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# RULES OF THE BERMUDA EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION LTD

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## INTRODUCTION

The Bermuda Equestrian Federation (the “BEF”) is the governing body for equestrian sport on the Island and serves as the National representative federation in support of athletes participating in international equestrian competitions under the umbrella of the Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI) and the Caribbean Equestrian Federation. The mission of the BEF is to achieve enjoyment and excellence through the development and support of equestrian sport in Bermuda and abroad, and to achieve this mission, the BEF designs and implements policies and programs to protect the welfare of both equine and human athletes.

## PART I – GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

The rules of the BEF take precedence over the rules of any other Association, and unless otherwise stated, the following rules apply for all members of the BEF. The BEF rules, as set out in this document, may be added to, altered, or amended at any meeting of the Board of Directors by a majority vote of those present, after consultation with the rules committee. Current rules will be available on the BEF’s website at all times.

### **Code of Conduct:**

As a member of the BEF, or while participating or attending a competition in any capacity that is sanctioned by the BEF, all persons are required to adhere to the respective code of conduct as outlined on the BEF’s website under the title Bermuda Equestrian Federation Codes of Conduct. In addition, those persons attending FEI competitions are expected to adhere to the FEI Code of Conduct and FEI Clean Sport addition to the BEF Code of Conduct.

**Membership:** To be eligible to compete in any BEF recognized class or division on the Island, persons must be Members of the Bermuda Equestrian Federation. Membership will consist of the following categories and the appropriate annual dues will be payable on or before 1st September each year and will last until 31st August of the following year. Members not renewing dues within 3 calendar months of due date will automatically be removed from the membership list, and any member renewing after that time will be required to pay an initiation fee. The following membership classes are available:

- Senior Member
- Family Member
- Junior Competitor
- Affiliated Clubs
- Non-voting Introductory Member

Athletes must be active members of the BEF to represent Bermuda in any overseas competitions.

### **Registration of Horses:**

To be eligible to compete in any BEF recognized class or division on the Island, horses must be registered with the Bermuda Equestrian Federation.

### **Welfare of horse and rider**

At all times, members of the BEF should prioritise the welfare of horse and rider. Persons who are found

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guilty of any form of animal cruelty may be subject to termination of their membership with the BEF (without refund) and will be ineligible for a period of no less than five years from re-joining as a member.

Any person who is convicted in a criminal court of an offence relating to illegal activity, assault, or physical harm to another person may have their membership with the BEF terminated and will be ineligible to renew their membership without a unanimous vote by the Board of Directors.

### **BEF Calendar:**

Any association, show organizer, or event organizer wishing to hold a BEF sanctioned event must submit their intended dates to the BEF secretary. No competition dates will be assigned to any association, show or event which has not paid dues, fees or fines owing to the BEF.

### **Definitions:**

**Adult or Senior** – An individual who has reached their 19th birthday as of September 1st of the competition Year.

**Age of Equine** – For the purposes of eligibility to compete, the actual age of the animal (foaling date) will be used. If this date is not available through an official source, the horse's age will be determined as of the January 1st prior to the start of the current competition year. Horses and Ponies under 3 years of age may not be ridden in any BEF Recognized Show.

**Age of individual** – the Age of an individual on September 1st will be maintained throughout the entire competition year.

**BEF Representative** - Although not part of the Show Committee, there must be an approved representative of the Bermuda Equestrian Federation to ensure that the rules are adhered to according to the schedule. Failure of Show Organizers to adhere to the rules may result in BEF recognised classes not being counted for year end points and awards.

**Coach** - any adult or adults who receives remuneration for having or sharing the responsibility for instructing, teaching, schooling, or advising a rider, driver, or handler in equestrian sport or skill.

**Competition year** – September 1st through May 30th. Points accumulated for any show held during the summer months will be counted for the following competition year.

**Competition Officials** - The term 'Competition Official' or 'Show Official' shall include and refer to the following persons: Show Director, Officers, Show Secretary, Stewards, Timekeepers, Veterinarians, Judges, Course Designers and Technical Delegates.

**Competitor** - The horse, rider (handler, driver) or horse/rider combination being judged depending on the judging specifications for a particular competition.

**Disqualification** – To exclude a competitor or horse from participation, for cause, in a given class, division, or competition.

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**Elimination** – To exclude a competitor or horse, for cause, from judging consideration in a class. A competitor who is eliminated is ineligible to receive an award regardless of the number of competitors in the class.

**Excused** – To have the judge(s) grant permission to, or request that a competitor leave the class. A competitor who is excused is ineligible to receive an award.

**Exhibitor** - The owner or lessee of a horse when entered in a class where only the merits of the horse or horse/rider combination are to be considered. In Equitation Classes, Exhibitor refers to the rider. An exhibitor may not serve as a Judge or Ring Steward in any Show in which he exhibits until he has finished all his classes.

**Falls** - A rider is considered to have fallen when he is separated from his horse, that has not fallen, in such a way as to necessitate remounting. A horse is considered to have fallen when the shoulder and haunch on the same side have touched the ground or an obstacle and the ground.

**Height** – Horses must be over 14.2 hands. Ponies are 14.2 hands and under. Exceptions to this rule may be found in dressage.

**Hors Concours** - If a horse competes Hors Concours (without being judged), the horse cannot compete in a subsequent BEF recognized class over fences in the same ring on the same day. However, the rider of a Hors Concours horse may compete in subsequent flat or under saddle classes.

**Immediate Family** - The term 'Immediate Family' shall include the following: husband, wife, parents, child, stepchild, brother, sister, half-brother, and sister, in-laws of the same relations as stated above, and grandparents.

**Junior** - An individual who has not reached their 19th birthday as of September 1st of the current competition year. The age of an individual on September 1st will be maintained throughout the entire competition year. Persons born on September 1st assume the greater age on that date.

**Limit Classes and Divisions** – Limit classes are open to riders which have not won six first place ribbons in any BEF recognized class requiring the individual to compete at that height or higher in jumping competitions, or at that level or higher in dressage competition.

**Not in Good Standing** – Any person who has been expelled or suspended by, or is indebted to, the Bermuda Equestrian Federation or associate member organizing the competition. No recognised competition shall allow a person not in good standing to judge, direct, exhibit, ride or drive.

**Open Classes** - An Open class is open to all horses and ponies of any age, size or sex, regardless of previous awards received, in accordance with class or division rules. There is no qualification for the rider, driver or handler except as specified in division rules for the particular category or level of classes.

**Ownership** - An official lease of a horse shall be construed as bonafide ownership for BEF registration purposes.

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**Para-Equestrian** - Para-Equestrian (PE) is a competition, division or section that provides equestrian competition opportunities for eligible individuals with a diagnosed permanent, physical disability as determined by the FEI Classification, which is based on the FEI Profile System for Para-Equestrian.

**Pony** - Ponies are animals that do not exceed 14.2 hands. Small ponies are 12.2 hands and smaller, Medium ponies are 13.2 hands and smaller, and Large ponies are 14.2 hands and smaller. Ponies may be ridden only by junior exhibitors in BEF recognized competitions. Exceptions – Ponies may be ridden by Adults in dressage (other than FEI Pony, Junior and Young Rider Tests) and in classes not rated by the BEF at the discretion of the horse show management.

**Show Director** - The Show Director is responsible for the coordination of the show and formation and direction of the Appeals Committee. A Recognized Show should exercise extreme care in the selection and appointment of the Show Director for the mutual benefit of committees, exhibitors, competitors and spectators. A thorough knowledge of the rules of the Federation shall be one of the prerequisites of a person serving as Show Director. Any Show Director who violates or knowingly permits violation of the rules of the Federation at his show shall be subject to disciplinary action. A Show Director may not serve as a Judge or Steward of his own show nor may he be a rider or driver.

**Show Secretary** - The Show Secretary shall be responsible for all matters in connection with entries at any show.

**Stallions** - Unless otherwise stated in the Prize List provided by the show management stallions may only be shown by adult 19 years and older. This includes any class where the rider or stallion is judged including in-hand, hunter, jumper, equitation, western, flat or gymkhana classes. This excludes driving classes.

**Stewards** - At each Recognized Show there shall be no less than one named steward, and in accordance with the type of competition, may be a Ring Steward, Chief Jump Steward and/or Collecting Ring Steward.

