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# **OMAHA METRO AREA HORSE ASSOCIATION RULE BOOK**

O.M.A.H.A., Inc. is dedicated to charitable and educational purposes for promoting and encouraging safe horsemanship and sportsmanship. The Association pursues this mission by supporting local organizations dedicated to equine welfare and by sponsoring events to foster horsemanship camaraderie in the equestrian community.

The Omaha Metro Area Horse Association, Inc was founded in 2021 by a small group of locals who saw the need for a local, economical show series to introduce equestrians and their parents to the world of horse showing. This group will remain on the executive board until January 2026.

The Omaha Metro Area Horse Association, Inc is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization.

## **INTRODUCTION**

The association has published this rulebook to assist all members and their participation in O.M.A.H.A. shows. If you have questions about the rules contact one of the officers of the association listed on the following pages.

Any correspondence regarding an O.M.A.H.A. show or issue thereof should be sent to the show manager of that show as well as the president and recording secretary of O.M.A.H.A.. Any written protests must arrive within 30 days of the infraction to be considered. Contact information for board members is on the following pages.

If you have recommendations for changes or additions to the rule book please write them down and send them to the president and the recording secretary. They will be considered during the next revision to this book.

The board wishes you a successful show season.

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# SECTION I - Registration

1. Membership in the O.M.A.H.A. is open to anyone. Membership may be applied for by acquiring, completing, and filing an application form with the membership secretary. When the application is accepted and appropriate fees are paid by check, PayPal, or credit card to the membership secretary, each member will receive a membership number for the current year they join. The O.M.A.H.A. rule book is available for download at OMAHAEQUINE.com. The address of the membership secretary may be found on page 3.
2. The rider must be a current member of O.M.A.H.A. in good financial standing to be eligible to receive points toward annual awards.
3. The O.M.A.H.A. membership year commences on January 1 of each year. Dues become payable on that date in which memberships expire the following December 31. Anyone joining at any time during the membership year must pay the entire annual dues.
4. Applicants may join at a show to have points recorded for that same show.
5. The Membership/Point Secretary of the association must be notified in writing of any change to a horse's name and a name change fee of five dollars must be paid.
6. Membership Fees

Individual Membership	\$20
Horse Name Change	\$5

**ALL MONETARY TRANSACTIONS WITH O.M.A.H.A. MUST BE BY CHECK, CREDIT CARD OR PAYPAL. CASH WILL ALSO BE ACCEPTED.**

## SECTION II - Horse Show Requests

1. All organizations/individuals requesting an O.M.A.H.A. Horse Show shall submit an O.M.A.H.A. Horse Show Request Form to the President by November 30 for a show in the following calendar year. O.M.A.H.A. reserves the right to approve show management and location. Show Request Forms may be obtained by contacting the Recording/Corresponding Secretary (see page 3 for address) or on the O.M.A.H.A. website.
2. The O.M.A.H.A. Board Officers reserve the right to consider additional shows during the year, subject to the same rules as all other show requests.
3. The horse show recognition fee is \$150 per horse show.

Notice to Host Barns: Management shall administer the Karla Woodard Memorial Horsemanship Exam. Tasks shall include: Collect \$5 per entry after confirming current membership; Offer the exam on both Saturday and Sunday of the show; Grade the exams to determine the top three scorers for each day; Provide ribbons for the top three scorers for both days; Pass the funds collected to the O.M.A.H.A., Inc.

## SECTION III - Entry Fees

**ALL MONETARY TRANSACTIONS WITH O.M.A.H.A. MUST BE BY  
CHECK, CREDIT CARD OR PAYPAL. CASH WILL ALSO BE ACCEPTED.**

1. The entry fees authorized per O.M.A.H.A. class at each show are as follows:

Karla Woodard Memorial written exam	\$5
All other classes	\$15
Facility/Office Fee	\$15
Stall fee	\$35 minimum
Non-showing horse schooling fee	\$35
Service Charge on a Returned Check	\$30

