End Championship Divisions](#) will be counted for BEF points. They will carry the BEF designator as detailed in the Class Description below when listed in the schedule or prize list.

CLASS DESCRIPTION – BEF Championship Classes must be held in accordance with the principles of the rules of the F.E.I. Classes must show maximum height to be jumped and the correct Table and Article number for the class. B.E.F. P or H followed by either '1', '2' or '3' must also appear in the description of the class. e.g. (BEF #P1) – Pony Jumping 0.95m (3'1").

JUDGES - Judges must be recognized by the B.E.F. and be familiar with the F.E.I. Rules.

COURSE DESIGNER - For International and Grand Prix Competitions the Course Designer must be at least a Candidate Course Designer or some-one with comparable qualifications.

COURSES – To be built in accordance with the respective rules of the FEI.

DRESS - Competitors should be neatly and suitably attired in coat, hunting cap with harness secured (note: all helmets must be ASTM/SEI or BSI/BS EN approved as of September 1st 2012), shirt and tie, choker or stock, breeches or jodhpurs and boots. (In hot weather coats are optional at the discretion of the Judge).). The use of coloured shirts is permitted, however shirt collars and the tie must be white for any F.E.I recognized competition. For Grand Prix and International competitions the dress code as per F.E.I. Rules will apply (see Article 256 of the FEI rules).

TACK & EQUIPMENT - No restrictions of saddle. Blinkers are forbidden. Only unrestricted running martingales are allowed. Sheepskin may be used on each cheek piece of the bridle providing the sheepskin does not exceed 3cm in diameter measured from the horse's face. Reins must be attached to the bit(s) or directly to the bridle. Gags and hackamores are allowed. Whips more than 75cms are forbidden. No substitute for a whip may be carried. Non compliance will result in elimination. (See Article 257 of the FEI rules).

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SPEED - Speed of 325m per minute is to be used for all pony heights. For horses, speed of 350m per minute is to be used for heights of 1.00m and above. Speed of 325m per minute is to be used for heights below 1.00m

JUMPING ORDER - The Jumping order for the first round must be established by the following procedures:

1. The horses' names are drawn individually, starting with the first position and then working down.
2. If the same rider has two horses drawn too close together, the order may be adjusted so that there will be a minimum of six horses (if available) separating them. The horse drawn first will move up as far as possible in the order before the second horse is dropped down.
3. All horses must be ridden in the sequence that appears on the jumping order.
4. To minimize delays, management may permit a rider to compete ahead of his posted order in the first round of a class, provided that he then competes in the timed jump-off in the order originally posted. However, to minimize delays, a rider may be permitted to go ahead of his posted order in the jump-off.

ELIMINATION RULE RELATING TO REFUSALS: Rule change applicable to all BEF designated and non-designated classes: Effective 1st September 2008 three refusals will be permitted prior to elimination; the previous number permitted was two. This rule change does not affect any classes held in FEI or CEA competitions.

If a jumping order is established it must be posted in a conspicuous place at least one half hour before the class. The jumping order must be legible to a mounted rider.

NUMBER OF ENTRIES - A competitor may not enter more than three horses for any one jumping competition, unless otherwise specified by the organizers.

HORS CONCOURS - Hors Concours entries may be accepted at a Show Committee's discretion but are subject to the same scoring rules as a regular entry. Such entries are not judged. These horses should follow the last eligible horse in the draw before the jump-off. A rider taking part in a competition 'Hors Concours' may do so in the first round only and is not to participate in any jump off. A horse which has competed 'Hors Concours' IS NOT ALLOWED to compete subsequently for prizes in the same ring on the same day.

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Point Scoring

Points for show jumping classes will be awarded to 6th place (regardless of the number of ribbons offered). Points awarded as follows:

Place	Points
1 st	7
2 nd	5
3 rd	4
4 th	3
5 th	2
6 th	1

Ties will be scored accordingly. i.e. if tie for first place between three competitors 1st, 2nd and 3rd place points will be added together and divided by 3. The next place will be 4th and so on.

