

## **2012 OPHA RULE CHANGES & ADDITIONS**

\*A nominated horse or pony must compete in its respective division at a minimum of three horse shows per year for points to count toward year end awards.

\*When a division is required to be held over two days (only at USEF AA & A shows) and entry requires payment with a division fee (High Performance, Green, Amateur Owner, Junior, Pony & Green Pony), if there are less than three (3) exhibitors on the second day OPHA points will count.

\*Low Children's/Adult Jumper: The horse/rider combination may not cross enter into any class at the same show with fences 3'3" or higher.

\*Children's Pony Equitation in the Flat: Open to all riders eligible for the Children's Hunter Pony section. Rider may nominate for points in only this class or the Pony Equitation on the Flat class.

\*Fox Smith Memorial Medal Class:

Open to all Junior members. To be shown over a minimum of eight fences 2'9" to 3' in height, spreads not to exceed fence height. The course may be either a hunter or jumper type and must include at least two changes of direction and a combination. Water obstacles are not permitted. A numerical score must be announced at the completion of the first round. Top four riders are required to return for further testing. There is no minimum requirement to fill the class.

\*N. A. R. H. A. Adult Medal:

Open to all Amateur members, a rider may not compete at the same horse show in any hunter or equitation class in which the jumps exceed three feet, three inches (3'3"). To be shown over a minimum of eight fences 2'9" to 3' in height, spread not to exceed fence height. The course may be either a hunter or jumper type and must include at least two changes of direction and a combination. Water obstacles are not permitted. A numerical score must be announced at the completion of the first round. Top four riders are required to return for further testing. There is no minimum requirement to fill the class.

\*Schooling Show Divisions:

Points needed to receive year end awards are; Gold = 50, Silver = 30, Bronze = 17.

These classes are geared toward riders in a lesson program who are just starting to go to horse shows, or moving up in level of difficulty. Emphasis will be placed on suitability of mount to rider's ability level. Safety will be the foremost concern in these classes. Demonstrating control of mount is extremely important. Excessive speed will be penalized and may cause elimination from the show ring.