

THE LEAGUE

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SPECIFICATIONS

General Specs, applicable to all League sanctioned classes:

- **Membership:** The Rider must be a League member for points to count. Any horse shown by a member rider will earn points in the class. Rider must become member within 10 days after the completion of a League show for points from that show to count. Points will not be retroactive. All League members must be United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) members (Fan, Subscriber, or Competing Member) and have a USEF number to compete at a League show.
- **Shows:** Member shows may offer League classes at no more than two shows in seven days.
- **Results Discrepancies:** Any discrepancy must be reported to The League within 30 days of posted results. Exhibitors are responsible for knowledge of the rules and regulations governing The League and for their own errors and omissions. Any questions that may arise will be decided by The League. All League decisions are final.
- **Prize Money for unrecognized shows (non-USEF rated shows):** Per USEF, total prize money for a League show (non-USEF) or League sanctioned classes at a USEF show must not exceed \$10,000 for hunters and \$10,000 for jumpers. Minimum Prize Money must be awarded as published in Prize List.
- **Class Eligibility:** Will be determined by show management.
- **Number of Entries:** In all League sanctioned classes, three riders must complete the course for points to count.
- **Qualifying Criteria for Finals:** Riders will qualify for equitation classes and horses will qualify for hunter and jumper classes based on points earned in their respective class 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 won in any division for which it is eligible and may accrue points won in multiple divisions, with multiple riders. Please refer to hunter, equitation, and jumper sections in this document for more information on points.
- **National & Zone Point Standings:** Riders and horses also accumulate points toward League national AND, new in 2025, zone point standings. Top 10 riders/horses will receive season end ribbons. Points for national and zone rankings are accumulated in the same manner as the qualification process for National Finals.
- **Results:** Must be received by The League via email within 21 days of the completion of the show in a standard USEF dat or CSV file format. If the show cannot produce these files, please contact TheLeague@HITSShows.com. The League cannot accept results sent via fax or mail. Results must include:
 - All class names must include "League" or "M&S" in order to be processed.
 - Class results for each of The League Classics, Derbies, or Medals.
 - Champion and Reserve results for each hunter division for calculation of bonus points.
 - Show Names of Horses; Names and Addresses of Riders, Owners and Trainers
 - Results must show Horse, Owner, Rider, Addresses, and Prize Money Won, where applicable.
 - When classes are combined, results must indicate in which section points are to be awarded.

Summary of Divisions Sanctioned by The League

HUNTERS	JUMPERS	EQUITATION
Children's Hunter Horse Classic (3'0")	Junior 1.10-1.15m Jumper Classic	Adult Medal (3'0") - Sponsored by Dover Saddlery™
Children's Hunter S/M/L Pony Classic (2'6" L / 2'0" S/M)	Adult 1.10-1.15m Jumper Classic	Children's Horse Medal (3'0") – Sponsored by Pyranha™
Adult Hunter Classic (3'0")	Junior/Adult Amateur 1.0-1.05m Jumper Classic	Adult Medal (2'6") – Sponsored by Sidelines Magazine
Bit O' Straw Hunter Classic (2'6")	Junior/Adult Amateur .90m Jumper Classic	Children's Medal (2'6") – Sponsored by Sidelines Magazine
Pre-Child/Adult Hunter Classic (2'0")	Intermediate Junior/Adult Amateur .80m Jumper Classic	Junior/Amateur Horsemanship Medal (3'3")
Low/Novice Children's Hunter Classic (2'6")	Tri-Level S/M/L Pony Jumper Classes or Classic (.70m/.80m/.90m)	Children's Large Pony Medal (2'6")
Low/Novice Adult Hunter Classic (2'6")	Itty Bitty .65m-.70m Jumper Classic	Children's S/M Pony Medal (2'0")
Tiny Bit O' Hunter Derby (2'0")		Pre-Child/Adult Medal (2'0")
Bit O' Straw Hunter Derby (2'6")		
Short/Long Stirrup Classic		
Lead Line		

HUNTER CLASSICS & DERBIES SPECIFICATIONS

GENERAL RULES:

- **Points:** Awarded to the horse, 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 (must have three entries complete the class). In the case of a combined class (i.e.: Children's/Adult Hunter), 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 class (not applicable for Bit o' Straw Hunter Classic). Only horses shown by Member Riders will have their points recorded.
- **Criteria:** A Hunter Classic must be offered for Children's Hunter, Adult Hunter, Low Children/Adult Hunter, and the Bit O' Straw Hunter Classic. The Bit O' Straw Hunter Classic must be held as a separate two-round classic (i.e., the first round may **not** be a designated class of a division). Three riders must complete the course for points to count. The rider need not be a member to compete, but only horses ridden by members will have their points recorded.
- **Combining Hunter Classics**
 - If there are fewer than 8 entries in either the Children's or Adult Hunter classic, the Classics may be combined at management's discretion. When fewer than 3 entries in either section, the classics **must** be combined. When the Classics are combined under these circumstances and prize money is offered, the prize money and entry fee may be the lower of the two published in the Prize List. Points will be awarded according to the ribbon won.