Note – for classes held where less than three riders compete, no points will be awarded for BEF year-end awards. [Please see Appendix II – Year End Point Calculations and processes.](#)

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D - GYMKHANAS

- a) Correct English, Western or Driving attire to be worn according to the specifications listed in the show schedule. Coats and Jackets may be removed at the Judge's Discretion.
- b) All contestants must abide by the rules and regulations of the General Rules of this division. Violations to be penalized by disqualification from the events.
- c) Type of reins used is optional.
- d) The method of holding the reins is optional.
- e) When a horse jumps out of the ring, it is not permitted to re-enter the ring.
- f) No bats, crops, whips or spurs are allowed.
- g) Contestant may be disqualified for abusing horses in any manner or for misconduct.
- h) Any rider interfering, colliding with or cutting off other riders shall be disqualified.
- i) Horses must enter and leave ring at a walk.
- j) Equipment required for a class may not be used for practicing before the class or event begins. Penalty is disqualification.
- k) The Show Committee will determine whether any class or event warrants eliminations.
- l) In all events that are run off in heats, position must be drawn to determine in which heat a horse will compete.
- m) All contestants or horses must have a number which is easily seen by the Ring Officials, otherwise contestants may be dismissed from the class.
- n) A horse cannot be ridden by more than one rider in the same event, and a rider cannot ride more than one horse in the same event except when being individually timed.
- o) In all individually timed events, there must be at least two timers. Horses should start from a start-finish line to permit the use of electronic timers. If hand held timers are used the slowest of two timers or the middle of three timers shall decide.
- p) Contestants must use reins as lead shanks in events where rider dismounts and leads horse.
- q) Failure to follow course or pattern will result in disqualification..

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PART III – BEF CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

The following details explicitly the descriptions that must be used by horse shows if they wish for classes to be run in accordance with the BEF rules, and points accumulated in these classes to count for year-end awards and/or prizes.

Miscellaneous Year End Championship Classes

1. **#01 RIDING HORSE 15.2hh and UNDER.** Entries to be shown under English saddle. Horses to enter ring at walk. To be shown at a walk, trot, strong trot, canter and hand gallop. Only eight (8) horses to gallop at one time. To be judged on performance, conformation, substance and manners.
2. **#02 RIDING HORSE OVER 15.2hh.** Entries to be shown under English saddle. Horses to enter ring at walk. To be shown at a walk, trot, strong trot, canter and hand gallop. Only eight (8) horses to gallop at one time. To be judged on performance, conformation, substance and manners.
3. **#05 RIDING PONY.** Ponies to be ridden by junior competitors 18 years and under. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. To be judged on performance, conformation, substance, manners and suitability.

Hunter Year End Championship Divisions

In the following BEF hunter divisions, competitors must compete in and complete at least one “over fences” class of the division in order for points earned in either ‘in-hand’ classes or ‘under saddle’ classes to count for year-end division championship awards.

Other than in Model or In Hand classes, where conformation is to be judged, it may not count for more than 25%.

All horses being considered for an award must be serviceably sound and may be required to jog for soundness prior to receiving ribbons after any over fences class.

4. **#03 ADULT HUNTER.** Division may include an In-Hand class, and must include an Under Saddle and at least one Over Fences class. Where more than one class over fences is offered, a Handy Hunter class can count towards division and BEF year-end championship points. Open to horses ridden by adults 19 years and older.
 - a. **IN-HAND (Model):** To be judged on conformation, way of moving and soundness.
 - b. **OVER FENCES:** To be judged on performance and soundness and when indicated, conformation, suitability and manners. Height of fences not to exceed 3’0”.
 - c. **UNDER SADDLE:** To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Light contact with the horse’s mouth is required. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. They should not be eliminated for slight errors. Judges may ask horses to hand gallop collectively, one way of the ring. No more than eight (8) will be asked to gallop at one time. To be judged on performance, soundness, conformation, suitability and manners.