**Please check your show bill.**

2. No horse may enter the ring until all fees are paid or secured by a signed blank check at the entry booth. The rider/owners must be in good standing with O.M.A.H.A.
3. If a person makes payment which is non-negotiable to O.M.A.H.A. or to a member show, that person will not receive any points from the date of check until settlement is made both for said indebtedness owing to the show or O.M.A.H.A. and for said service charges or fines. There will be a \$30 service charge for each returned (non-negotiable) check given to O.M.A.H.A.
4. There will be a service charge for each returned (non-negotiable) check given to show management.
5. Emailing lists may be obtained upon Board approval. **Unauthorized use is prohibited.**



# SECTION IV - Conduct of Shows

## ALL SHOWS SHOULD ENCOURAGE SAFE, SMART RIDING.

1. Any person showing in O.M.A.H.A. shows should be familiar with its rules and regulations.
2. Intentionally Blank
3. Riders in equitation classes are only allowed one entry per class.
4. Only O.M.A.H.A. classes of those shows recognized by the O.M.A.H.A. will count toward year end awards.
5. The heights of the fences as listed on the show bills are at no time to exceed the stated amount – that is to say a 2' class means the jumps are not to exceed 2'.
6. All O.M.A.H.A. shows must run the mandatory core classes. They may run additional classes, which may be selected in any combination from the non-core classes or from any type of unrecognized classes.
7. Classes recognized by O.M.A.H.A. must give awards through sixth place. It is also advisable to list a reserve for each class.
8. Each member show may give additional awards at their shows such as championships, reserve championships or prizes. When championships and reserve championships are awarded, the points will be as follows: 1st- 10, 2nd-6, 3rd-4, 4th-2, 5th-1, 6th-1/2.
  - a. Championships given at member shows will be determined by totaling all the points earned within the specific division. The highest point accumulation receives the championship and so forth. In case of a tie, the entrant with the most points in the over fence classes will be judged higher. In the event of Hunter division ties, the horse with the most points over fences will be adjusted the higher. In the event of jumper division ties, the horse with the fastest time will be adjusted the higher.
9. All O.M.A.H.A. shows must allow schooling over the Hunter and Equitation show fences at announced times prior to the show or during the show. This information must be included in the show bill.
  - a. Schooling over fences prior to the Jumper division classes and or walking the courses by the riders prior to these classes is at the discretion of the show management. The schooling policy must be stated in the show bill.
- 10. O.M.A.H.A. is a USHJA Affiliate, however. O.M.A.H.A. rules will prevail in case of conflict. The USEF rules may be used as a guideline.**

11. Cruelty to or abuse of a horse by any persons at any O.M.A.H.A. show is forbidden and renders the offenders subject to penalty. The show management may bar the violators from further participation for the remainder of the show. The horse show management shall reserve the right to refuse an entry or to return an entry fee.
12. All O.M.A.H.A. shows must provide on the showgrounds: speaker system, restrooms, parking and schooling areas.
13. O.M.A.H.A. shows failing to follow the rules of O.M.A.H.A. will be subject to disciplinary action and or a minimum \$50 fine by the board, as well as jeopardizing the chances of holding future O.M.A.H.A. recognized shows.
14. Shows are encouraged to use the “two minute rule.” This rule permits management to disqualify an exhibitor from the class who fails to report to the in-gate within two minutes of the first call for that exhibitor.
15. The management may choose to open more than one class at a time. Rotating riders through multiple classes is acceptable. A rider has the option to leave the ring and complete rounds in the rotation fashion, or remain in the ring and complete consecutive rounds in the back to back fashion.
16. Order of go in Hunter, Equitation, and Jumper classes is at the discretion of the horse show management. It is advisable to have a notice posted so all riders understand how the show is handling order of go.
17. All O.M.A.H.A. shows should list on their show bill their regulations governing the presence of pets.

