



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE LEAGUE SPONSORED BY MARSHALL & STERLING INSURANCE?

The League was first established as the Marshall & Sterling Insurance League over 30 years ago. It was designed to encourage and enhance the competition level of Children and Adult riders by providing the opportunity to qualify for a prestigious National Finals competition. The League has stayed at the forefront of hunter/jumper competition, having grown from 10 member shows and approximately 100 riders in 1991, to approximately 1,000 horse shows and 1,500 riders today.

WHAT DIVISIONS COUNT?

The League will offer Finals in the following divisions:

HUNTERS	JUMPERS	EQUITATION
Children's Hunter Horse	Junior 1.15m Jumper Classic	Junior Medal
Children's Hunter S/M/L Pony	Adult 1.15m Jumper Classic	Children's Horse Medal
Adult Amateur Hunter	Junior 1.05m Jumper Classic	Adult Medal
Bit O' Straw Classic	Adult 1.05m Jumper Classic	Children's S/M Pony Medal
USHJA/Schooling 2' Hunter	Junior .90m Jumper Classic	Children's Large Pony Medal
USHJA/Schooling 2'6" Hunter	Adult .90m Jumper Classic	Children's 2'6" Medal
USHJA/Schooling 2'9" Hunter		Adult 2'6" Medal
Ch/Ad Low Hunter Classic		Jr/Amateur Horsemanship
Tiny Bit O' Hunter Derby 2'		
Bit O' Straw Hunter Derby 2'6"		

WHEN AND WHERE ARE THE NATIONAL FINALS HELD?

The National Finals will be held September 11-15, 2024, at HITS-on-the-Hudson, Saugerties, New York. Midwest Regional Finals will be held on September 11-15, 2024 at HITS Lamplight, Wayne, IL.

WHAT IS THE QUALIFYING PERIOD FOR THE FINALS?

The qualifying period for 2024 is August 28, 2023 – August 25, 2024.

HOW DO EXHIBITORS QUALIFY FOR THE FINALS?

Hunters and Jumpers:

Horses will qualify based on points earned in their division during the qualifying period. A horse's points will be recorded only if the rider of record is a current League Member. A horse may accrue points in any division for which it is eligible, and may accrue points in multiple divisions, with multiple riders, provided the rider of record is a current League Member.

Equitation:

Points follow the rider. Riders must be members for their points to count.

HOW ARE POINTS CALCULATED?

Awarded to the horse in Hunter and Jumper divisions, provided the rider is a League Member.

Points will be awarded to sixth place in each division in the same manner as Hunter Championships (i.e.; 10, 6, 4, 2, 1, ½). Points will be awarded on this scale regardless of the number of entries in the class. Points will be awarded according to the ribbon won. Bonus Points will be awarded to the Champion (10 pts.) and Reserve Champion (6 pts.) in each Hunter division, except the Bit O' Straw. Only horses shown by Member Riders will have their points recorded.

DO ALL EXHIBITORS NEED TO BECOME MEMBERS OF THE LEAGUE?

Riders must be members of The League presented by Marshall & Sterling Insurance for points to count. Points will not be retroactive. Non-members may compete but will not earn points.

HOW DOES A HORSE SHOW BECOME A MEMBER OF THE LEAGUE?

Show managers must complete a Show Application and Date Form to apply to The League presented by Marshall & Sterling Insurance. Applications must be made at least 30 days before each show. Applications are available through our office or may be downloaded from our website at HitsShows.com.

WHAT ARE THE FEES ASSOCIATED WITH BECOMING A MEMBER HORSE SHOW?

Three-Day+ Shows: Show Dues for shows of three days or more is a flat fee of \$250. One and Two-Day Shows: Show Dues is \$7 per entry in each point class, with a maximum fee of \$245.

WHAT CLASSES CAN BE OFFERED?

All horse shows may offer the following:

HUNTERS	JUMPERS	EQUITATION
Children's Hunter Horse	Junior 1.15m Jumper Classic	Junior Medal
Children's Hunter S/M/L Pony	Adult 1.15m Jumper Classic	Children's Horse Medal
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WHAT RESULTS DO I NEED TO SEND IN?

The horse show must submit class results showing places 1-6 for all classes, classics and medals listed above. A Championship Report must be sent in for Hunter divisions. Three must complete the course for points to count. Payment is due with results.

The League will be responsible for determining membership of riders for the purpose of recording points – the horse show does not need to separate members from non-members.

Results must be postmarked within 20 days and must include the names of Horse, Owner, Rider; their Addresses, and Prize Money Won, where applicable. If classes are combined (i.e., Children's/Adult), results must indicate in which section points are to be recorded.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF BEING A MEMBER HORSE SHOW?

Hunter/Jumper exhibitors are goal oriented. The opportunity to qualify to compete at an exclusive Finals event will drive an increase in exhibitor participation at member horse shows.

Horse shows will be assured of continued membership in The League if they renew their membership each season, or upon joining as a new member.

Member horse shows will be listed on the website as a League-Sanctioned Member Event on our "Upcoming Show Schedule" and will be highlighted on Social Media platforms throughout the season.

Member horse shows will have access to an updated mailing list of League members by zone upon request.

WHAT ARE THE MEMBER HORSE SHOW'S RESPONSIBILITIES?

- Follow the League specifications and rules.
- List all Sponsored divisions correctly, i.e. Adult Medal sponsored by Dover Saddlery™.
- Read title Sponsor PA Announcements during their sponsored class.
- Read a minimum of two League PA announcements during each day of the event.
- Publish two required ads in all prize lists located on our website under Show Managers.
- Furnish a prize list to The League Office.
- Submit results and payment within twenty (20) days of the conclusion of the event. Results should include horse names and owner, rider names and addresses.
- Return completed exhibitor membership applications to the League office.

WHERE CAN I FIND FURTHER INFORMATION?

Complete League specifications and rules are available on our website at HITSShows.com. Otherwise, contact the League Office at 845-246-8833 or email Patti@HITSShows.com.