

**It is the rider's responsibility to read the class specs and contact the show management if any questions remain prior to making their entries. It is not the show secretary's role to proof entries for eligibility. Riders and Trainers are responsible for the validity of their entries. Should an anomaly be brought forward IN A TIMELY MANNER to show management it will be investigated fully.**

**OPEN DIVISIONS** —\*\*Warm up rounds are unjudged, availability not guaranteed pending entries, and may be ridden by a trainer to be repeated by an amateur.

**Open Schooling Crossrails Hunter, Open Schooling 19"-2' Hunter**—Simple changes are acceptable, Fences may be trotted in and cantered out. Ponies may be ridden by an adult. Under saddle to W/T/Canter. Number of horses to canter at one time may be limited.

**Baby Green W/T Hunter, Training, Thoroughbred and Working Hunter** —horse or pony ridden by pro or amateur—open divisions. Fence heights noted on class schedule. Adults may ride ponies.

**Thoroughbred—Ridden by Ams/Pros.** For purposes of eligibility, a "Thoroughbred" is defined as any horse that has been registered with The Jockey Club, whether it has raced or not.

**AMATEUR DIVISIONS** - *Up for an under saddle challenge in 2026? Try the new Field Hunter Pleasure Division!!!*

**Jr/Amateur Rider**— Fences 2' w/small walls and gates. Rider not to have jumped over 2' in a show, no cross entry into Short/Long Stirrups. May enter Pleasure, Baby Green, Open Schooling divisions, and Jumper classes up to 2'. High Points split by Hunter and Equitation.

**Modified Rider Hunter/Eq**—Fences 2'3" w/walls and gates. Rider not to have jumped over 2'6". Rider may not compete in Low and Modified in the same show. High Points split by Hunter and Equitation.

**Low Children's/Adult Hunter/Eq**—2'6". horse or pony ridden by adults or juniors of amateur status who have never jumped over 3' at a show, no cross entry to Children's/Adult @ 2'9" or 3'. Separate high point and yr end awards for hunter and eq. Pending entries received, may be split Children's and Adults. **If the div is offered as combined Hi/Lo Ch/Ad 10 show days during the show year, the year end award will be combined.**

**High Children's/Adult Hunter @ 2'9", and 3'**— ridden by adults or juniors of amateur status, no cross entry to Low Children's. Division may be combined or separated at shows per entries, Separate high pt for hunter and eq, **If the division is offered as combined Hi/Lo Ch/Ad 10 show days during the show year, the year end award will be combined.**

**REMEMBER! Year End Champ/Reserve awards with ribbons through 3rd place go to the top 3 Equitation Medal and Classic Riders each year at the Annual Awards Gala!!**

**NOVICE DIVISIONS—RIBBONS AWARDED THROUGH 10TH EACH SHOW.**

**Walk Division**—open to young riders and Para Equestrian riders who are not able to walk and trot by themselves around the show arena. No riders under age 4 allowed and riders must be able to remain upright and ride unassisted with both hands on the reins. HSITP encourages trainers and/or assistants to be present in the arena during the class. Riders are not on a lead, except for Walk Trot Leadline. Judged on Equitation, Pleasure, Hunter Type. Walk Trot Leadline requires the rider to be led in a 20m circle at the trot around the arena, demonstrating their ability to post and maintain control of the reins. Periodically throughout the show year the fourth class in the division may be an Obstacle Course Challenge. *Walk classes' points are reported by rider and rider may ride any horse or pony throughout the show year.*

**Walk Trot Flat and Walk Trot Equitation Crossrails Divisions** – Initially listed as All Ages, however per entries each show may be split by 2 age groups; 9 & under and 10 and up, the rider's age calculated on the basis of what age they were January 1 of the show year. (Jan—December). Rider never to have cantered in a horse show. Once the rider canters in a group at a show, they are no longer eligible for the Walk Trot Division. Riders may however cross enter into Beginner Walk Trot Canter division as well as Baby Green W/T Crossrails, Walk Trot Ground Poles and Walk Trot Crossrails as well as in the Ground Pole & Crossrails jumper divisions as long as they are trotting. *W/Trot classes' points are reported by rider and rider may ride any horse or pony throughout the show year.*

**W/T Equitation Ground Poles**...Riders to demonstrate their skills over the same courses as the W/T Crossrails div however over poles on the ground. Great warm up or segway into learning courses...**THIS DIVISION IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR YEAR END AWARD.**

**Beginner Walk Trot Canter 1 or 2 @ Time.** For the novice rider who has not cantered in a group at a show Walk Trotters may cross enter.