## SECTION V - Attire and Equipment

1. Protective headgear is **required** at all times when mounted anywhere on the showgrounds. All competitors must wear protective headgear, with harness secured, that passes or surpasses current American Society for Testing Materials (ATMS) Standards, certified by the Safety Equipment Institute (SEI). There are many varieties of headgear that are recommended by various organizations. It is the responsibility of adult riders and parents/legal guardians of children to examine the various styles/designs available and make an informed selection of their protective headgear.
2. Each rider must use their correct number with the correct horse. It is the responsibility of the rider to make sure the proper number is being clearly displayed. Riders showing with incorrect or multiple numbers visible will not be judged and they will not receive year-end award points.
3. In Hunter and Equitation classes, clothing should be neat, clean, and conservative in color. When possible, entrants are encouraged to show in proper riding attire: boots, breeches, collared shirt, and riding coat in addition to the helmet. Modifications may be made due to weather.
4. In the Jumper classes, clothing should be neat and clean. Conservative colors are optional. When possible entrants are encouraged to show in proper riding attire: boots, breeches and collared shirt, in addition to the helmet. Modifications may be made due to weather.
5. Hunter equipment: Jumper saddles (astride or side saddle) and English bridles are necessary for showing. Standing Martingales are optional in classes over fences but are not permitted in equitation on the flat or in under saddle classes. A judge may penalize for non-conventional types of equipment such as: saddles, bridles, bits, nosebands and martingales.
6. Jumper equipment: Jumping saddles (astride or side saddle) and English bridles or hackamores are necessary for showing. Martingales are optional.
7. Hair should be neat and worn so the rider's number is visible at all times.
8. Horses should be clean and neat. Braiding is optional.
9. Use of boots and bandages on a horse is prohibited in all Hunter divisions. Boots and/or protective leg wraps are allowed in all Jumper division classes and Equitation classes. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the show management (i.e. during inclement weather, poor footing, and injuries on a horse). The show manager should inform the judge when exceptions have been allowed.

# SECTION VI - Divisions and Classes

**Any horse/rider combination may only compete in the Introduction Equitation, Next Step Equitation and Next Step Hunter Divisions and/or Classes a maximum of two years.**

**O.M.A.H.A. recognizes that jump heights may vary slightly.**

**The child rider is defined as a person age 17 or younger on December 1 of the previous year.**

**Classes must have a minimum of three riders for points to be recorded.**

**Show Management may combine classes of similar heights.**

## **Core classes:**

All O.M.A.H.A., Inc shows must hold all Core Divisions and Classes as listed below. Management may add additional classes of their choosing.

## **HORSEMANSHIP CLASS**

The Karla Woodard Memorial Horsemanship Exam is a written exam open to all members in good standing with the O.M.A.H.A, Inc.

Exams will be created by the O.M.A.H.A., Inc with questions taken from information provided in the United States Hunter Jumper Association's Horsemanship Quiz Challenge Study Guide. Bonus questions may be formulated from topics covered at the O.M.A.H.A., Inc annual clinic.

## **HUNTER DIVISION**

### **HUNTER CLASSES**

1. Next Step Crossrail Hunter- Crossrails 18" and Next Step Hunter- verticals 18": Open to horses and ponies ridden by beginning riders, regardless of age. This division is NOT designed for schooling green horses. It is a division of classes designed for teaching beginner riders (any age) and introducing them to showing. Trotting on course will not be penalized. In under saddle classes, the horses will be asked to walk, trot, and canter. Riders in this division may not enter any classes in any division requiring them to jump higher than 2'
  - (a) Next Step Hunter over fences 18" Crossrails
  - (b) Next Step Hunter over fences 18" Crossrails
  - (c) Next Step Hunter over fences 18" Verticals
  - (d) Next Step Hunter over fences 18" Verticals
  - (e) Next Step Hunter under saddle
2. Adult Masters Hunter 18" or 2': Open to horses and ponies ridden by adult amateurs. Riders may choose their fences' height. Fences are to be verticals.
  - a. Adult Masters Hunter over fences 18" or 2'