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5. **#04 JUNIOR HUNTER.** Division may include an In-Hand class, and must include an Under Saddle and at least one Over Fences class. Where more than one class over fences is offered, a Handy Hunter class can count towards division and BEF year-end championship points. Open to horses ridden by juniors 18 years and under.
 - a. IN-HAND (Model): To be judged on conformation, way of moving and soundness.
 - b. OVER FENCES: To be judged on performance and soundness and when indicated, conformation, suitability and manners. Height of fences not to exceed 3'0".
 - c. UNDER SADDLE: To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. They should not be eliminated for slight errors. Judges may ask horses to hand gallop collectively, one way of the ring. No more than eight (8) will be asked to hand gallop at one time. To be judged on performance, soundness, conformation, suitability and manners.
6. **#17 OPEN WORKING HUNTER.** Division may include an In-Hand class, and must include an Under Saddle and at least one Over Fences class. Where more than one class over fences is offered, a Handy Hunter class can count towards division and BEF year-end championship points..
 - a. IN-HAND (Model): To be judged on performance, soundness and conformation.
 - b. OVER FENCES: To be judged on performance, soundness, conformation, suitability and manners. Height of fences not to exceed 3'0".
 - c. UNDER SADDLE: To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. They should not be eliminated for slight errors. Judges may ask horses to hand gallop collectively, one way of the ring. No more than eight (8) will be asked to hand gallop at one time. To be judged on performance, soundness and conformation.
7. **#06 HUNTER PONY.** Division may include an In-Hand class, and must include an Under Saddle and at least one Over Fences class. Where more than one class over fences is offered, a Handy Hunter class can count towards division and BEF year-end championship points. Ponies to be shown by junior competitors 18 years and under in all phases. Stallions are prohibited.
 - a. IN-HAND (Model): To be judged on conformation, way of moving and soundness.
 - b. UNDER SADDLE: To be shown at a walk, trot, canter both ways of the ring. Riders may be asked for an extended trot. Ponies to stop easily, to back readily and stand quietly. Light contact with pony's mouth is required. To be judged on performance and soundness. Manners and suitability of a pony to rider will be emphasized. Extreme speed is penalized.
 - c. OVER FENCES: To be shown over a minimum of eight fences not to exceed 2'6". To be judged on performance, soundness, manners and suitability with manners and suitability of a pony to rider is to be emphasized. Extreme speed is penalized.
8. **#19 LOW HUNTER PONY.** Division may include an In-Hand class, and must include an Under Saddle and at least one Over Fences class. Where more than one class over fences is offered, a Handy Hunter class can count towards division and BEF year-end championship points. Ponies to be shown by junior competitors 18 years and under in all phases. Stallions are

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prohibited. May not enter any other BEF designated class of any other Hunter Pony Division in a show where this class is offered.

- a. IN-HAND (Model): To be judged on conformation, way of moving and soundness.
 - b. UNDER SADDLE: To be shown at a walk, trot, canter both ways of the ring. Riders may be asked for a sitting trot and an extended trot. Ponies to stop easily, to back readily and stand quietly. Light contact with pony's mouth is required. To be judged on performance and soundness. Manners and suitability of a pony to rider will be emphasized. No more than eight (8) MAY be asked to hand gallop at one time. Extreme speed is penalized.
 - c. OVER FENCES: To be shown over a minimum of eight fences not to exceed 2'3". To be judged on performance and soundness. Manners and suitability of a pony to rider will be emphasized. Extreme speed is penalized.
9. **#13 WORKING HUNTER 15.2HH AND UNDER.** Division may include an In-Hand class, and must include an Under Saddle and at least one Over Fences class. Where more than one class over fences is offered, a Handy Hunter class can count towards division and BEF year-end championship points.
- a. IN-HAND (Model): To be judged on performance, soundness and conformation.
 - b. UNDER SADDLE: To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. They should not be eliminated for slight errors. Judges may ask horses to hand gallop collectively, one way of the ring. No more than eight (8) will be asked to hand gallop at one time. To be judged on performance, soundness and conformation.
 - c. OVER FENCES: To be judged on performance, soundness, conformation, suitability and manners.
10. **#14 WORKING HUNTER OVER 15.2HH.** Division may include an In-Hand class, and must include an Under Saddle and at least one Over Fences class. Where more than one class over fences is offered, a Handy Hunter class can count towards division and BEF year-end championship points..
- a. IN-HAND (Model): To be judged on performance, soundness and conformation.
 - b. UNDER SADDLE: To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. They should not be eliminated for slight errors. Judges may ask horses to hand gallop collectively, one way of the ring. No more than eight (8) will be asked to hand gallop at one time. To be judged on performance, soundness and conformation.
 - c. OVER FENCES: To be judged on performance, soundness, conformation, suitability and manners.
11. **#18 OPEN HUNTER.** Division must include an under saddle and no less than two (2) Over Fences classes to hold this division in a show and have the points count for year -end awards. One over fences class may be a Handy class.
- a. UNDER SADDLE: To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. They should not be eliminated for slight errors. Judges may ask horses to hand