HUNTER CLASSIC or DERBY	SPECS	FENCE HEIGHT
Children's Hunter Horse Classic (3'0")	Open to Junior riders on horses. To be run as a two-round classic. Round one may be a designated over-fences class from the regular division. Classic can be run separately or combined with Ponies and/or Adult Hunters. Prize money is optional. Bonus points will be awarded to the division champion and reserve when applicable.	3'0"
Children's Hunter S/M/L Pony Classic (2'6" large / 2'0" small/medium)	Open to Junior riders on small, medium, or large ponies. To be run as a two-round classic. Round one may be a designated over-fences class from the regular division. A separate Classic may be run for Small/Medium and Large ponies. Classic can be run separately or combined with Children's Horse and/or Adult Hunters. Prize money is optional. Bonus points will be awarded to the division champion and reserve when applicable.	Large Pony: 2'6" Sm/Med Pony: 2'
Adult Hunter Classic (3'0")	Open to Adult Amateur riders on horses. To be run as a two-round classic. Round one may be a designated over-fences class from the regular division. Classic can be run separately or combined with Children's Hunter Horses and/or Ponies. Prize money is optional. Bonus points will be awarded to the division champion and reserve when applicable.	3'0"
Bit O' Straw Hunter Classic (2'6")	Open to Junior or Amateur riders. Two-round classic with option to do both rounds back-to-back. Fences 2'6". No cross entry of horse/pony or rider into The League's Children's Horse or Adult Hunter Classic. No cross entry of rider into any rated hunters or any class with fences of 3' or higher. Exception: Children's Pony, Low Children's, Low Adult or USHJA Hunter up to 2'6". Prize money is optional.	2'6"
Pre-Child/Adult Hunter Classic (2'0")	Two-Round Classic. May be conducted as a separate two-round classic or if offering a division, round one may be a designated over-fence class with a separate second round outside of the division. Open to Adult Amateur and Junior riders. No cross-entry of rider into any Rated Hunter section with the exception of Low Child Adult Hunter and USHJA Hunter up to 2'6". No cross-entry of horse/rider combination into any classes where fences exceed 2'6". Bonus points will be awarded to the division champion and reserve when applicable.	2'0"

Low/Novice Children's Hunter Classic (2'6")	Two-Round Classic. May be conducted as a separate two-round classic or if offering a division, round one may be a designated over-fence class with a separate second round outside of the division. Open to Junior riders on horses or ponies. No cross-entry of horse/rider combination into any classes where fences exceed 3'0". Bonus points will be awarded to the division champion and reserve when applicable. May be combined with Low Adult Hunter Classic.	2'6"
Low/Novice Adult Hunter Classic (2'6")	Two-Round Classic. May be conducted as a separate two-round classic or if offering a division, round one may be a designated over-fence class with a separate second round outside of the division. Open to Amateur riders on horses or ponies. No cross-entry of horse/rider combination into any classes where fences exceed 3'0". Bonus points will be awarded to the division champion and reserve when applicable. May be combined with Low Children's Hunter Classic.	2'6"
Tiny Bit O' Hunter Derby (2'0")	Two-round Classic. Fences 2' with 2'4" Options. Open to Junior and Amateur riders on Horses and Ponies exclusively at HITS Horse Shows. Horse/pony must have entered in two classes over fences at the same show. No cross entry of rider into any class with fences at 2'6" or higher. Round 1 Classic. Round 2 Handy.	2'0"
Bit O' Straw Hunter Derby (2'6")	Two-round Classic. Fences 2'6" with 2'9" Options. Open to Junior and Amateur riders on Horses or Ponies. Horse/pony must have entered in two classes over fences at the same show. No cross-entry of rider into any class with fences at 2'9" or higher. Round 1 Classic. Round 2 Handy.	2'6"
Short/Long Stirrup Classic	Two Round Classic. Fences 18 inches. Open to Junior and Amateur riders on Horses or Ponies. Horse/pony must have entered in two classes over fences at the same show. No cross-entry of rider into any class with fences at 2'0" or higher.	1'6"
Lead Line	To be judged on the manners and suitability of pony/horse to rider. Children riding in this class are not eligible to compete in any other class.	N/A

JUMPER CLASSICS SPECIFICATIONS

GENERAL RULES:

- **Points:** Points are awarded to the horse, provided the rider is a League Member. Points will be awarded to sixth place in each division in the same manner as Jumper 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 (must have three entries complete the class). In the case of a combined class (i.e., Junior/Adult Jumper), points will be awarded according to the ribbon won. Only horses shown by Member Riders will have their points recorded.
- **Criteria:** A Classic must be offered for all Junior and Adult High, Low and Modified Jumpers. Prize money is required for the Junior and Adult Jumper High Classics (See table above). Prize money is recommended yet optional for Junior and Adult Jumper Low and Modified Classics.
- **Prize Money:** Is required for the Junior and Adult 1.10-1.15m Jumper Classics (See table below). Prize money is recommended yet optional for the 1.0m-1.05m and .90m Classics.
- **Combining Jumper Classics:** It is suggested that separate classics be offered for High Junior and Adult Jumpers with minimum prize money of \$1,000 for each classic. A combined Junior/Adult Jumper Classic may be offered with minimum prize money of \$1,500. The Junior and Adult Amateur Jumper Classics may be combined if there are fewer than 20 entries in either Classic or less than 30 entries combined. The Classics must be combined if there are less than three entries in either section. When the Classics are combined under these circumstances, the prize money and entry fee may be the lower of the two published in Prize List. Points are awarded according to the ribbon won.

JUMPER CLASSICS	SPECS	FENCE HEIGHT	MINIMUM PRIZE MONEY for 1 & 2-day shows	MINIMUM PRIZE MONEY for 3-day+ shows
Junior 1.10-1.15m Jumper Classic	Fences 1.10m – 1.15m - Open to Junior and Adult Amateur riders. The horse must have entered at least one other Jumper class at the same show. No cross entry into the 1.05m or the .90m Jumpers. Bonus points will be awarded to the division champion and reserve when applicable.	1.10m-1.15m	\$250 (\$500 for combined classic)	\$1,000 (\$1,500 for combined classic)
Adult 1.10-1.15m Jumper Classic	Fences 1.10m – 1.15m - Open to Junior and Adult Amateur riders. The horse must have entered at least one other Jumper class at the same show. No cross entry into the 1.05m or the .90m Jumpers. Bonus points will be awarded to the division champion and reserve when applicable.	1.10m-1.15m	\$250 (\$500 for combined classic)	\$1,000 (\$1,500 for combined classic)
Junior/Adult Amateur 1.0-1.05m Jumper Classic	Fences 1.0m – 1.05m - Open to Junior or Adult Amateur riders. The horse must have shown in at least one other Jumper Class at the same show. No cross-entry into the 1.15m or .90m Jumper Classic at the same show. Bonus points will be awarded to the division champion and reserve when applicable.	1.0m-1.05m	Optional	Optional
Junior/Adult Amateur .90m Jumper Classic	Fences .90m - Open to Junior or Amateur Adult riders. The horse must have shown in at least one other Jumper Class at the same show. Horse/Rider combination may only compete in one Jumper Classic at the same show. Bonus points will be awarded to the division champion and reserve when applicable.	1.0m-1.05m	Optional	Optional

Intermediate Junior/Adult Amateur .80m Jumper Classic	Horse/Rider combination must have entered in at least one other jumper class at the show and may not show in any class with fences 1.0m or higher. Table II.2.a/b. 0.80m. Bonus points will be awarded to the division champion and reserve when applicable.	0.80m	Optional	Optional
Itty Bitty .60m-.70m Jumper Classic	Jumps not to exceed 0.70m. Open to all horses and ponies, Junior and Amateur riders. Courses will not include oxers or combinations. Prior to competing in Itty Bitty Jumper, riders may not cross entry into classes exceeding .90m in height at the same competition. Riders may move up to compete in classes with higher heights at the same competition but will no longer be eligible to compete in the division for the remainder of the competition. Bonus points will be awarded to the division champion and reserve when applicable.	0.60m-0.70m	Optional	Optional
Tri-Level S/M/L Pony Jumper Classic (.70m/.80m/.90m)	Open to Small, Medium and Large ponies with fence heights to be as follows: Small .70m, Medium .80m and Large .90m. Courses will not include combinations If a Classic is not offered, points may be accrued in Tri-Level Pony Jumper classes offered. Ponies may not cross enter into Itty Bitty Jumper Classic. Bonus points will be awarded to the division champion and reserve when applicable.	S/M/L: 0.70m/ 0.80m/ 0.90m	Optional	Optional

EQUITATION MEDALS SPECIFICATIONS

GENERAL:

- **Qualifying Criteria:** Riders will be ranked in the Standings based on points earned throughout the current season. The rider must be a member for points to count. Riders may compete in one Medal section only. All Medal riders may compete in the Jr/Am Horsemanship at 3'3".
- **Points:** Awarded to the rider, provided the rider is a League member. Points will be awarded to sixth place 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. **Three riders must complete the course in order for points to count.**
- **Special Circumstances** - The League Children's Medals: Separate Finals for Horses and Ponies will be offered. Points will be tabulated separately. Shows are encouraged to offer separate qualifying classes, but may, at their discretion, offer a combined class if entries and scheduling warrant. If a combined class is offered, fence heights and combinations must be adjusted for ponies. Results must distinguish between horses and ponies and must categorize the size (S/M/L) of the pony. Points will be awarded according to the ribbon won.

EQUITATION MEDALS	SPECS	FENCE HEIGHT
Adult Medal (3'0") Sponsored by Dover Saddlery™	Open to Adult Amateur Riders. To be shown over minimum of 8 fences at 3' including a combination and at least two changes of direction after the first fence. Two or more tests of the top four competitors are required. The same horse must be used in all phases. Only one rider per horse. Three riders must complete the course for points to count. May be combined with Child Horse and/or Pony Medal.	3'0"
Children's Horse Medal (3'0") Sponsored by Pyranha™	Open to Junior Riders on horses that are not competing in any Hunter or Equitation class in which the fences exceed 3'3". To be shown over a minimum of 8 fences at 3' including a combination and at least two changes of direction after the first fence. Two or more tests of the top four competitors are required. The same horse must be used in all phases. Only one rider per horse. Three riders must complete the course for points to count. No cross-entry of rider into the The League Children's Pony Medal at the same show. May be combined with Adult 3'0" and/or Pony Medal.	3'0"
Adult 2'6" Medal – Sponsored by Sidelines Magazine	Open to Adult Amateur Riders who are not competing at the same show in any class with fences exceeding 3'. To be shown over a minimum of 8 fences at 2'6" including at least two changes of direction after the first fence. Two or more tests of the top four competitors are required. The same horse must be used in all phases. Only one rider per horse. Three riders must complete the course for points to count. May ONLY be combined with The League Children's 2'6" Medal.	2'6"
Children's 2'6" Medal – Sponsored by Sidelines Magazine	Open to Junior Riders on horses or ponies that are not competing at the same show in any class with fences exceeding 3'. To be shown over a minimum of 8 fences at the required height including at least two changes of direction after the first fence. Two or more tests of the top four competitors are required. The same horse must be used in all phases. Only one rider per horse. Three riders must complete the course for points to count. No cross-entry of rider into The League Children's Pony Medal at the same show. May ONLY be combined with The League Adult 2'6" Medal.	2'6"
Junior/Amateur Horsemanship Medal (3'3")	Open to Juniors and Amateurs. No cross-entry restrictions. To be shown over a minimum of 8 fences including at least one combination (a double and a triple are preferred) and two changes of direction after the first fence. At least 12 riders, if available, return to show on the flat. Flat phase to include the working walk, trot sitting, trot rising, showing a lengthening of stride,	3'3"

	working canter, working canter showing a lengthening of stride, and the counter canter (no more than 12 to counter canter at the same time). The same horse must be used in all phases. Riders may cross-enter into one Medal section. Running martingale or standing martingale allowed in the jumping phase. No martingales allowed in the flat phase. Change of bridle is permissible between phases.	
Children's Large Pony Medal (2'6") & Children's S/M Pony Medal (2'0")	<p>Open to Junior Riders on ponies that are not competing at the same show in any class with fences at 3' or higher. To be shown over a minimum of 8 fences at the required height with at least two changes of direction after the first fence. Two or more tests of the top four competitors are required. The same pony must be used in all phases. Only one rider per pony. (Riders may not ride in more than one height section of the class.) Three riders must complete the course for points to count. No cross-entry of rider into the Pyranha™ Children's Horse Medal or Children's 2'6" Medal at the same show. May be combined with The League Children's Horse Medal and/or The League Adult Medal.</p> <p><i>*Fence heights are suggested and should be used whenever possible. If Children's Pony specs. differ, show management may offer fence heights according to those specifications.</i></p>	Large: 2'6"; Small/Medium: 2'0"
Pre-Child/Adult Medal (2'0")	Open to Adult Amateur and Junior Riders who are not competing at the same show in any class with fences exceeding 2'6". To be shown over a minimum of 8 fences at 2' including at least two changes of direction after the first fence. Two or more tests of the top four competitors are required. The same horse must be used in all phases. Only one rider per horse or pony. Three riders must complete the course for points to count. May not be combined with another class.	2'0"