- b. Adult Masters Hunter over fences 18” or 2’
  - c. Adult Masters Hunter under saddle
- 3. Schooling Hunter 2 foot: Open to all horses and ponies. Open to riders of any age regardless of status.
  - a. Schooling Hunter over fences 2’
  - b. Schooling Hunter over fences 2’
  - c. Schooling Hunter under saddle
- 4. Child Hunter 2’: Open to horses and ponies ridden by a child rider.
  - a. Child Hunter over fences 2’
  - b. Child Hunter over fences 2’
  - c. Child Hunter under saddle
- 5. Schooling Hunter 2’3””: Open to all horses and ponies. Open to riders of any age regardless of status.
  - (a) Schooling Hunter over fences 2’3”
  - (b) Schooling Hunter over fences 2’3”
  - (c) Schooling Hunter under saddle
- 6. Child/Adult Hunter 2’3””: Open to horses and ponies ridden by adult amateur or child riders of any age.
  - (a) Child/ Adult Hunter over fences 2’3”
  - (b) Child/ Adult Hunter over fences 2’3”
  - (c) Child/ Adult Hunter under saddle
- 7. Schooling Hunter 2’6””: Open to all horses and ponies. Open to riders of any age regardless of status.
  - (a) Schooling Hunter over fences 2’6”
  - (b) Schooling Hunter over fences 2’6”
  - (c) Schooling Hunter under saddle
- 8. Low Child/Adult Hunter 2’6””: Open to horses and ponies ridden by adult amateur or child riders of any age.
  - (a) Low Child/ Adult Hunter over fences 2’6”
  - (b) Low Child/ Adult Hunter over fences 2’6”
  - (c) Low Child/ Adult Hunter under saddle
- 9. Schooling Hunter 2’9””: Open to all horses and ponies. Open to riders of any age regardless of status.
  - a. Schooling Hunter over fences 2’9”
  - b. Schooling Hunter over fences 2’9”
  - c. Schooling Hunter under saddle
- 10. Child/ Adult Hunter 2’9””: Open to horses and ponies ridden by adult amateur or child riders of any age.
  - (a) Child/ Adult Hunter over fences 2’9”
  - (b) Child/Adult Hunter over fences 2’9”
  - (c) Child/ Adult Hunter under saddle

11. Schooling Hunter 3': Open to all horses and ponies. Open to riders of any age regardless of status.
  - a. Schooling Hunter over fences 3'
  - b. Schooling Hunter over fences 3'
  - c. Schooling Hunter under saddle
  
12. Child/ Adult Hunter 3': Open to horses and ponies ridden by adult amateur or child riders of any age.
  - (a) Child/ Adult Hunter over fences 3'
  - (b) Child/ Adult Hunter over fences 3'
  - (c) Child/ Adult Hunter under saddle

## **EQUITATION CLASSES**

- (1) Introduction Equitation- Groundpoles and Introduction Equitation- Micro Xs: Open to beginner riders, regardless of age. Consistent trotting of the course will not be penalized. The riders in this division may not enter any O.M.A.H.A. class in any division requiring them to jump higher than 18". It is a division designed for teaching beginner riders (any age) and introducing them to showing. It is not designed for schooling green horses.
  - (a) Introduction Equitation over groundpoles
  - (b) Introduction Equitation over groundpoles
  - (c) Introduction Equitation over fences, Micro Xs
  - (d) Introduction Equitation over fences, Micro Xs
  - (e) Introduction Equitation on the flat: walk/ trot only
  - (f) Introduction Equitation in the flat: walk/ trot/ canter
  
- (2) Next Step Equitation- Crossrails 18" and Next Step Equitation- Verticals 18" 2: Open to adult amateur or child riders of any age that have not shown at the 2'3" level and above at any show, O.M.A.H.A. or otherwise.
  - (a) Next Step Equitation over fences, Crossrails 18"
  - (b) Next Step Equitation over fences, Crossrails 18"
  - (c) Next Step Equitation over fences, Verticals 18"
  - (d) Next Step Equitation over fences, Verticals 18"
  - (e) Next Step Equitation on the flat
  