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- gallop collectively, one way of the ring. No more than eight (8) will be asked to gallop at one time. To be judged on performance, soundness, conformation, suitability and manners.
- b. **OVER FENCES:** To be shown over a course of not less than eight (8) fences. To be judged on performance and soundness and when indicated, conformation, suitability and manners. Minimum height of fences 3'6".
12. **#15 LOW HUNTER HORSE.** Division must include and Under Saddle class and no less than one Over Fences class for points earned to be counted for year-end BEF awards. May not enter any other class of any other hunter division in a show where this class is offered.
- a. **UNDER SADDLE:** To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. They should not be eliminated for slight errors.
 - b. **OVER FENCES:** Fences not to exceed 2' 9". To be judged on performance and soundness and when indicated, conformation, suitability and manners.

Equitation Year End Championship Divisions

13. **#07 JUNIOR EQUITATION UNDER 8 YEARS.** Open to Junior competitors who will not have reached their eighth (8) birthday by September 1st of the current B.E.F. Show Season. To be judged at a walk and trot only, with the ability of the rider only to be judged. Any horse, serviceably sound, that is suitable for riding, and is capable of performing required class routine, is acceptable. Only one rider per mount to be shown on the Lead Line. Stallions are prohibited. May be asked to perform Test 1 of the B.E.F. Equitation Rules Part II.
14. **#08 JUNIOR EQUITATION 10 YEARS & UNDER.** Competitors must not have reached their eleventh (11) birthday by September 1st of the current B.E.F. Show Season. To be judged at a walk and trot only. The ability of the rider only to be judged. Any horse, serviceably sound, that is suitable for riding, and is capable of performing required class routine, is acceptable. Only one rider per mount to shown on the flat. Stallions are prohibited. May be asked to perform Test 1 of the B.E.F. Equitation Rules Part II.
15. **#09 JUNIOR EQUITATION UNDER 12 YEARS.** Competitors must not have reached their twelfth (12) birthday by September 1st of the current B.E.F. Show Season. The ability of the rider only to be judged. Any horse, serviceably sound, that is suitable for riding, and is capable of performing required class routine, is acceptable. One rider per mount over fences and/or on the flat. Stallions are prohibited.
- a. **OVER FENCES:** Jumps cannot exceed 2'3" and wings must be at least 30" wide. The performance begins when the horse enters the ring. Except for refusals, jumping faults of the horse are not to be considered unless it is the result of the rider's ability.
 - b. **FLAT CLASSES:** To be judged at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. May be asked to perform B.E.F. Equitation Tests 1-3-4-5-6-8-10 of the B.E.F. Rules Part II
16. **#10 JUNIOR EQUITATION 12 TO 14 YEARS.** Competitors must have reached the required age grouping by September 1st of the current B.E.F. Show Season. The ability of the

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rider only to be judged. Any horse, serviceably sound, that is suitable for riding, and is capable of performing required class routine, is acceptable. Only one rider per mount over fences and/or on the flat. Stallions are prohibited.