**Veterinarian** – A veterinarian must be a graduate of an accredited veterinary school or college.

**Young Rider** - In the International Disciplines individuals are eligible as Young Riders or Young Drivers from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 16 until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 21.

## PART II – GENERAL COMPETITION RULES

In all competitions, rules are essential if the sport is to be well ordered and are designed to ensure the health, equity, safety and welfare of the horse, rider and driver.

Knowledge of the rules of any sport is required of each participant, and the exhibitor at a Recognized Show is in no way exempt from this responsibility. A complete knowledge of and compliance with the rules are essential and the exhibitor must be fully cognizant of all the rules as well as class specifications in the Divisions in which they show.



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However complete rules may be, they never can cover all possible situations which may arise. If there is any doubt about the meaning of any of the regulations, they should be interpreted in the sense of ensuring fair conditions for all competitors with the welfare of the horse being prioritised

FEI rules take precedence over BEF rules at all FEI Sanctioned Competitions. In all other competitions, any question not covered by the rules of the BEF shall be decided by the Directors of the competition at which it arises. Such decisions by a Show Committee may be reviewable by the BEF.

It is expected that where rules are not explicitly set out in this rulebook the rules of the United States Equestrian Federation are used ([www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org)) for hunter and equitation competitions, and the rules of the Federation Equestrian International ([www.fei.org](http://www.fei.org)) are used for all jumping and dressage competitions.

### **Cruelty**

Cruelty to or the abuse of a horse (as defined under article 142 of the FEI General Regulations) by any person at a Recognized Show is forbidden, and constitutes a violation and renders the offender subject to penalty by both the Show Committee and the BEF. The Show Committee may bar violators from further participation for the remainder of the show. It shall be the duty of the Show Officials to report to the BEF any person who indulges in this practice for such further action as may be deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

At any point, the Show Committee may appoint a veterinarian to inspect any animal in competition. Refusal to submit an animal for examination by an authorized veterinarian after due notification shall constitute a violation and may subject the trainer and/or competitor to penalties as set out by the BEF and/or Show Committee.

The following acts are included under the words `Cruelty' or `Abuse' and apply to any event hosted by the BEF, its members, or affiliates. More detailed descriptions of cruelty are described in the following subsections: Cruelty is defined but are not limited to: -

- 1) Excessive use of a whip or physical force, on any horse in a stall, runway, schooling area, show ring, driving track or elsewhere on the show grounds by any person.
- 2) Rapping the leg of horse with the any end of a whip or other implement.
- 3) Use of any substance to induce temporary heat.
- 4) Manual poling with any object – this includes knowingly interfering with any cup placement or pole placement on a standard to promote the horse to knock a pole down.
- 5) Use of wire, rope or chain in a way designed to limit or influence behaviour of a horse or pony in an inhumane way
- 6) Use of electric device in schooling, driving or showing.
- 7) Showing a horse with raw or bleeding sores around the ear, saddle, harness, coronets, pasterns or legs.
- 8) Inhumane treatment of a horse in a stall, runway, schooling area, driving track, trailer, show ring or elsewhere on the show grounds, by any person. This includes but is not limited to hitting, punching, kicking or otherwise mishandling a horse or pony, withholding food or water, excessive use of the hands, whip or spurs when riding or driving, or more generally not providing adequate care for the horses' welfare as deemed by a judge, steward, technical delegate or competition veterinarian.
- 9) Clipping and/or shaving or in any other way removing the Horse's sensory hairs unless individual sensory hairs have been removed by a veterinarian to prevent pain or discomfort for the Horse. Areas of hair that must be clipped, shaven or removed to allow veterinary treatment are exempt from this rule. The FEI has

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defined sensory hairs as “hard hairs located on the horse’s muzzle and around its eyes, also known as ‘whiskers’ that are used for sensation.” Any horse or pony competing in an FEI competition must follow the FEI’s rules relating to sensory hair in accordance with Article 1004 and as amended.

Specific to 9 above, individual sensory hairs that have been removed by a veterinarian to prevent pain or discomfort for the Horse or areas of hair that must be clipped, shaven or removed to allow veterinary treatment are exempt from this rule. Violation of 9 above mandates disqualification of the horse from competition. **NO PENALTY CAN BE GIVEN TO ANY HORSE IN ANY DIVISION IN BERMUDA FOR UNSHAVEN SENSORY HAIRS – even in non-BEF classes where turnout of the horse is considered.**

Any action(s) against a horse by a competitor or an exhibitor, which are deemed excessive by a judge, Federation steward, technical delegate or competition veterinarian, in the competition ring or anywhere on the competition grounds may be punished by official warning, elimination, or other sanctions which may be deemed appropriate by the Show Committee. Such action(s) could include but are not limited to excessive use of the hands, whip or spurs.

### Protests, Charges and Athlete Grievances

All protests, charges and Athlete grievances brought to the BEF will be reviewed by the Board of Directors who will determine appropriate review and outcome. Protests must be received in writing, signed by the protester, addressed to the BEF and accompanied by a non-refundable payment of \$150 within 72 hours of the alleged violation.

A charge or grievance for violation of the General Rules of the BEF must state the full name and address (if known) of the accused, must list each rule alleged to have been violated, and must contain a complete statement of the acts which constitute the alleged violation. The maker of the protest, charge or grievance must be prepared to substantiate the protest, charge or grievance by his or her own personal testimony at a hearing or by the testimony of at least one other witness with personal knowledge.

A protest or charge against a Competition or Event must be referred to the BEF by the steward, technical delegate, Show Committee, or Show Secretary. Protests or charges that a steward or technical delegate has failed to attend the competition, perform his duties, or has otherwise violated the Rules of the BEF; or that a judge has failed to conduct a class in accordance with the specifications or has otherwise violated the Rules, should be referred to the BEF Board of Directors.

The soundness of a horse, when determined by an official veterinarian of the competition or by a judge, is not protestable, nor is a judge’s decision, representing his/her individual preference or opinion, unless it is alleged to be in violation of BEF rules.

### Emergencies

Provisions should be adopted before the show begins for the proper handling of contingencies. For the avoidance of doubt, exhibitors and participants by virtue of accepting the conditions and rules of any BEF recognised show by signing an appropriate entry form, understand that they may not hold the BEF responsible for any loss or accident or damage during the show.

### Conduct at competitions.

No person may enter the show arena, track during driving competitions, or schooling area and/or collecting ring except judges, stewards, show officials, riders or drivers, or attendants where classes permit attendants. Coaches are only allowed in the Collecting Ring and/or Warm Up area, except when invited or where otherwise stated.

Award winners must be mounted and properly attired when receiving awards, unless otherwise directed. Horses required to jog for soundness prior to award ceremonies may be presented by persons not in show

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attire, but who are suitably dressed to enter the arena, and the number of the horse must be visible to the judge at the time of presentation. In all other cases, competitors are not allowed in the Main Ring unmounted without prior permission Show Committee, unless otherwise directed by the Show Committee.

For all classes, trotting or cantering through the in-gate without prior permission is forbidden. The penalty for contravening this rule is either a fine or elimination from the class, at the discretion of the judge. Under special circumstances, a steward or judge may give permission for a horse to trot into the ring, but not out of the ring.

### **Equine Drugs and Medications:**

Horses and or ponies are expected to compete free of any performance enhancing drugs, and any trainer and/or Persons Responsible subject to these rules who actually administers, attempts to administer, instructs, aids, conspires with another to administer or employs anyone who administers or attempts to administer a forbidden substance to a horse and/or pony which might affect the performance of said horse and/or pony at a competition licensed by the BEF, will be subject to penalties. For the purposes of this rule, banned substances are listed on the Equine Prohibited Substances list by the FEI and include: Any stimulant, depressant, tranquilizer, local anesthetic, psychotropic (mood and/or behavior altering) substance, or drug which might affect the performance of a horse and/or pony (stimulants and/or depressants are defined as substances which stimulate or depress the cardiovascular, respiratory or central nervous systems), or any metabolite and/or analogue of any such substance or drug.

Therefore, at any time, any horse and/or pony competing in a BEF sanctioned competition may be subject to examination by a licensed veterinarian appointed by the BEF. The examination may include physical, urine, blood tests and/or any other test or procedure at the discretion of said veterinarian necessary to effectuate the purposes of this rule. Any persons who do not cooperate with the veterinarian when asked to present a horse or pony for testing will be subject to penalties at the discretion of the Bermuda Equestrian Federation Board of Directors.

