

## January 2019 - Rules Committee

### **1202. A: Extraordinary Rule Change effective immediately:**

Annually, prior to their first competition, an eligible student must apply for membership on the official IHSA Individual Membership form, to indicate participation in Hunter Seat, Western, or both disciplines. The application must be signed by that individual and must be filed with the President College of the Region. It must include an individual membership fee of \$45 for Hunter Seat or \$45 for Western or \$65 if both disciplines are applied for at the same time, and must be received by the National Treasurer. See Rule 2302-C. Memberships are non-refundable.

### **Rule 7101B: Extraordinary rule change effective immediately**

Points for Hunter Seat and Western Nationals Team Placing

1 <sup>st</sup> place – 10 points	2 <sup>nd</sup> place – 8 points	3 <sup>rd</sup> place – 7 points
4 <sup>th</sup> place – 6 points	5 <sup>th</sup> place – 5 points	6 <sup>th</sup> place – 4 points
7 <sup>th</sup> place – 3 points	8 <sup>th</sup> place – 2 points	9 <sup>th</sup> place – 1 point
10 <sup>th</sup> place – ½ point		

## **Rule Changes Effective August 1, 2019**

### **Rule 1102: H**

Proof of safe sport education must be provided to the regional president prior to the first competition date of each academic year.

### **Rule 1102.I:**

Proof of concussion awareness education must be provided to the regional president prior to the first competition date of each academic year.

### **Rule 1102.J:**

An individual whose name appears on any suspension or banned list of Safe Sport will be ineligible to participate in IHSA sanctioned activities.

### **Rule 1201:**

A rider will be eligible for the number of regular terms equivalent to four calendar years. A rider's eligibility time starts with their initial completion of the online individual membership form, and must be completed within a five-year total period. A student entering active military duty will have the five-year period extended for the length of that military duty. *Students with extenuating circumstances may appeal to the National Steward. (Exceptions: A and B to follow as in current rules)*

### **Rule 2302:**

Keep accurate records of all points earned by individuals and teams, and have totals on hand at show. *All shows must be scored within a 14 day period in the order in which they were conducted.*

### **Rule 4311:**

*Riders must display a number in a clearly visible manner. Once the class is called to order riders with no number displayed will be eliminated.*

### **Rule 4312:**

*Riders must ride in their assigned class/sections. Riders entering the ring in an incorrect class or section will be eliminated once the class is called to order.*

**Rule 4501:**

Drawings will be by lot from the pool of designated horses. There must be at least one designated alternate. *Riders must ride the horse drawn for them unless changed by a majority decision of the stewards to the designated alternate.* The draw shall be held at least twenty minutes prior to the start of each class. Announcement of the draw must precede it by ten minutes.

**Rule 4702B:**

Spurs provided by the horse provider are permitted in Hunter Seat in Advanced Walk, Trot, Canter, Novice, Alumni, Intermediate and Open. It is up to each horse provider to determine if they will allow spurs to be used on their horse. Spurs are allowed in Western Horsemanship in Intermediate II, Novice, Alumni, and Advanced Western Horsemanship where non-roweled ball spurs are permitted when recommended by horse provider or their designee and approved by the show management. In addition to ball spurs, roweled spurs will be allowed in Open and Add: *Alumni Horsemanship classes* and Open and Alumni Reining on the advice of the horse provider. Roweled spurs must not be "rock grinders" and must be Steward approved before the class. It is up to each horse provider to determine if they will allow spurs to be used on their horse. It is recommended that Western exhibitors provide their own non-roweled spurs.

**Rule 5303.5:**

Stewards' powers include but are not restricted to:

- A. Permit re-rides, under specific conditions, as agreed upon by the Show and Stable Management. *This requires a majority decision by the stewards.*
- B. Determine, under extenuating circumstances or extreme unfairness to one or more exhibitors, if a class should be rerun. *This requires a majority decision by the stewards.*
- C. Determine the suitability of rider to horse, and horse to class level. *This requires a majority decision by the stewards.*
- D. Stop a class in the event a horse or rider should be considered unsafe.

**Rule 7302D:**

Point riders must be registered with the score keeper or secretary *and an official point rider card must be received* prior to the first draw. *In the event of a discrepancy on the point card, the rider's name will take precedence.* Teams who fail to register point riders prior to the first draw shall have the first 8 eligible riders for the Hunter Seat and the first 6 eligible riders Western Horsemanship listed in the program in the class list designated by the show as point riders.

**Rule 7501:**

A. Aggregate point totals earned by riders in Classes 7 and 8 for Hunter Seat, and Classes 15 and 16 for Western Horsemanship shall be kept to determine the Regional High Point Rider in each discipline. ~~In order for the Hunter Seat Regional High Point Rider to advance to Zones or Nationals, they must also qualify for Regionals as an individual in Class 8, Open Fences. The Hunter Seat Regional High Point Rider is the only rider eligible to represent their Region in the USEF/Cacchione Cup Qualifying Class at their Zone Finals and no other rider shall be substituted. If the Hunter Seat Regional High Point rider has earned the most points without qualifying in Class 8 Open Fences, the next highest earning point rider will represent the Region as long as they have qualified in Open Fences and have earned more than 56 points in their aggregate total.~~ Points transferred from another region will not count toward Regional High Point Rider. In the event of a tie, there will be a ride-off at the Regional Horse Show to determine the High Point and Reserve High Point Rider.