- a. OVER FENCES: Jumps cannot exceed 2' 9" and wings must be at least 30" wide. The performance begins when the horse enters the ring. Except for refusals, jumping faults of the horse are not to be considered unless it is the result of the rider's ability.
- b. FLAT CLASSES: To be judged at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Entries may be asked to do an individual show. May be asked to perform Tests 1-8, 10, 11, 13, or 14 of the B.E.F. Rules Part II.

17. **#11 JUNIOR EQUITATION 15 TO 18 YEARS.** Competitors must have reached the required age grouping by September 1st of the current B.E.F. Show Season. The ability of the rider only to be judged. Any horse, serviceably sound, that is suitable for riding, and is capable of performing required class routine, is acceptable. Only one rider per mount over fences and/or on the flat. Stallions are prohibited.
 - a. OVER FENCES: Jumps cannot exceed 3'0". The performance begins when the horse enters the ring. Except for refusals, jumping faults of the horse are not to be considered unless it is the result of the rider's ability.
 - b. FLAT CLASSES: To be judged at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Entries may be asked to change mounts and/or to do an individual show. May be asked to perform Tests 1-18 of the B.E.F. Rules Part II.
18. **#12 ADULT EQUITATION.** Open to adults 19 years or older. Only one rider per mount over fences and/or on the flat.
 - a. OVER FENCES: Height of fences not to exceed 3'0". To be shown over a course of not less than eight (8) obstacles. The course must include one combination which includes an oxer and two changes of direction after the first obstacle.
 - b. FLAT CLASSES: To be judged at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Entries may be asked to change mounts and/or to do an individual show. May be asked to perform Tests 1-18 of the B.E.F. Rules Part II. Two or more tests of the top four competitors is encouraged
19. **#16 LIMIT ADULT EQUITATION.** Open to adults 19 years or older. The ability of the rider only to be judged. May not enter any other BEF rated equitation class in a show where this class or division is offered. Only one rider per mount over fences and/or on the flat.
 - a. OVER FENCES: To be judged over a course of not less than eight obstacles. Jumps not to exceed 2' 9".
 - b. FLAT CLASSES: To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. May be asked to perform BEF tests 1,3,4,5,6, 8, & 10. Refer to BEF Rule Book part II.
20. **#27 SHORT STIRRUP EQUITATION 12 YEARS & UNDER.** Open to Junior competitors who will not have reached their thirteenth birthday by September 1st of the current BEF season. The ability of the rider only to be judged. Any horse, serviceably sound, that is suitable for riding, and is capable of performing required class routine is acceptable. Only one rider per mount over fences and/or on the flat. Stallions are prohibited. May not enter any other BEF rated equitation class in a show where this class or division is offered.

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- a. OVER FENCES: To be shown over a simple course of no more than eight fences not to exceed 2' 6" in height.
- b. FLAT CLASSES: To be judged at the Walk, Trot and Canter both ways of the ring. May be asked to perform tests 1,3,4,5,6,8,10 & 11 of the B.E.F. Rules Part II

Show Jumping Year End Championship Divisions

All classes must show maximum height to be jumped and the correct F.E.I. Table and Article number for the class. All classes must be held in full accordance with FEI rules and stated Table and Article number.

PONIES

#PN1 Champion Pony Jumper not to exceed 0.75m (2'6")

#PN2 Champion Pony Jumper not to exceed 0.85m (2'9")

#P1 Champion Pony Jumper not to exceed 0.95m (3' 1")

#P2 Champion Pony Jumper not to exceed 1.00m (3' 3")

#P3 Champion Pony Jumper not to exceed 1.10m (3' 7")

#P4 Champion Pony Jumper not to exceed 1.15m (3' 9")

HORSES

#H1 Champion Horse Jumper not to exceed 0.95m (3' 1")

#H2 Champion Horse Jumper not to exceed 1.00m (3' 3")

#H3 Champion Horse Jumper not to exceed 1.15m (3' 7")

#H4 Champion Horse Jumper not to exceed 1.15m (3' 9")

#H5 Champion Horse Jumper not to exceed 1.25m (4' 1")

#H6 Champion Horse Jumper 1.15m and over (3' 9" & over)

Please see [Appendix I](#) for current BEF Championship Awards that are presented for each of the above stated year end divisions or classes.