Any horse that tests positive for a banned substance will have all points from that event removed, and, at the discretion of the board of Directors of the BEF will face a penalty. This penalty may include the horse being forbidden from entering any BEF recognized competition for a minimum period of 3 months to a maximum period of 2 years. In addition, any trainer or owner found guilty of administering such medication may face, at the discretion of the Board of Directors of the BEF, a ban from attending any BEF recognised competition in any capacity, including as a spectator, trainer or rider/driver, for a minimum period of 3 months to a maximum period of 2 years.

### **Human Drug Testing:**

In accordance with the rules of the FEI and of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), any BEF member shall comply with in-competition, no advance notice (NAN), and other out-of-competition drug testing conducted by the FEI, WADA, or by a WADA-authorized organization at any time without advanced notice. Failure to cooperate with such in-competition, NAN or other out-of-competition drug testing shall be a violation of BEF rules. In conjunction with the above-described NAN or other out-of-competition drug testing, the Federation is required to submit the names, current addresses, telephone numbers, training times and training and competition locations for individuals and teams as requested by the FEI, or WADA, or USADA to enable FEI, or WADA, to conduct NAN or other out-of-competition drug testing. Notwithstanding the foregoing, compliance with anti-doping regulations rests with the individual subject to testing. A finding of violation of human drug rules by WADA shall be deemed a violation of BEF rules, and will subject the individual to penalties by the BEF.

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### Measurement

The height of all animals shall be stated in hands instead of `inches', a hand is 4". Maximum height shall be reckoned as so many hands `and under' while minimum height shall be reckoned as `over' a given number of hands.

- a) A pony shall be considered to be 14.2hh and under. Horses must be over 14.2hh. The height accepted will exclude shoes, with an allowance of 1/2 inch for steel shoes and 3/4 inch for rubber shoes, plus the measurement of any pad. Measurement of height must be taken by a recognized local veterinarian on a level surface as approved by the BEF
- b) The height of a horse may be protested only by an exhibitor in the same class, or show official. The height of any horse or pony may only be protested twice in any given year.
- c) Should the height of a horse be protested it shall be the duty of the Show Committee to have the official veterinarian measure the pony or horse on a level surface as approved by the BEF. In the event of a dispute officials may request the horse/pony be measured without shoes.
- d) It will be the responsibility of the Exhibitor to ensure that the horse is in the correct height division. It is also the responsibility of the Exhibitor to supply the Registration Secretary with official changes to the height of their horse.
- e) All horses & ponies must be re-measured at 6 years old.

## PART III – HORSE SHOW RULES

### Officials

1. Show Director - The Show Director is responsible for the coordination of the show and formation and direction of the Appeals Committee. A Recognized Show should exercise extreme care in the selection and appointment of the Show Director for the mutual benefit of committees, exhibitors, competitors and spectators. A thorough knowledge of the rules of the Federation shall be one of the prerequisites of a person serving as Show Director. Any Show Director who violates or knowingly permits violation of the rules of the Federation at his show shall be subject to disciplinary action. A Show Director may not serve as a Judge or Steward of his own show nor may he be a rider or driver.
2. Show Secretary - The Show Secretary shall be responsible for all matters in connection with entries at any competition.
  - a. The Secretary of each Recognized event shall have a copy of the current Bermuda Equestrian Federation Rule Book available for reference at all times during the Show as well as a current list of Registered Horses and Membership List.
  - b. The Secretary shall provide a number card for each competitor, which shall be worn in a conspicuous place, as instructed by the Show Committee.
  - c. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to ensure that no entrant shall compete until or unless said exhibitor or his representative has signed an entry form.
  - d. At the earliest possible moment the Secretary shall notify interested exhibitors if a class is not fully subscribed and is cancelled.
  - e. The Secretary shall be responsible for providing a standard judge's card carrying the exact specifications of the class, which is to be handed to each officiating judge at the beginning of each class. The Judge is to mark

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and sign his card at the conclusion of the class and surrender it at once to the Ring Steward for return to the Show Secretary. The Secretary must be sure to record the names as well as the number of the Horses shown.

f. Either the Show Secretary or Show Organizer, shall be responsible for accurately recording the results of all B.E.F. designated classes and forwarding same, together with a copy of the Show Schedule and Judges' Cards, to the Point Scoring Secretary within one week of the last day of the Show. The recording of said results MUST include the B.E.F. Horse Registration Number & either H for horse or P for pony and the B.E.F. Membership Number of the competitor. Please see Appendix II for more details.

3. Steward - At each Recognized Show there shall be no less than one named steward, and in accordance with the type of competition, may be a Ring Steward, Chief Jump Steward and/or Collecting Ring Steward.

### Regulations Governing Stewards

a) The following persons at a given show are ineligible to serve as Ring Stewards: The Show Director, the Show Secretary, the Judge (except as (b)) and/or any competitor or exhibitor at that show (except as (b)). Where possible no ring steward may officiate in any class in which any of his horses are being shown or any member of his immediate family (definition page 10) or pupil is taking part.

b) A Judge may serve as Ring Steward if his duties as Judge are completed. An Exhibitor may serve as Ring Steward ONLY if he has finished exhibiting at said show.

c) Failure of a steward to attend the show or perform his duties in accordance with the rules shall constitute cause for disciplinary action. Duties A Steward should clearly understand that he has no authority in connection with the management or the judging of a show. He is the representative of the Show Committee and should point out in a diplomatic manner any instance where Federation rules are not enforced. He should not dictate to the Judges or Show Committee but should immediately report to the appropriate officials any violation of the rules which might invalidate a class. He should keep himself available to Judges, exhibitors and show committee at all times to clarify the application of the Federation rules and investigate any situation where the rules are not upheld. The other duties of a Steward shall be, but are not limited to, the following: a) to protect the interest of exhibitors, Judges and Show Committee. b) to report to the Show Director any misrepresentation or substitution of entry without waiting for a protest. c) to report to the Show Director any offence or violation of the rules committed by an exhibitor, Judge or official and prefer charges against the violator if the violation is not properly handled by the Show Committee.

4. Veterinarian - The following are requirements relating to veterinarian services for all FEI officially sanctioned events. For all other horse shows or events recognised by the BEF, this is recommended policy: a) Each show should have a qualified Veterinarian present throughout the show, or prior arrangements made to have a veterinarian 'on call'.

b) The official Veterinarian shall ensure that he or a qualified associate is on duty during the hours of showing and shall be prepared to handle all injuries in the ring or on the grounds. He shall assist horse show committees in all matters pertaining to the health and welfare of the animals in the show.

c) The official Veterinarian's decision, if requested by the Judge as to the serviceable soundness of a horse (i.e. whether the horse shows evidence of lameness, broken wind or impairment of vision), shall be final for the purpose of awarding ribbons in the class for which he has been called. If he is not immediately available or not called upon, the judge's decision as to the serviceable soundness of a horse shall be final.

d) The official Veterinarian, if called upon by the Judge, shall act as a consultant in regard to structural faults, defects and blemishes in areas which might impair a horse's activity and durability. Having received the benefit of the Veterinarian's consultation, the Judge will then place the horses in question at his own discretion based on their relative merits in the light of the entire class specifications.

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- e) Only the Judge may call a veterinarian during a class but is encouraged to do so if his opinion necessitates the disqualification of an entry. The Judge shall give the number of the horse in question and the veterinarian shall render his finding.
- f) The Veterinarian shall immediately, after leaving the ring, file a statement of his finding with the Show Secretary, setting forth therein the number and title of the class, the number of the horse, the date and time of day. The Veterinarian shall have his certificate of finding read and signed by the Steward of the show on duty during the particular class.
- g) No exhibitor may procure and use a veterinarian's statement to contradict the decision of the Judge or official veterinarian with respect to his own horse.
- h) Examination of a horse in the ring by a veterinarian shall be done as inconspicuously as possible and in such a manner as not to draw public attention thereto. Co-operation of Judges to this end is required. A horse shall not be required to leave the ring unless absolutely essential for its well-being.
- i) If the Veterinarian is not immediately available, the Judge's decision as to the soundness of a horse shall be accepted for the purpose of excusing a horse from showing.
- j) It shall be the duty of the Veterinarian to measure any animal requiring measurement in accordance with the rules of the Bermuda Equestrian Federation.

