



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### WHAT IS THE LEAGUE PRESENTED BY MARSHALL & STERLING INSURANCE?

The League was first established as the Marshall & Sterling Insurance League over 35 years ago. It was designed to encourage and enhance the competition level of Junior 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 offers Finals, National Point Standings, and Zone Point Standings in the following classes:

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" large / 2'0" small/medium)	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 2'6" Medal Sponsored by Sidelines Magazine™
Bit O' Straw Hunter Classic (2'6")	Junior/Adult Amateur .90m Jumper Classic	Children's 2' 6" Medal 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")	Itty Bitty .65m Jumper Classic	Children's Large Pony Medal (2'6")
Low/Novice Adult Hunter Classic (2'6")	Tri-Level S/M/L Pony Jumper Classic (.70m/.80m/.90m)	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")		

### WHEN AND WHERE ARE THE NATIONAL FINALS HELD?

The National Finals will be held September 9-13, 2026, at HITS Hudson Valley, Saugerties, New York.

### WHAT IS THE QUALIFYING PERIOD FOR THE FINALS?

The qualifying period for 2025-2026 is August 25, 2025 – August 26, 2026.

## **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.

**NATIONAL & ZONE POINT STANDINGS:** Riders and horses also accumulate points toward 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.

For further clarity on zone standings, The League presented by Marshall & Sterling utilizes the zones as defined by USEF and USHJA. League member riders earn points for their respective zone. For those classes in which horses accumulate points, zone points will be attributed to the League member rider associated with the horse.

## **HOW ARE POINTS CALCULATED?**

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

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 and Jumper division. 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 and USEF 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 here: [The League Presented by Marshall & Sterling Insurance](#)

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

Show dues have been waived for the 2024-2025 qualifying period.

## WHAT CLASSES CAN BE OFFERED?

All horse shows may offer the following:

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		

## WHAT RESULTS DO I NEED TO SEND IN?

The horse show must submit class results directly via Ring Radar or via email to [TheLeague@HITSShows.com](mailto:TheLeague@HITSShows.com) for showing places 1-6 for all classics, derbies, and medals listed above. A Championship Report must be sent in for Hunter divisions. Three must complete the course for points to count.

All class names must include "League" or "M&S" in Results files in order to be processed.

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 submitted via mail or fax will not be processed. Results 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/Equitation 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 directly to Ring Radar or via email to League representatives and payment within twenty (20) days of the conclusion of the event. Results should include horse names and owner, rider names, USEF numbers, and addresses.
- Return completed exhibitor membership applications via email to League representatives.

**WHERE CAN I FIND FURTHER INFORMATION?**

Complete League specifications and rules are available on the HITS LLC website at [The League Presented by Marshall & Sterling Insurance](#).

Otherwise, contact The League team via email at [TheLeague@HITSShows.com](mailto:TheLeague@HITSShows.com).