- (3) Adult Masters Equitation 18" or 2': Open to adult amateur riders. Riders may choose their fences height. Fences are to be verticals.
  - (a) Adult Masters Equitation over fences 18" or 2'
  - (b) Adult Masters Equitation over fences 18" or 2'
  - (c) Adult Masters Equitation on the flat
  
- (4) Child Equitation 2': Open to child riders that have not shown at the 2'9" level and above at any show, O.M.A.H.A. or otherwise.
  - (a) Child Equitation over fences
  - (b) Child Equitation over fences
  - (c) Child Equitation on the flat

- (5) Child/ Adult Equitation 2'3": Open to adult amateur or child riders of any age that have not shown at the 3' level and above at any show, O.M.A.H.A. or otherwise.
- (a) Child/ Adult Equitation over fences 2'3"
  - (b) Child/ Adult Equitation over fences 2'3"
  - (c) Child/ Adult Equitation on the flat
- (6) Modified Child/ Adult Equitation 2'6": Open to adult amateur or child riders of any age that have not shown at the 3'3" level and above at any show, O.M.A.H.A. or otherwise.
- (a) Modified Child/ Adult Equitation over fences 2'6"
  - (b) Modified Child/Adult Equitation over fences 2'6"
  - (c) Modified Child/Adult Equitation on the flat
- (7) Advanced Equitation 2'9": Open to adult amateur and child riders of any age that have not shown at the 3'6" level and above at any show, O.M.A.H.A. or otherwise.
- (a) Advanced Equitation over fences 3'
  - (b) Advanced Equitation over fences 3'
  - (c) Advanced Equitation on the flat
- (8) O.M.A.H.A./ INHJA Maiden Medal 2'3": Open to adult amateur and child riders of any age. Riders may not enter Mini Medal or Medal class at the same show. Rider must be an Iowa Nebraska Hunter Jumper Association member for points to be recorded for INHJA year end prizes and recognition. Application for INHJA membership may be made at the show. Riders will first be required to show over a course of not less than eight (8) obstacles of which six (6) must be set at the maximum 2'3". The course must include one change of direction. Additional testing on course may be asked from the list below. Further testing may be requested by the judge. The judge may invite select riders from the over fences section to show back in a flat section. In the flat section, riders shall be shown as a group at the walk, trot, and canter in both directions of the ring. No martingales will be allowed in the flat section.
- (9) O.M.A.H.A./INHJA Mini Medal 2'6": Open to adult amateur and child riders of any age. Riders may not enter Maiden Medal or Medal class at the same show. Rider must be an Iowa Nebraska Hunter Jumper Association member for points to be recorded for INHJA year end prizes and recognition. Application for INHJA membership may be made at the show. Riders will first be required to show over a course of not less than eight (8) obstacles of which six (6) must be set at the maximum 2'6". The course must include one change of direction. Additional testing on course may be asked from the list below. Further testing may be requested by the judge. The judge may invite select riders from the over fences section to show back in a flat section. In the flat section, riders shall be shown as a group at the walk, trot, and canter in both directions of the ring. No martingales will be allowed in the flat section.
- (10)O.M.A.H.A./ INHJA Medal 3': Open to adult amateur and child riders of any age. Riders may not enter Maiden Medal or Mini Medal class at the same show. Rider must be an Iowa Nebraska Hunter Jumper Association member for points to be recorded for INHJA year end prizes and recognition. Application for INHJA membership may be made at the show. Riders will first be required to show over a course of not less than eight (8) obstacles of which six (6) must be set at the maximum 3'. The course must include one change of direction (change of lead) and one combination including an oxer. Additional testing on course may be asked from the list below.

Further testing may be requested by the judge. The judge may invite select riders from the over fences section to show back in a flat section. In the flat section, riders shall be shown as a group at the walk, trot, and canter in both directions of the ring. No martingales will be allowed in the flat section.