### **Soundness**

Unless specific division rules state otherwise, all Animals must be serviceably sound for horse show purposes i.e. such animals must not show evidence of lameness, broken wind or impairment of vision.

### **Schooling Shows**

Schooling Shows will be of the lowest level of national horse show and may use local or un-rated judges The BEF encourages the use of National trainee judges where possible to judge classes. These shows will not count for points and their schedules need not be presented to the Rules Committee of the Federation for approval unless they are holding any BEF rated classes which are intended to count for BEF year end points. For the avoidance of doubt, all general rules noted in Parts I and II of this document apply to persons competing at Schooling shows.

### **B.E.F. Rated classes, divisions, or shows.**

It is possible to hold shows which are rated by the B.E.F. or to hold classes rated by the B.E.F. within shows which are not necessarily recognized. For classes or shows to be recognized and rated by the B.E.F. certain requirements must be met.

Schedules for horse shows which are hosting BEF classes, must be submitted for approval to the Chair of the Rules Committee of the B.E.F. for shows and/or classes to be recognized by the B.E.F. for points and end of year Championships. The Show schedule must include the following: a) name of judge and course designer, b) the names of the organizing committee of the show and c) prizes if any. A minimum of 7 days is required for approval.

A Bermuda Equestrian Federation Official should be in attendance to verify the standard. For the avoidance of doubt, all competitors must be paid up members of the Bermuda Equestrian Federation when entering BEF designated classes, and all horses shown in BEF designated classes must be registered with the Bermuda Equestrian Federation.



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### **Dress – All BEF recognized competitions or events.**

It is tradition in the show ring that riders and drivers be correctly attired for the class in question, that attendants be neatly dressed, and horses properly presented. At all BEF sanctioned competitions, anyone mounted on a horse, including foreign competitors, must wear helmets approved under current safety guidelines, with safety harness correctly fastened, at all times while mounted on the competition grounds. Exception: In Hunter or Jumper classes, adults may be allowed to remove their headgear while accepting prizes and during the playing of the National Anthem only; they must refasten their headgear prior to the lap of honor.

Riders in all classes where jumping is required must wear approved protective headgear with harness in place except in Trail and Western Classes. A Show Committee may at its discretion, bar any entry or person from entering the ring if not suitably presented to appear before an audience, and must bar riders without protective headgear from classes in which it is required.

In Hand Classes: Competitors may choose correct English riding attire or correct Western attire. Alternatively, gentlemen and/or boys can be dressed in slacks; shirt; tie; jacket (optional); hat (optional); shoes or boots. Ladies and/or girls can be dressed preferably in slacks, although a dress (not sundress) or skirt is acceptable: smart blouse or shirt (not T-shirt); hat (optional); shoes or boots. Dress code for each section is listed under the applicable division.

Any exhibitor may wear protective headgear (approved under current safety guidelines ASTM/SEI) and/or a protective vest either body protecting or inflatable, specifically designed for use in equestrian sport in any division or class without penalty from the judge. The BEF recommends that the vest pass or surpass the current ASTM standards or be certified by the Safety Equipment Institute. **NO PENALTY CAN BE GIVEN TO ANY RIDER, DRIVER, OR HANDLER IN ANY CLASS OR DIVISION IN BERMUDA FOR WEARING SAFETY EQUIPMENT DESIGNED TO PROTECT THEMSELVES FROM INJURY.**

### **Time Schedule**

The announced order or time for classes may not be changed unless at least 12 hours' notice of such change is given to each exhibitor and judge affected, or each exhibitor affected consents in writing. Provided the order of events is not changed, the Show Committee may call any class up to 30 minutes ahead of its scheduled time.

For Dressage Competitions, the following conditions apply: (1) Rides may be rescheduled up to one hour earlier or later than announced in the official schedule if each competitor is individually notified at least two hours prior to his/her rescheduled ride time. Rides within a class may be rescheduled in a different order. (2) Ride times or classes may not be changed more than one hour from the time announced in the official schedule unless 12 hours' notice of such change is given to each exhibitor and judge affected or each exhibitor affected consents in writing to the change. Public address announcements, schedule changes posted on the show grounds or internet, and statements published in the prize list or entry documents do not meet the notification requirements of this rule.

### **Interruption of Procedure**

In the event that a show or event is stopped while in progress due to storm or other emergency, the decision as to its continuance shall rest with the Show Committee.

A class in operation at the time of stopping of a show shall cease and no placements shall be made. If the class is continued at a succeeding session of the show, it shall go on from the point where it ceased, and scores already credited shall count.

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## **Schooling**

Schooling or warming up horses for a class or competition shall only be permitted in an area authorized by the Show Committee.

It is the responsibility of the Show Committee to provide a schooling area and steward.

The only practice materials that competitors may utilise or jump are those provided by the Organizing Committee. The use of materials, other than those provided by the Organizing Committee, is forbidden under penalty of elimination.

## **Limitation on Jumping Rounds**

No horse or pony shall start more than eight (8) over fences courses exceeding 12” on any competition day. A schooling round, by any name whether judged or unjudged, constitutes one (1) course to be included in the maximum course count. Each schooling round/session counts for one (1) course. If timed schooling, the maximum time to count for one (1) round is three (3) minutes.

For the sake of absolute clarity, if a rider takes two (2) schooling rounds but stays in the arena between the rounds, it will count as two (2) courses. Warm-up fences do not count in the maximum course count.

Show officials have the final decision as to how many rounds a horse has jumped. A horse will be disqualified and excused should they enter the arena for a jumping course after the maximum courses have been jumped. The rider/coach/parent is responsible for managing the horse’s jumping efforts. The Show Secretary should monitor entries and advise against entries over eight (8) jumping courses when possible.

## **Prize Ribbons**

For scoring purposes for year-end awards, the BEF requires organizers to ask judges to place competitors to 6th position at a minimum regardless of the number of ribbons offered for all BEF competitions.

At all Recognized Shows the prize ribbons shall be the following colours

GRAND CHAMPION Blue, Red, Yellow, White  
RES. GRAND CHAMPION Red Yellow, White and Pink  
CHAMPION Blue, Red and Yellow  
RESERVE CHAMPION Red, Yellow and White  
FIRST PRIZE Blue  
SECOND PRIZE Red  
THIRD PRIZE Yellow  
FOURTH PRIZE White  
FIFTH Pink  
SIXTH Green  
SEVENTH Purple  
EIGHTH Brown  
Special ribbons of a different colour may be awarded.

## **Prize Money**

Offering of money prizes in Equitation Classes is forbidden, since under the rules covering international sport, a competitor accepting money prizes thereby becomes a professional. In Equitation Classes the individual is the competitor and wins the award, whereas in other classes the horse is the competitor and wins the award.



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## Submission of Entries

Entries must be made in writing and duly signed by the competitor or authorized agent and must be accompanied by funds to cover applicable entry fees.

Exhibitors are responsible for their own errors and those of their agents in the preparation of entry forms.

In the event that a Prize List shall contain a statement as to any entry not in accordance with the exhibitor's original entry form, it is the duty of the Show Committee to take all steps necessary, including public announcements, to correct the error giving precedence to the Exhibitor's entry form, and not the Prize List in error, as authority.

## Entries

The official entry form must be used to enter all Recognized Shows and must be signed by the exhibitor or his representative. The following statement must be printed on the entry form: -

*'I hereby accept the conditions and rules of the above Association relating to my entries in this Show, which I hereby make, to be accepted in good faith by the above Association as being true and correct. I hereby further understand that I may not hold the organizers of the show responsible for any loss or accident or damage during the show.'*

A horse will not be allowed to compete unless proper entry has been made, and both horse and rider have fulfilled all rules as required.

When entering BEF designated classes all competitors must be members of and all horses must be registered with the Bermuda Equestrian Federation at the time of entry.

Each show schedule shall state, 'When entering BEF designated classes, all horses and ponies must be registered with, and competitors must be members of, the B.E.F. prior to the close of entries.'

## Withdrawal of Entries

Any horse leaving the ring without the exhibitor's volition shall be deprived of an award in that class.

Scratches must be made with the Show Secretary only, whose name and contact information will appear on all show schedules.