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Appendix I

BEF CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

In order for a Championship Award to be presented, a minimum of three (3) classes must be held for that Championship. Organizers may hold classes with less than three (3) competitors at the close of entries but BEF Championship Points will not count.

01 Champion Riding Horse 15.2hh and Under – The BEF Trophy

02 Champion Riding Horse over 15.2hh – The Marina Curtis-Evans Trophy

03 Champion Adult Hunter – The Saddle Club Trophy

04 Champion Junior Hunter – The Round Robins Sandyann Trophy

05 Champion Riding Pony 14.2hh and Under – The Mariner Cup

06 Champion Hunter Pony – The Carla Simmons Trophy

07 Champion Junior Equitation Under 8 years. – The BEF Trophy

08 Champion Junior Equitation 10 years and Under – The Pooh Bear Trophy

09 Champion Junior Equitation Under 12 years – The Spicelands Trophy

10 Champion Junior Equitation 12-14 years inclusive – The Inwood/Tuckers's Homeslice Trophy

11 Champion Junior Equitation 15-18 years inclusive – The BHPA Trophy

12 Champion Adult Equitation 19 years and Over – The BEF Trophy

13 Champion Working Hunter 15.2hh and Under – The Sully Sioux Buck Trophy

14 Champion Working Hunter over 15.2hh – The Hinson Hall Trophy

15 Champion Low Hunter Horse – The Happy Henry Trophy

16 Champion Limit Adult Equitation – The Share the Moment Trophy

17 Champion Open Working Hunter – The BEF Trophy

18 Champion Open Hunter – The Spicelands Trophy

19 Champion Low Hunter Pony – The Sandyl Salish Trophy

27 Champion Short Stirrup Equitation 12 years & Under – The Cinnamon Girl Trophy

PN1 Champion Pony Jumper not to exceed 0.75m (2'6") – The Jaeda & Starstruck Trophy

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PN2 Champion Pony Jumper not to exceed 0.85m (2'9") – The Tobias Trophy

P1 Champion Pony Jumper not to exceed 0.95m (3' 1") – The Roses Are Red Trophy

P2 Champion Pony Jumper not to exceed 1.00m (3' 3") – The BEF Trophy

P3 Champion Pony Jumper not to exceed 1.10m (3' 7") – The Shanhills Virginian Memorial Trophy

P4 Champion Pony Jumper not to exceed 1.15m (3' 9") - TBC

H1 Champion Horse Jumper not to exceed 0.95m (3' 1") – The Starstruck Trophy

H2 Champion Horse Jumper not to exceed 1.00m (3' 3") – The Catherine Hanson Memorial Trophy

H3 Champion Horse Jumper not to exceed 1.10 m 3' 7") – The Seaview Trophy

H4 Champion Horse Jumper not to exceed 1.15m (3' 9") – The Deepwood Sparkle Trophy

H5 Champion Horse Jumper not to exceed 1.25m (4' 1") – The Hemingway Memorial Trophy

H6 Champion Horse Jumper 1.15m (3' 9") and over – The Baum Family Cup

THE LITTLE ORVY TROPHY - CHAMPION HORSE JUMPER.

Only B.E.F. designated jumping classes will count towards the Little Orvy Trophy as well as the FEI World Jumping Challenge when applicable.

THE GRANTFIELD EPIC TROPHY - CHAMPION PONY JUMPER.

Only B.E.F. designated jumping classes will count towards the Little Orvy Trophy. Grantfield Epic Trophy.

THE SKIPPY AWARD - HIGH POINTS PONY.