Additional testing on course or on the flat may include:

1. Pull up, halt (4 to 6 seconds) and/or back
2. Ride without stirrups, and/or drop in pick up stirrups
3. Jump low obstacles at a walk or a trot
4. Counter canter as specified
5. Pick a specified lead and/or change leads on a straight line
6. Turn on the forehand
7. Turn on the haunches from the walk
8. Dismount and mount, individually without assistance
9. Hand Gallop
10. Figure 8 at trot, demonstrating change of diagonals
11. Figure 8 at Canter on correct lead, demonstrating simple change of lead or flying change
12. Jump obstacles on a figure 8 course
13. Execute serpentine at a trot and/or Canter on correct lead demonstrating simple or flying changes of leads
14. Demonstration ride of approximately one minute. Rider must advise judge beforehand what they plan to demonstrate.

## **JUMPER DIVISION**

All jumper divisions are open to both horses and ponies.

### **JUMPER CLASSES**

- (1) Hopeful jumper .65m: This division is designed to introduce the horse or rider to jumper classes. No in-and-outs.
  - (a) Hopeful Jumper .65m Table II,2b
  - (b) Hopeful Jumper .65m Table II,1
  - (c) Hopeful Jumper .65m Table II,2c
- (2) Puddle Jumper .75m:
  - (a) Puddle Jumper .75m Table II,2b
  - (b) Puddle Jumper .75m Table II,1
  - (c) Puddle Jumper .75m Table II,2c
- (3) Schooling Jumper .85m:
  - (a) Schooling Jumper .85m Table II,2b
  - (b) Schooling Jumper .85m Table II.1
  - (c) Schooling Jumper .85m Table II,2c



- (4) Low Training Jumper .95m:
  - (a) Low Training Jumper .95m Table II,2b
  - (b) Low Training Jumper .95m Table II,1
  - (c) Low Training Jumper .95m Table II,2c
  
- (5) Medium Training Jumper 1.00m:
  - (a) Medium Training Jumper 1.00m Table II,2b
  - (b) Medium Training Jumper 1.00m Table II,1
  - (c) Medium Training Jumper 1.00m Table II,2c
  
- (6) High Training Jumper 1.05m
  - (a) High Training Jumper 1.05m Table II,2b
  - (b) High Training Jumper 1.05m Table II,1
  - (c) High Training Jumper 1.05m Table II,2c

**Scoring: Encourage safe, smart riding**

Knockdown: 4 faults per jump

First disobedience on course: 4 faults

Second disobedience on course: elimination

**USEF JP 145** - Classes scored on faults and time.

**Table II. Sec 1 Time First Round.** The first round is decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the time allowed. Horses with clean rounds or equal faults are classified according to their time taken to complete the course.

**Table II. Sec 2(b)- Time First Jump-Off.** The first round in first jump-off, if any, are decided by adding up together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the time allowed. If a competitor has gone clean in the first round, the competitor will, without leaving the ring, upon an audible signal, commence the designated jump-off course. If there are no clean rounds and a tie exists for first place, there will be one jump-off in which time will decide in the event of equality of faults.

**Table II. Sec 2(c)- Time First Jump-Off** (Otherwise referred to as “Power and Speed”) The first round and first jump-off, if any, are decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the time allowed, if any. If a competitor has gone clean in the first round, the competitor will, upon crossing the finish line, commence the designated jump off course. Time starts as the horse crosses the finish line for the initial course. If there are not clean rounds and a tie exists for first place, there will be one jump off, in which time will decide in the event of quality of faults. The use of time allowed is optional in the first round.