## Post Entries

- a) In the event that a Recognized Show does not desire to accept post entries it shall so state in the prize list and catalogue and no exceptions shall be made.
- b) In the event that a Recognized Show does desire to accept post entries it shall so state in the prize list and catalogue, and they can only be accepted up to 30 minutes prior to the starting of the class and upon signature of exhibitor or his representative. Post Entries ARE permitted for horses not already entered in the show as long as the horse/pony is registered with the BEF.

## Refusal of Entries

Show Organizers reserve the right to refuse any entry of an exhibitor who has shown an objectionable attitude towards a given show or previous unsportsmanlike behaviour at a Show or to its management.

## Substitutions

- a) HORSE: Substitutions may be made after the announced date of the closing of entries in equitation classes or in classes where more than one horse represents an entry (i.e. pairs, teams, tandems). Substitution of horses for equitation classes does NOT require a vet's certificate and the horse

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being substituted does not have to be already entered in the show, but the new mount must be registered with the BEF.

- a. If a horse is sold or injured after the closing of entries Competition Management MAY allow, upon written application, an exhibitor to substitute another horse in the same class (or classes), but the new entry must be given another number. Proof of sale &/or a veterinarian's certificate may be required.
- b) RIDER: Substitution of rider in Equitation classes is not permitted. Substitution of rider/driver in other classes is permitted unless otherwise stated in the show schedule.

### **Protests, Charges and Hearings (Filing and Contents)**

A protest may be made to a Show Committee by an exhibitor or agent or parent of a Junior Exhibitor or official of the show for any violation of the rules in this section.

It must be (a) in writing, (b) signed by the protester, (c) addressed to the Secretary of the show at which the violation occurred, (d) accompanied by a deposit of \$50.00 and (e) received by a member of the Show Committee within 30 minutes of the alleged violation or completion of class.

- a) **Appeal – Protest** The Show Committee shall hear all protests officially lodged within one hour from the time it is received. A protest must state an identifiable name and contain a complete and definite statement of the acts which constitute the alleged violation. Precise details regarding a violation of the rules are necessary. The maker must be prepared to substantiate the protest by personal testimony at a hearing, or by sworn statement, witnesses or other evidence. All persons directly concerned shall be given the opportunity to appear. If the protest is sustained, the deposit shall be returned to the protester - if not sustained, the deposit shall be forfeited to the show.
- a. A protest against a Recognized Show shall be referred to the Executive Committee of the BEF
- b) **Non Protestable Decisions** - The soundness of a horse, when determined by an official veterinarian of the show, or by a judge, is not protestable. A Judge's decision representing his individual preference is not protestable unless it is alleged to be in violation of the rules.
- a. A protest with respect to the height of a horse may only be made to the Committee of the Show. Re-measurement shall take place immediately to prevent any change in height by re-shoeing.
- c) **Hearings** - Any person or show against whom a protest is filed shall be entitled to a hearing conducted by the BEF Board of Directors, or a panel chosen by them. Accused persons may attend the hearing at their option and may bring witnesses in their own behalf.

## PART III A – HUNTER DIVISION

Hunter classes are to be judged in accordance with the principles of the rules of the USEF Championship classes. Any classes being held for BEF points must be judged by a foreign rated judge, properly accredited with their National Federation. This section also applies to any flat class offered at a show that is recognized by the BEF that is to be considered for year end points.

### Eligibility

In all hunter classes, it is the horse or pony being judged, unless otherwise stated. To be eligible to compete in a BEF recognised hunter class, the horse or pony must be registered with the BEF. Classes are open to stallions, mares or geldings unless otherwise stated. Juniors must not ride or handle stallions anywhere on the competition grounds. Manageable stallions ridden by seniors are eligible for all senior classes, but the Show Committee has the right to refuse entry of any stallion of safety or other issues are of a concern. This includes stallions that pose a risk to the safety of others.

### Courses

General -- Except in case of inclement weather, broken equipment, or similar emergency a course must not be altered except by written permission of all exhibitors. If one or more original obstacles are rendered unusable during a class and no duplicate exists, management may substitute obstacles which approximate as nearly as possible the originals.

### Course Designers

The BEF recommends the use of qualified course designers where possible for all BEF sanctioned events. However, recognising the limitations in securing available course designers locally, the BEF recommends that course designers are not competing at the show in which they are designing.

### Course Diagrams

Course diagrams must be posted at least one hour before scheduled time of class unless they have been illustrated in the prize list. The plan or diagram of the course must show the obstacles which must be taken in the order indicated by numbers but apart from this the rider is not bound to follow a compulsory track. An arrow is used on the diagram to indicate the direction in which each obstacle is to be taken. When distances between fences are 90' or less from base to base, the distance must be included on the posted course diagram.

### Type

Obstacles must simulate those found in the hunting field such as natural post and rail, brush, stone wall, white board fence or gate, chicken coop, aiken, hedge, oxer, etc.

Chicken coops hinged at the top and free at the bottom, triple bars and hogsback; striped rails; targets; any spread over 4' and square oxers are prohibited.

Every course must have at least four different type obstacles.

A 6" difference is recommended for the back element of an obstacle. There must be a minimum difference of 3". A ground line is recommended for all obstacles.

The top element of all obstacles must be securely placed so that a slight rub will not cause a knockdown and must be equally secure for different heights in the same class. FEI safety cups must be used for the back rail on all oxers in the competition and warmup arenas.

6 In Handy classes obstacles must simulate those found in trappy hunting country. The course must have at least two changes of direction and at least one in and out as well as three of the following: hand gallop a jump, bending line, rollback turn, fence at the end of the ring or open a gate while mounted or trot over one

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obstacle (exception: in and outs are optional for Pony Handy courses). Judges must place emphasis on promptness and tight turns with precedence being given in that order. Handiness is defined as time and ground saving movement without adversely affecting performance or style. Brilliance of pace is defined as a faster pace than ordinary, without sacrificing performance or style. Hand Gallop is defined as a significant increase in pace without sacrificing performance or style. Exception: Ins and outs are optional for Pony Handy Hunter classes.

### In and Outs

An in and out is considered as two obstacles in the required number of obstacles. It must never be used at the start of the course.

An in and out may have one or two strides. The suggested distance for an in and out when used in a ring is 24' to 26'; and on an outside course 26' to 28'. The distance may be altered during a class requiring different fence heights. For ponies, the suggested distances for in-and-outs are 20' for small, 22' for medium and 24' for large ponies. The in-and-out distance must be adjusted for each height section.

Suggested distances can be found at [http://www.mdccorporation.us/course/usef\\_distances.html](http://www.mdccorporation.us/course/usef_distances.html)

### Tack

Regulation snaffles, pelhams, and full bridles, all with cavesson nose bands are recommended. A judge may penalize for non-conventional types of bits (for example kimberwicks).

Judges must eliminate a horse or pony that competes in illegal bits or nosebands. Illegal bits include, but are not limited to, three rings, gags (other than the hunter gag), et cetera... Illegal nosebands include, but are not limited to, drop, flash and figure eight nosebands.

Competitors may be refused an award unless they return to the ring for conformation or soundness with the same complete bridle in which they have performed.

Martingales of any type are prohibited in Under Saddle, hack and tie-breaking classes. Standing and running martingales used in the conventional manner are allowed for all over fences classes. All other martingales are considered illegal. A judge must eliminate a horse or pony that competes in a martingale other than a standing or running martingale used in the conventional manner.

### Equipment

Light pads and bar shoes are permissible; however, bar shoes indicate a weakness and in Conformation classes, a judge may penalize accordingly. Boots and bandages are prohibited. In the case of inclement weather competition management may permit the use of bell boots.

Any rider competing and or riding anywhere on the competition grounds with their stirrup, stirrup leather, or foot tied and/or secured in any manner, will automatically be eliminated from the entire competition. The steward or BEF Representative will note the trainer name(s) on their report and further disciplinary actions may be taken by the BEF.

Whips - Competitors are prohibited from carrying a whip that is longer than 30" (75cm) while jumping or schooling over fences. A rider may not carry more than one whip. Whips that are weighted at the end are prohibited. (Exception: Ladies Side Saddle and appointments classes. See HU127.) No exhibitor may carry a whip longer than 30" while competing.

### Electronic Communication Devices

No mounted exhibitor may wear or carry an electronic communication device (i.e., cellular telephone, pager, walkie talkie, iPod, etc.) while in the competition ring. The penalty for wearing or carrying a forbidden device if observed by the judge may be elimination from the class during which the device was worn or carried.