**Novice Crossrails Rider**—Riders of all ages who have shown 2 years or less. This division may also be ridden by experienced older amateur riders who are returning to the show ring after a significant absence & need confidence and mileage before moving up. No cross entry of rider with W/T divisions or Short/Long Stirrups. Year end Points based on the rider. May cross enter into Beginner Rider 12" Vertical, Open Schooling Crossrails, Pleasure classes or Ground Pole & Crossrail Jumpers. Will WTC as a group. Simple changes allowed. *Points are reported by rider and rider may ride any horse or pony throughout the show year.*

**Beginner Rider**—Any age rider who has not jumped over 18". Cross entry into Novice X Rails allowed. Simple Vertical Pole over flower boxes.

**Short/Long Stirrups Rider**—Initially listed as All Ages, however per entries each show may be split by 2 age groups; 11 & under and 12 and up, & the rider's age calculated on the basis of what age they were January 1 of the show year. (Jan—December). Riders to W/T/C on the flat, canter simple verticals and flower boxes with or without gates at 18"-21". *Simple changes allowed.* Riders not to have jumped fences over 2' at a show., however no cross entry between Short/Long and Jr. Amateur divisions. High Points split by Hunter and Equitation. Rider may cross enter into Pleasure, Schooling Hunter @ 18", Open Schooling Crossrails, Jumper classes 18" and under. Short/Long hunter and equitation *classes' points are reported by rider and rider may ride any horse or pony throughout the show year.*

**\*\*The progression of rider entries in Hunters/Equitation over a period of time usually goes Walk Trot, Short Stirrups, Jr./Amateur Rider, Low Children's /Adult and lastly, High Children's /Adult. Once a rider has moved up into another fence height or division such as Short/Long Stirrups into Jr./Amateur, it is not appropriate to move backwards ie; show again in Short/Long Stirrups unless for valid safety reasons upon application in the show office.**



## **JUMPER SPECIFICATIONS—in 2026 Ribbons awarded through 10th in divisions Ground Pole—2'!!!**

There are normally 3 courses posted each day, the Black course-the Red Course and a 3rd Course which may also be used for the Classic round unless specified otherwise. Courses are generally 6-19 jumping efforts each, with a maximum of one combination 2'3" and above. Oxers start at 2'3". Divisions 2' and below are judged on the basis of Optimum Time, which is calculated at 350mpm (cantering). Look for a posting on the course board and in the program booklet for how Optimum Time is calculated.

\*\*The judge has the discretion of levying an 8 second time penalty for riders demonstrating excessive and dangerous speed. Any such rider will be counseled as such by the judge following the round. Accuracy and control wins the class!!

Daily High Points are calculated on placings within a division for all classes .70m and below. For .80 & above, high points are calculated over the weekend's classes at the respective fence height.

Polo shirt, boots/breeches are acceptable ring attire for all jumper classes including Classics. Jackets may be worn however, at the discretion of the exhibitor.

Adults may ride ponies in the Pony Jumper division.

The Ground Poles, Crossrails and Novice Jumper classes are for green, inexperienced riders, experienced riders seeking confidence to return to the show arena and/or green horses and ponies. It is not appropriate to use these classes as a warm up for higher fence heights over 2' unless showing 2' and then 2'3".

All Open classes may be ridden by professionals or amateurs, however all Children's/Adult Jumper Classes are to be ridden by amateurs

At 2' and below, year end award eligibility is based on the rider, no matter what horse/pony they ride.

At any point during the show year, An Equitation Division and/or Medal may be moved to the Jumper arena.

### **HSITP DIVISIONAL YEAR END HIGH POINT AWARDS:**

Highest point earners in HSITP DIVISIONS will be eligible to receive a Year End Champion and Reserve award and six ribbons provided they have shown in their division **at least 10 times** during the show year (**the 2026 show year has approx. 22 show days**) If a rider should show and not place in the class, it will count as a show day and noted on the points spreadsheet. Classics and Medals year end award eligibility is based upon showing half the # of times that Classic or Medal was offered during the year. **Ties are broken by the most show days shown or the most points earned over fences.** Year End Awards in 2026 may be Large Trophies, Coolers/Scrims/Saddle Pads/Embroidered Items and Engraved Wood, Glass and Silver Awards...

### **2026 OVERALL HSITP YEAR END AWARDS**

**R. Carrington Aylor Perpetual High Point Hunter Award**—a stunning engraved bronze inscribed with the horse and owner's name of the hunter with the most points earned in hunter divisions 2' and over and *including* all Hunter Classics and Derbies and special feature Hunter Classes during the show year. Award is housed in the glass case at Grand Oaks with significant keepsake award to Champion and Reserve with 8 Ribbons to our high point hunters. Derbies/special designated hunter classics to count.

**High Point Jumper Award**—This engraved marble award is inscribed with the owner's and horse's name who has earned the most points during the show year in any jumper class 2' or higher. Award is housed in the glass case at Grand Oaks and significant keepsake award to Champion/Reserve with 8 Ribbons to our high point jumpers.