To be awarded to the pony accumulating most points in a show season competing in BEF designated classes.

STABLE AWARD: Open to riding students and boarders of individual stables. Competitors must be members of, and horses/ponies must be registered with, the B.E.F. at the time of entry. Only B.E.F. designated classes to count. Points counted from 1st to 10th.

COACHES AWARD: Junior competitors only. Competitors and Coaches must be members of, and horses/ponies must be registered with the B.E.F. at the time of entry. Only B.E.F. designated classes to count. Points counted from 1st to 4th.

THE DECOSTA CONSTRUCTION LIMITED TROPHY - LEADING JUNIOR RIDER

Points to be accumulated for the overall points for a Junior rider competing on any horse or pony. Points will be awarded to the rider. Points counted from 1st to 10th.

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THE INWOOD TROPHY - LEADING ADULT RIDER

Points to be accumulated for overall points for the Adult rider competing on any horse. Points will be awarded to the rider. Points counted from 1st to 10th.

THE PEGASUS TROPHY

For juniors competing on ponies, points to be awarded to the rider not the pony

THE CHINA DOLL TROPHY

For the junior rider gaining the most points in show jumping riding the same horse

THE SHALIMAR TROPHY

For most points gained by a junior, 14 to 18 years, riding the same horse in all competitions. In Hand classes will not count

THE JENER ATIONS DEBUT TROPHY

For the horse with the most points overall

THE RAYMOND WHITE TROPHY

For the Horse/Pony/Rider gaining the most points overall

THE RICHFIELD TROPHY

This trophy to be awarded to the Horse/ Rider or Pony/ Rider combination with the most points attained in Dressage; Show Jumping and Combined Training. Only combinations who have competed in both the Dressage and Show Jumping disciplines during the year are eligible.

THE JUDY MONTGOMERY-MOORE MEMORIAL AWARD

For the best combined score of horse/rider combination in the FEI World Dressage Challenge & the CEA Mini Dressage Challenge in the Adult Division in the following tests. PSG, Advanced and Medium.

THE DEVONSHIRE DEPOT TROPHY

For the winner of the Advanced Dressage Test in the FEI World Dressage Challenge.

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Appendix II

BEF YEAR END AWARDS POINT CALCULATIONS & PROCESS

When a horse show offers classes or divisions intended to count towards BEF Year End Awards, the following process must be followed by horse show organisers to ensure that all points are recorded accurately and in a timely fashion. Failure to adhere to this policy may result in horse show points not being counted or accurately recorded.

1. SHOW SCHEDULES
 - a) Show schedules must have been approved by the BEF Rules Committee prior to the competition being held.
 - b) Formatting of schedules must have included BEF designator and a class description.
2. SHOW JUMPING CLASSES
 - a) Show Jumping Classes must have been run using the FEI Article and description outlined in the show schedule and/or quick reference guide. Exceptions to this rule may be made if class articles were changed as a result of weather or footing, and approved by a BEF representative.
3. SHOW RESULTS
 - a) Complete Show Results must be sent to the Points Secretary within one week (7 days) after the conclusion of the show and must include the Show Number of each participant, so that a check of the results can be made with the Judge's Cards.
 - b) In addition a numerical listing of horses and competitors must be provided to the Points Secretary
 - c) Results provided must show class number and description, place, name and number of horse or for equitation classes, name and number of rider.
 - d) BEF Designated classes must record results through 10th place where possible.
 - e) BEF Year End Points will not be given to competitors showing in classes where less than three horses competed. That said, Show Organizers may hold a class with less than 3 competitors if they choose and points may be counted within the show for show championships at the discretion of the Show Organizers.
4. JUDGES CARDS
 - a) Within one week (7 days) of the conclusion of a show, the Judge's cards must be scanned and sent via e-mail to the Points Secretary for all BEF Designated classes for scoring and recording purposes.
5. POINTS SECRETARY CONTACT INFORMATION
 - a) Where referenced above, the Points Secretary can be reached via email at mhshelleymello@gmail.com