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Electronic communication devices used for purposes of coaching, etc., between competitors and individuals outside the ring shall be prohibited in all classes.

Exhibitors who have a medical condition may apply to the BEF for a Modification exempting them from the provisions of this rule, however riders may not use these devices in over fences classes

### **Dress**

Competitors should be neatly and suitably attired in coat, riding hat (note: all helmets must be approved by current safety guidelines), shirt and tie, choker or stock, breeches or jodhpurs and boots. (In hot weather coats may be made optional at the discretion of the Judge.) Juniors showing any horse in-hand or during a jog for soundness must wear approved protective headwear with the attached safety harness fastened. Conservatively coloured safety vests or back protectors may be worn by any competitor at their discretion in any class either over-fences or under saddle without penalty.

### **Schooling**

Schooling is permitted over designated obstacles only, and only in designated 'warm up' areas. Riders are forbidden from lunging or schooling on the track at Vesey Street at any time.

### **Back to Back Classes**

No more than two jumping rounds may be ridden back to back. Classes using back to back rounds must be pinned separately.

### **Jumping Order**

Set jumping orders are not required in any hunter class over fences, unless determined by the horse show management. If a jumping order is established, it must be posted in a conspicuous place at least one-half hour before the class. The jumping order must be legible to a mounted rider. If a jumping order is used throughout the section, a systematic rotation of the starting list must be employed so that a complete cycle is made during the competition. Failure to enter the ring within one minute after an audible signal to proceed incurs elimination. The time limit for entering the ring must be enforced by competition management. Management may permit a rider to compete out of order to minimize delays and in case of class conflicts.

### **Pony classes or divisions.**

Riders must not have reached their 19th birthday as of 1st September of the current season to compete in any recognised BEF class riding or showing a pony, and ponies must be handled by junior exhibitors in all phases of a class including jogging for ribbons.

Stallions are prohibited from all classes.

Classes are open to all ponies not exceeding 14.2 hands unless otherwise stated. If split, the below measurements may be used: Small ponies are not to exceed 12.2 hands, medium ponies are over 12.2 and do not exceed 13.2 hands; large ponies are over 13.2 and do not exceed 14.2 hands.

General - Manners and suitability of a pony for the rider are to be emphasized in all classes. Extreme speed is penalized. Suitability of a pony for a rider is determined by height and weight of the rider as related to the size of the pony. Judges must penalize but not necessarily eliminate an entry not having such manners and suitability.

### **Judging**

No one shall approach a judge with regard to a decision unless he first obtains permission from the Show Committee, steward or technical delegate who shall arrange an appointment with the judge at a proper time and place. No exhibitor has the right to inspect the judge's cards without the judge's permission.

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## General rules

All classes must be judged on performance and soundness, and when indicated in the Class Descriptions, conformation, suitability or manners.

When a horse makes two faults at one obstacle only the major fault will be counted (Exception; refusals count in addition.)

When an obstacle is composed of several elements in the same vertical plane, a fault at the top element is the only one penalized.

At a combination, the faults committed at each obstacle are considered separately. In case of a refusal or run-out at one obstacle in a combination, the competitor may re- jump the previous as well as the following obstacles.

Judges must penalize unsafe jumping and bad form over fences, whether touched or untouched.

Teams, Pairs and unicorns (abreast and tandem) should be judged as a single unit, scoring only major faults at each obstacle. (Exception: in cases where two or more horses have knockdowns or refusals, they are scored cumulatively.)

Circling once upon entering the ring and once upon leaving is permissible.

In all classes, trotting or cantering through the in-gate without prior permission is forbidden. The penalty for contravening this rule is either a fine or elimination from the class, at the discretion of the judge. Under special circumstances, a steward or judge may give permission for a horse to trot into the ring, but not out of the ring.

In all classes over obstacles, judges must line up competitors on merit of performance before considering conformation or soundness, including two more entries than the number of ribbons offered if there are sufficient entries without major faults.

In classes over obstacles, competitors cannot be requested to show at a walk, trot and canter or to re-jump the course unless eliminations are held. If eliminations are held, the finals are judged as an independent class.

In cases of broken equipment, the competitor may either continue without penalty or stop and correct the difficulty, in which case he will be penalized 3 faults. In case of loss of shoe, rider may either continue without penalty or be eliminated.

## Soundness

All horses must be serviceably sound. All horses being considered for an award in a BEF designated class must be jogged for soundness with rider dismounted at the conclusion of an over fences class prior to ribbons being awarded. Horses must present their number when being jogged. Exception: A judge may waive this requirement if he or she is satisfied of the soundness of all horses or ponies competing based upon their exit from the ring where adequate trot has been shown.

## Conformation

In classes where quality, confirmation and soundness are judged, judges must penalize but not necessarily eliminate horses with structural faults, defects or blemishes in areas which might impair their activity and durability.

## Performance

Performance indicates an even hunting pace, manners, and jumping style together with faults and way of moving over the course and/or on the flat. Soundness will be judged, and manners will be emphasized.

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When the class is held in a ring, the performance starts as the competitor enters and ends when he leaves.

### Disobediences (major faults)

The following disobediences will result in Elimination:

- a) Third (3rd) refusal or run-out,
- b) Jumping an obstacle before it is re-set
- c) Bolting from ring
- d) Failure to keep proper course
- e) Jumping an obstacle not included in course
- f) Fall of horse and/or rider
- g) bolting on course, extra circle or showing an obstacle to a horse

Note: After being eliminated for a fall, the rider may not remount in the ring.

### Point Scoring

Judges should be asked to score to 6 places despite number of ribbons awarded.

Place	Points
1st	7
2nd	5
3rd	4
4th	3
5th	2
6th	1

Note – [Please see Appendix II – Year End Point Calculations and processes.](#)

### Ties

In case of a tie score, the Championship and/or Reserve is awarded to the horse that accumulated the most points over fences. If horses have an equal number of points over fences and no points under the tied horses must be shown at a walk, trot and canter. Competitors may be asked to hand gallop at the discretion of the judge. (Exception: Green Hunters). This competition is judged as an independent under saddle class with conformation, soundness and performance to count as prescribed throughout the section.

If all tied horses are declared unsound, selection of the winner among such tied competitors is left to the discretion of the judge(s).

## PART III B – EQUITATION DIVISION

Equitation classes are to be judged in accordance with the principles of the rules of the USEF equitation classes. Any classes being held for BEF points must be judged by a foreign rated judge, properly accredited with their National Federation.

### Eligibility

Riders in classes for junior exhibitors cannot have reached their 19th birthday by the 1st of September in the season of competition.

In Equitation classes only the rider is being judged, therefore, any horse that is suitable and is capable of performing the required class routine is acceptable.

Stallions are prohibited to be ridden or shown in any class by an exhibitor who has not yet reached their 19th Birthday as of the 1st of September in the season of competition.



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## Money Prizes

Offering of prize money in Equitation classes for junior exhibitors and amateurs is forbidden. In Equitation classes the rider is the competitor and wins the award.

## Judging

a) Soundness – horses or ponies must be serviceably sound to compete. Soundness does not penalize a competitor unless it is sufficiently severe to impair the required performance. In such cases, the imposition of a penalty is at the judge's discretion.

b) Any rider not having his mount under sufficient control will be dismissed from the ring and disqualified from that class.

c) Riders must remain on the same mount throughout all phases of a class unless the judge requests a change of mount as part of additional testing.

d) No rider can be asked to perform a test on another horse before he has performed the same test on his own.

e) Attendants are not allowed in the ring except at the request of judge(s).

f) When additional tests are desired, the judges' instructions to riders are publicly announced. It is suggested that the judge go over these instructions with the announcer immediately before they are announced to assure mutual understanding of the wording.

g) In all classes, trotting or cantering through the in-gate without prior permission is forbidden. The penalty for contravening this rule is either a fine or elimination from the class, at the discretion of the judge. Under special circumstances, a steward or judge may give permission for a horse to trot into the ring, but not out of the ring.

h) Conservatively coloured safety vests or back protectors may be worn by any competitor at their discretion in any class either over-fences or on the flat without penalty. The judge may not consider the usage of such protective equipment in any adverse or positive manner. All competitors should be aware that certain protective vests may make the ability for the judge to assess the rider's overall position difficult.

i) Numbers must be worn on the rider's back and must be clearly visible at all times when in competition.