**The Amateur High Point Junior (17 & Under) and Adult (18 & Over) Rider of the Year**— **TWO** significant awards provided to the amateur riders in each age category who have earned the most points in all classes entered with any horse or pony **excluding** divisions 21" and under. Award to Champion and Reserve, 8 ribbons awarded in each category

**The High Point Trainer of the Year**—provided to the Trainer whose riders have earned the most points in all arenas.

**The "Weston Cup"** is a large silver cup engraved with the name and owner of the horse or pony who has the highest cumulative points collected during the show year in the Saturday Hunter Derbies at Grand Oaks, special Feature Hunter Derbies in May and the Nutt Memorial Derby. Award to be housed in the glass case in Grand Oaks's Bistro. Embroidered Chair or engraved award to Champion, Saddle pad to reserve. In 2026, placings will extend to 8th place.

**The "Deborah K. Clifton Memorial Award"** is a wonderful bronze on base award to commemorate the memory of one of our most treasured riders we lost in 2023. Those who compete in the Memorial class on Sunday at Grand Oaks are eligible to win this Perpetual award will be allowed to take the award for a period of one year, returning it at the December 6 show. Year end award ribbons provided to 6th place for this award.

**The Kimberden Cup and High Point Equitation Riders**—Engraved or embroidered Award to winner, with Reserve award and 8 ribbons—provided to the highest points earned in Equitation at 2' and higher during the show year. Winning Rider's name inscribed on Perpetual base and trophy housed in the awards case at Grand Oaks.

**The Hunt Country High Point Thoroughbred Award** presented to the Year End High Point Champion horse **who has the most points of any Thoroughbred in the show series, including competition in all arenas**, Horse and Owner's name to be placed permanently on the award in the awards case at Grand Oaks. Embroidered Chair to Champion, Saddle Pad to Reserve for year end.

**Would you or your barn or business like to sponsor a year end award? Please contact Jeanne at 321-693-5551 !!!!**



## CALCULATION OF DAILY HIGH POINT CHAMPION AND RESERVE

Points are calculated for High Point and Reserve each day unless specifically stated in the program booklet, provided there are a minimum of 3 competitors in the division. Points are awarded as 7 for First place, 5 for Second place, 4 for Third place, 3 for Fourth place, 2 for Fifth place and 1 for sixth place. There are no additional points awarded for Champion or Reserve. **In Hunter or Equitation divisions, the rider must have entered and competed in the Under Saddle or Flat class to be eligible for High Point award.** Ties for Champion and Reserve are normally broken by the # of points over fences. Occasionally in jumpers duplicate ribbons may be provided. Jumpers 2'6" and above high points are calculated on the basis of participation over Saturday and Sunday's show days.

## CALCULATION and REPORTING OF POINTS STANDINGS FOR YEAR END AWARD

A rider or horse's points will be posted on the Standings page at [horseshowsinthepark.com](http://horseshowsinthepark.com) within one week of each show. It is the rider's responsibility to review those points on a consistent basis to ensure accuracy and report any anomalies to show management at [wittyshowsec@earthlink.net](mailto:wittyshowsec@earthlink.net) being as specific as possible ie; division, name, missing or incorrect points. The horseshow software tool used to report entries and results is [horseshowtime.com](http://horseshowtime.com) and by using their search feature it's easy to bring down the placings for each horse and/or rider during the show year. Please do not wait until the week before the awards banquet to report points issues—monitor them throughout the year and bring issues forward in a timely manner.

## YEAR END AWARD FOR CLASSICS AND/OR MEDALS, SEMF and Marshall & Sterling "The League" Qualification for award:

Each Classic or Medal is eligible for HSITP year end award Grand, Reserve and 3rd place at the Year End Awards Banquet. In addition, all Medals and Classics are Southeast Medal Finals (SEMF) Qualifiers for their SEMF Finals in September each year, per their own specifications. SEMF recognizes HSITP results as reported in [horseshowtime.com](http://horseshowtime.com) for use in qualifying for entry into the SEMF finals in September.

***NEW in 2026 HSITP is offering selected HITS Marshall & Sterling Classics and Medals*** to aid in qualifying for their year end Regional Finals in various categories to be offered at Ocala HITS in October 2026. Marshall and Sterling membership is required by the rider for points to be eligible and reported on the Marshall & Sterling HITS website. An application for membership will be listed on the [horseshowsinthepark.com](http://horseshowsinthepark.com) website for the rider's submittal to Marshall & Sterling. As this becomes more popular, HSITP is open to offering more qualifying classes and opportunities for Marshall & Sterling riders; please work with show management to understand what can be offered and potentially added to our class offering. Each HSITP show day is considered a separate show, and as a result often we are able to offer two opportunities for M Sterling points in one weekend. In our show's past we have qualified and created a number of ponies and horses listed in the M Sterling top 5 in the nation and they've gone on to compete in the Saugerties Finals...we're looking forward to their new Regional Finals to be provided right here in October 2026 in Ocala, Florida!