**Rule 7702 A:**

Only the top three Regional High Point Riders from each Zone USEF/Cacchione Cup Qualifying class are eligible to compete at Nationals. ~~In order to ride in the Cacchione Cup at Zones and Nationals, the Regional High Point rider must also have qualified for the Regional Finals as an individual in Class 8, Open Fences.~~

**Rule 7703 D:**

Riders chosen to compete in the National Team competition may also be those who have qualified in the Individual National Finals classes, but those riders must compete at their current IHSA levels. *A rider in team classes 1-6 and 11-14 has two years of eligibility in the same team class at the National Horse Show.*

**Rule 8102 A.3:**

*IEA riders that have placed in 1-10 in Open Fences in team or individual classes or in the Varsity Open Championship at IEA National Finals must be placed at minimum in Novices Fences.*

**8101C:**

A hunter seat equitation class is any class that is judged on hunter seat equitation specifically. *A class must have a minimum of three competitors to count as a win in recognized competition. Equitation on the flat classes that do not require the rider to canter do not count as a win in recognized competition.*

**Rule 8202:**

Class Description

Class 1 ~~Walk Trot~~ **Introductory** Equitation

Open to beginners as described in 8102 A.1. ~~Walk Trot~~ **Introductory** riders ...

Class 2 ~~Walk Trot Canter~~ **Pre-Novice** Equitation.

Class 2A. ~~Walk Trot Canter~~ **Pre-Novice** Equitation

Open to riders who have earned 36 points in Class 1, or new riders as described in 8102 A.2. ...

Class 2B. ~~Walk Trot Canter~~ **Novice** Equitation

Open to riders who have earned 18 points in Class 2A....

Class 3 **Novice Limit** Equitation on the Flat.

Open to riders who have earned 36 points in Class 2... necessarily qualify a rider for Class 4.

Class 4 **Novice Limit** Equitation over Fences.

**Rule 9102:**

1. **Beginner** riders are those who have had no more than 24 weeks of mounted instruction
2. ~~Intermediate I Rookie a~~ **Intermediate I Rookie a** riders for class 12A are those who have had more than 24 weeks of mounted instruction and who have not competed in a mounted competition that required them to lope or canter. Once the **Intermediate I Rookie a** rider has accumulated 18 points, s/he must move to **Intermediate II Rookie b**. **Intermediate II Rookie 1b** riders for class 12B are those who have competed in non-recognized competitions which required them to lope or canter.
3. **Novice Level I** Riders are those who have competed in recognized competitions. **Novice Level I** riders ...
4. ~~Advanced Riders Level II~~ **Level II** are those who have won more than 5 blue western horsemanship ribbons...

**Rule 9102.A:**

A. Western Horsemanship Riders

1. Beginner riders are those who have had no more than 24 weeks of mounted instruction and who have not competed in a mounted competition which required them to canter or lope. Beginner riders have two years of eligibility starting with their initial completion of the online individual membership form.
2. **Intermediate I** riders for class 12A are those who have had more than 24 weeks of mounted instruction. *Excluding games or speed events, Intermediate I riders* have not competed in a mounted competition that required them to lope or canter. Once the **Intermediate I** rider has accumulated 18

points, s/he must move to Intermediate II. Intermediate II riders for class 12B are those who have competed in non-recognized competitions which required them to lope or canter *excluding games or speed events.*

3. Novice Riders for class 13 *may have competed in recognized competitions; have placed in the top 5 at State, Inter-State, or National 4-H, or any high school equestrian association during Junior or Senior years, in Western Horsemanship or Reining.* Novice riders may not have earned more than 25 points from any breed association in western classes excluding roping, games, halter, showmanship, novice/LI/green classes, or non-lopng classes.
4. Advanced Riders for class 14 are those who have won more than 5 blue Western Horsemanship ribbons in classes of five or more in recognized competition, *or competed at a high school equestrian National Finals in the highest level of Horsemanship or Reining on a random draw;* or have earned 26 or more points from any breed association in Western scored pattern classes excluding roping, games, halter, showmanship, or *novice/LI/green classes.* ~~Advanced riders are those who have competed in AQHA/APHA/NRHA World Championship~~ *have finished in the year-end top three in state affiliate of AQHA/APHA/NRHA/NRCHA/NSBA association or any non-gaited breed association in a scored Western pattern class excluding roping, games, halter, showmanship, or novice/LI, or green classes; or finished as a finalist (top 15) in a AQHA/APHA/NRHA/NRCHA and NSBA World/Congress championship excluding roping, games, halter, showmanship, or novice/LI, or green classes.*
5. *Open riders for class 15 are those who have finished in top 5 in ANY non-gaited breed National /World Championship in Western Horsemanship; or placed in the top 5 in a AQHA/APHA/NRHA/NSBA World/Congress Championship, Derby, or NRHA affiliate finals in a scored Western pattern class, excluding roping, games, halter, showmanship, or novice/LI, or green classes. Open riders are those who have competed on an NCEA (National Collegiate Equestrian Association) team. Reining riders must be classified as Open Horsemanship riders and have 6 months of professional reining instruction within the past year. The Regional President reserves the right to verify each rider's qualifications.*

### **Rule 9202:**

#### Class Descriptions

##### Class 16 Open Reining

Open to riders as described in 9102 A.5 with a skill equivalent to, and showing no lower than, Class 15. Riders start with 0 points each year. Open Reining riders must meet the qualifications of Open riders and have had 6 months of professional reining instruction within the past year. *The Regional President or Western Coordinator reserves the right to verify each rider's qualifications.* To be shown individually in a pre-assigned pattern per Rule 6404. Each show management may place appropriate constraints on the number of entries per team, to be determined by availability of horses, etc.; however, each Western show must make this class available to at least one point rider from each team.