## Point Scoring

Equitation classes will score as follows. For division championships, where a tie exists, the individual who scored the most points over fences will win the tie. Where there remains an equality of points, the tie will remain.

Judges should be asked to score to 6 places despite number of ribbons awarded.

Place	Points
1st	7
2nd	5
3rd	4
4th	3
5th	2
6th	1

Note – [Please see Appendix II – Year End Point Calculations and processes.](#)

## Position

a) General. Rider should have a workmanlike appearance, seat and hands light and supple,



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conveying the impression of complete control should any emergency arise. Exhibitors may ride side saddle in Adult Equitation classes but not in classes restricted to Juniors.

b) Hands. Hands should be over and in front of horse's withers, knuckles thirty degrees inside the vertical, hands slightly apart and making a straight line from horse's mouth to rider's elbow. Method of holding reins is optional and bight of reins may fall on either side. However, all reins must be picked up at the same time.

c) Basic Position. The eyes should be up and shoulders back. Toes should be at an angle best suited to rider's conformation; ankles flexed in, heels down, calf of leg in contact with horse and slightly behind girth. Iron should be on the ball of the foot and must not be tied to the girth.

d) Position in Motion. At the walk, sitting trot and canter, body should be a couple of degrees in front of the vertical; posting trot, inclined forward; galloping and jumping, same inclination as the posting trot.

e) Mounting and Dismounting. To mount, take up reins in left hand and place hand on withers. Grasp stirrup leather with right hand and insert left foot in stirrup, toe in girth and mount. To dismount, rider may either step down or slide down. The size of rider must be taken into consideration.

### Dress

- a) Protective Head Gear - All riders must wear helmets approved under current safety guidelines, with safety harness correctly fastened, at all times while mounted on the competition grounds. Any rider violating this rule at any time must be prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place. Approved and conservative coloured protective headgear is mandatory.
- b) Attire - Exhibitors and judges should bear in mind that at all times entries are being judged on ability rather than on personal attire. Riders should wear conservatively coloured coats which are free from adornment which in the judge's opinion is overly distracting. Shirts must have a chocker, similar collar or tie. Breeches or Jodphurs may be beige, buff, canary, tan, rust or white.
- c) Spurs, crops or bats are optional. Judges may penalize contestants who do not conform or who use such aids negatively.

### Tack & Equipment.

- a) Boots and conservative coloured bandages are permitted. Type of saddle is optional.
- b) Martingales are optional in classes over obstacles and in classes requiring both jumping and flat work. They are prohibited in flat classes. Any changes of equipment during a class can be penalized at the discretion of the judge. (Note: adding or taking off a martingale from one phase to another is not considered a change).
- c) Stirrups must be silver in color or non-colored stainless steel. Riders entering the ring with stirrups that do not conform will be eliminated. (Exception: quick release safety stirrups and stirrups with jointed branches are permitted when the remaining area of the stirrup branch is silver in color or non-colored stainless steel and does not unduly obscure the judge's view of the rider's foot in the stirrup).
- d) A rider will be eliminated for competing with a tail wrap.
- e) In Hunter Seat Equitation, regulation snaffles, pelhams, kimberwicks and full bridles, all with cavesson nose bands are required. A judge at his own discretion can penalize a horse with nonconventional types of bits or nose bands. A judge must eliminate a horse or rider competing with an illegal bit or noseband other than a cavesson. Standing martingales are permitted in the over fences portion of any hunter seat equitation class or division.
- f) In Jumping Seat Equitation, two or three ring bits can be used in addition to any acceptable bits detailed in Hunter Seat Equitation above. In addition, flash or figure eight nosebands can be

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used. Running martingales are permitted in the over fences portion of any jumper seat equitation class.

### **Electronic Communication Devices.**

No mounted exhibitor may wear or carry an electronic communication device (i.e., cellular telephone, pager, walkie talkie, etc.) while in the competition ring. The penalty for wearing or carrying a forbidden device if observed by the judge may be elimination from the class during which the device was worn or carried.

Electronic communication devices used for purposes of coaching, etc., between competitors and individuals outside the ring shall be prohibited in all classes.

Exhibitors who have a medical condition may apply to the BEF for a modification exempting them from the provisions of this rule, however, riders may not use these devices in over fences classes.

An exhibitor who has a medical condition and has previously been granted at least one annual modification related to the condition, may submit an application for approval of a special three-year modification related to the same condition. The application must be accompanied by sufficient supporting documentation that the condition is unlikely to improve during the three-year period.

### **Class Routine**

- 1) Over Obstacles. The performance begins when the horse enters the ring or is given the signal to proceed after entering ring. Except for refusals, jumping faults of the horse are not to be considered unless it is the result of the rider error or ability.
- 2) The following will result in elimination:
  - a) fall of horse and/or rider;
  - b) three cumulative refusals: and
  - c) going off course.

If elimination occurs during a ride-off, the competitor is placed last of all those chosen for the ride-off.

- 3) The following constitute major faults and may be cause for elimination:
  - a) a refusal;
  - b) loss of stirrup;
  - c) trotting while on course when not part of a test and
  - d) loss of reins.
- 4) Each competitor may circle once before approaching the first obstacle unless otherwise indicated. He then proceeds around course keeping an even pace throughout. If a refusal occurs in a double or triple, competitors must re-jump all obstacles in the combination. Any or all competitors can be called back to perform at a walk, trot and canter or to execute any appropriate tests included in class requirements.
- 5) On the flat / Not to Jump. Competitors shall enter ring and proceed at least once around ring at each gait and, on command, reverse and repeat. Riders may be asked to work collectively without stirrups (with the exception of Lead Line and Walk & Trot Equitation). The order to reverse can be executed by turning either toward or away from the rail. Light contact with horse's mouth is required. Entries then line up on command. Any or all riders may be required to execute any appropriate tests included in class requirements. All tests used must be on the flat. Judges are encouraged to call for at least two tests of the top contestants.
- 6) Outside Assistance - Outside assistance is forbidden unless there is a safety issue, and will be penalized at the judge's discretion.

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- 7) In cases of broken equipment or loss of shoe, the competitor must continue or be eliminated.

### Course Requirements

- 1) Classes over fences must be held over a minimum of six obstacles with at least one change of direction.
- 2) Combinations are prohibited to be used in equitation classes below 2'3" (0.70m).
- 3) Equitation classes exceeding 2'6" (0.85m) must have at least one change of lead, and one combination on course.
- 4) Distances in combinations must be adjusted for ponies if both horses and ponies are competing.
- 5) FEI safety cups must be used for the back rail on all oxers in the competition and warmup arenas

### Equitation Tests

- 1) The following are which the judges can choose from in accordance with requirements for specific classes or divisions). Tests may be performed either collectively or individually. Instructions must be publicly announced.
- 2) Halt (4 to 6 seconds) and/or back.
- 3) Work collectively at a walk, trot or canter.
- 4) Hand gallop.
- 5) Figure eight at trot, demonstrating change of diagonals. At left diagonal, rider should be sitting the saddle when left front leg is on the ground; at right diagonal, rider should be sitting the saddle when right front leg is on the ground; when circling clockwise at a trot, rider should be on left diagonal; when circling counter-clockwise, rider should be on the right diagonal.
- 6) Figure eight at canter on correct lead, demonstrating simple change of lead. This is a change whereby the horse is brought back into a walk or trot and re-started into a canter on the opposite lead. Figures to be commenced in center of two circles so that one change of lead is shown.
- 7) Jump obstacles on figure eight course.
- 8) Ride without stirrups, or drop and pick up stirrups.
- 9) Jump low obstacles at a walk and trot as well as at a canter. The maximum height for a walk obstacle is 12". The maximum height for a trotting obstacle is 3'.
- 10) Dismount and mount.
- 11) Turn on the forehand.
- 12) Figure eight at canter on correct lead demonstrating flying change of lead.
- 13) Execute serpentine at a trot and/or canter on correct lead demonstrating simple or flying changes of lead.
- 14) Change leads on a line demonstrating a simple or flying change of lead.
- 15) Change horses. (Note: this test is the equivalent of two tests).
- 16) Canter on counter lead. (Note: no more than twelve horses may counter canter at one time.)
- 17) Turn on the haunches from the walk.
- 18) Demonstration ride of approximately one minute. Rider must advise judge beforehand what ride he plans to demonstrate.