## SECTION VII - POINTS

1. **Rider points - Points will not count until all proper applications and fees are received by O.M.A.H.A.. Checks returned for any reason must be rectified (refer to Section III, article 3 and 4) within two weeks from official notification, either by show management or O.M.A.H.A., in order to receive points.** Points in all classes may only be earned by O.M.A.H.A. members currently in good financial standing with this association and with all its member shows.
2. **All entries must be made using the same members name as submitted on the official O.M.A.H.A. membership application for points to count.** If there is a change in the members name, this change must be submitted in writing to the membership/point secretary. It is the riders responsibility for using the correct name of the rider. Inconsistent use of names may result in uncredited points.
3. All show results are preliminary. Points are subject to final verification by the O.M.A.H.A. points secretary. Show results are available at OMAHAEQUINE.com. Final points will be announced at the annual meeting and party. Members may inquire about their own cumulative points, but not the points as they relate to other competitors. Any inquiries made regarding current year and awards/points must be made within two weeks of the annual meeting and awards party.
4. A class must have three entries for points to be recorded. The Show Manager may combine similar height classes. Points earned in a combined class will be recorded in the class the rider originally entered.
5. **COMPUTATION OF POINTS FOR ALL DIVISIONS .** The computation of points for each class will be the same: 1st-10; 2nd-6; 3rd-4; 4th-2; 5th-1; 6th-1/2. These rules govern the awarding of points for the O.M.A.H.A. awards at the end of the year, not necessarily how each member show may give awards.
6. No ties between 1st and 6th place may be given in Hunter, Equitation, or Jumper classes.
7. In the event that there are 14 or more riders in any Next Step Hunter under saddle, Introduction Equitation walk/trot, Introduction Equitation walk/trot/canter, or Next Step Equitation on the flat classes, the judge may split the class into two sections. The judge shall pin each section. All points will be recorded for year-end awards.
8. In the event a (lesson) horse must enter any Next Step Hunter under saddle, Introduction Equitation walk/trot, Introduction Equitation walk/trot/canter, or Next Step Equitation on the flat classes with multiple riders, the judge may split the class into sections. The judge shall pin each section. All points will be recorded for year-end awards.
9. The O.M.A.H.A. board will address the awarding of year end points if a show is not able to run all of the O.M.A.H.A. classes as listed in the show bill due to uncontrollable circumstances.
10. The O.M.A.H.A. Board will notify all annual award winners prior to the awards dinner.

## SECTION XIII - Annual Meeting and Awards

Each year following the last O.M.A.H.A approved show, the Board will schedule an annual meeting/ awards dinner. Each member will be notified of these events.

Annual awards will be presented to Core Divisions and Classes. O.M.A.H.A. may combine divisions for year end awards at their discretion.

Hunter Divisions and Classes: A championship and reserve championship will be recognized for each division of classes. Additional recognition may be offered.

1. Next Step Hunter
2. Adult Masters Hunter
3. Schooling Hunter 2'
4. Child Hunter
5. Schooling Hunter 2'3"
6. Child/ Adult Hunter 2'3"
7. Schooling Hunter 2'6"
8. Low Child/ Adult Hunter 2'6"
9. Schooling Hunter 2'9"
10. Child/ Adult Hunter 2'9"
11. Schooling Hunter 3'
12. Child/ Adult Hunter 3'

Equitation Division and Classes: A championship and reserve championship will be recognized for each division. Additional recognition may be offered.

1. Introduction Equitation
2. Next Step Equitation
3. Adult/ Masters Equitation
4. Child Equitation 2'
5. Child/Adult Equitation 2'3"
6. Modified Equitation 2'6"

O.M.A.H.A./ INHJA Medal Classes: Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals will be awarded. Additional recognition may be offered.

1. O.M.A.H.A./ INHJA Maiden Medal 2'3"
2. O.M.A.H.A./ INHJA Mini Medal 2'6"
3. O.M.A.H.A./INHJA Medal 3'

Jumper Division and Classes:A championship and reserve championship will be recognized for each division of class. Additional recognition may be offered.

1. Hopeful Jumper .65m
2. Puddle Jumper .75m
3. Schooling Jumper .85m
4. Low Training Jumper .95m
5. Medium Training Jumper 1.00m
6. High Training Jumper 1.05m

High Point Awards: A high point award will be awarded to the Hunter Horse, Equitation rider, and Jumper Horse with the most cumulative points in a single division.

## SECTION IX - Updating

This rulebook is to be reviewed by the Board annually. Rules found at OMAHA EQUINE.com will take precedence over any printed rulebook.

# SECTION X - SHOW MANAGER'S CHECK LIST

Information to be forthcoming