## PART III C – SHOW JUMPING

Jumping classes are to be judged in accordance with the principles of the rules of the FEI. Where there is an eventuality not covered in this BEF rulebook, the rules of the FEI shall apply. FEI Show Jumping Rules may be found on the FEI website [www.fei.org](http://www.fei.org)

Any classes being held for BEF points must be judged by a rated judge for show jumping, properly accredited with their National Federation. Please note the section below.

### Eligibility

Riders in classes for junior exhibitors (if stipulated) cannot have reached their 19th birthday by the 1st of September in the season of competition.

Horses and Ponies must be registered with the Bermuda Equestrian Federation when taking part in B.E.F. designated classes.

Adults may not ride ponies in any BEF recognised class.

In classes less than 0.70m, a horse or pony may be ridden by up to two riders and will be scored separately with the horse / rider combination wearing a separate number. In classes at 0.70 and higher, horses or ponies may only compete once in a class.

### Judges

Judges for BEF show jumping classes must be recognized by their national federation or governing body to judge show jumping classes and be familiar with the BEF show jumping rules prior to the commencement of competition.

For any FEI international competition (including the FEI Challenge and the CEA competitions), the judge must be recognised by the B.E.F. and hold an FEI accreditation to judge.

**Course Designer** - The Course Designer should be at least a Candidate Course Designer or some-one with comparable qualifications or expertise.

**Courses** – Courses exceeding 0.70m must be built in accordance with the respective rules of the FEI. In addition, the following rules should apply in all show jumping classes at BEF recognised horse shows, even if the class is not a BEF designated class:

- 1) Classes over fences must be held over a minimum of eight obstacles with at least one change of direction.
- 2) Combinations are prohibited to be used in classes below 2'3" (0.70m).
- 3) Courses exceeding 0.70m must have at least one combination on course.
- 4) Distances in combinations must be adjusted for ponies if both horses and ponies are competing. The organising committee will give at least 30 minutes warning to indicate whether ponies will go at the beginning or at the end of the class.
- 5) Where horses and ponies are competing in the same class, related distances must be at least four strides – no three stride distances can be used for safety reasons
- 6) FEI safety cups must be used for the back rail on all oxers in the competition and warmup arenas

**Speed** – Unless otherwise indicated, the following should be applied to BEF Show-Jumping classes:

.60m or lower	300 metres per minute
.60m to 1.0m	325 metres per minute
>1.0m	350 metres per minute

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A course designer and/or judge has the right to adjust the speed according to ring conditions and size.

**Number of Entries** - A competitor may not enter more than three horses for any one jumping competition, unless otherwise specified by the organizers.

**Immediate Jump-off** – Where horses and ponies are competing in the same class, the judge and/or organising committee has the right to implement an immediate jump off in order to promote efficiency and avoid changing distances multiple times. The following applies in this circumstance, or where a class is being run in accordance with USEF Table II, Sec. 2(b):

If a competitor has gone clear in the first round, the competitor will, without leaving the ring, upon an audible signal, commence the designated jump-off course. A competitor with a clear round may dismount, and with assistance if necessary, adjust tack and/or equipment; however, upon the audible signal to begin their round, the competitor is responsible to adhering to the 45 seconds to cross the start line. In case of a fall of a Rider and/or Horse after crossing the finish line of the first round, the Rider/Horse combination may not continue to the jump-off, and will be placed according to their Score in the first round. A competitor who leaves the arena after a clear round (before or after the tone) will be considered to have withdrawn from the jump-off.

**Jumping Order** - The Jumping order for the first round must be established by the following procedures:

The horses' names are drawn individually, starting with the first position and then working down.

If the same rider has two horses drawn too close together, the order may be adjusted so that there will be a minimum of six horses (if available) separating them. The horse drawn first will move up as far as possible in the order before the second horse is dropped down.

All horses must be ridden in the sequence that appears on the jumping order.

To minimize delays, management may permit a rider to compete ahead of his posted order in the first round of a class, provided that he then competes in the timed jump-off in the order originally posted. However, to minimize delays, a rider may be permitted to go ahead of his posted order in the jump-off.

If a jumping order is established it must be posted in a conspicuous place at least one half hour before the class. The jumping order must be legible to a mounted rider.

**Elimination for Refusals:** This local rule is applicable to all BEF designated and non-designated classes: **In classes below 1m, three refusals will be permitted prior to elimination; Two refusals will result in elimination in classes 1 meter or higher or in any FEI or CEA competition held at any height.**

**Penalties during a round:** With the exception of the elimination for refusals noted above, penalties incurred during a round shall be aligned with the FEI jumping rules chapter IV – Chapter VI

### Dress

- 1) Protective Head Gear - All riders must wear helmets approved under current safety guidelines, with safety harness correctly fastened, at all times while mounted on the competition grounds. Any rider violating this rule at any time must be prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place. Approved and conservative coloured protective headgear is mandatory.
- 2) Attire - Riders should wear conservatively coloured coats and black or brown boots. Shirts must have a choker, similar collar or tie. Breeches or Jodphurs may be beige, buff, canary, tan, or white. Note – where a class is run specifically under FEI rules, article 256 will apply.
- 3) In hot weather, coats may be excused at the discretion of the judge, or in inclement weather, waterproof overcoats may be allowed if permitted by the judge or horse show management.
- 4) Spurs, crops or bats are optional. Rowel spurs with discs that have notched or serrated edges are not permitted in any BEF or FEI class, and whips may not be longer than 75cm.

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### Tack & Equipment.

- a) Type of saddle is optional.
- b) Only unrestricted running martingales are allowed – this applies even when show jumping classes are being run in accordance with USEF rules.
- c) Stirrups must hang freely from the saddle
- d) Blinkers and fly masks that cover the horse's eyes are forbidden.
- e) Sheepskin may be used on each cheek piece of the bridle providing the sheepskin does not exceed 3cm in diameter measured from the horse's face.
- f) There are no restrictions on bits. However, the horse show organizers or ground jury, based on veterinary advice, to forbid the use of a bit that may cause injury to the Horse. Reins must be attached to the bit(s) or directly to the bridle. A maximum of two pairs of reins may be used. If two pairs of reins are used, one pair must be attached to the bit or directly to the bridle. Gags and hackamores are allowed.
- g) The maximum weight of equipment placed on a horses leg is 500grams. Boots must be smooth against the horses skin, and no additional elements should be added to or inserted into the boot.
- h) Fetlock rings are allowed.
- i) Hind boots should not be overly tight and for BEF competitions must align to the allowable boots under FEI rules under Article 257 (as amended).

Persons who do not comply with Tack & Equipment restrictions will be eliminated.

### Electronic Communication Devices.

No mounted exhibitor may wear or carry an electronic communication device (i.e., cellular telephone, pager, walkie talkie, etc.) while in the competition ring. The penalty for wearing or carrying a forbidden device if observed by the judge may be elimination from the class during which the device was worn or carried.

Electronic communication devices used for purposes of coaching, etc., between competitors and individuals outside the ring shall be prohibited in all classes.

Exhibitors who have a medical condition may apply to the BEF for a modification exempting them from the provisions of this rule, however, riders may not use these devices in over fences classes.

An exhibitor who has a medical condition and has previously been granted at least one annual modification related to the condition, may submit an application for approval of a special three-year modification related to the same condition. The application must be accompanied by sufficient supporting documentation that the condition is unlikely to improve during the three-year period.

### Point Scoring

Points for show jumping classes will be awarded to 6<sup>th</sup> place, regardless of the number of ribbons awarded.

Place	Points
1st	7
2nd	5
3rd	4
4th	3
5th	2
6th	1

Ties will be scored accordingly. i.e. if tie for first place between three competitors 1st, 2nd and 3rd place points will be added together and divided by 3. The next place will be 4th and so on.

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Note – [Please see Appendix II – Year End Point Calculations and processes.](#)

**BEF Championship Classes** – Jumping classes detailed in section Show Jumping Year End Championship Divisions will be counted for BEF points. They will carry the BEF designator as detailed in the Class Description below when listed in the schedule or prize list.

**Class Description** – BEF Championship Classes must be held in accordance with all rules detailed in this document as applicable. Classes must show maximum height to be jumped and the correct Table and Article number for the class. The BEF Division Number must also appear in the description of the class on the horse show schedule and related materials.

### PART IV – BEF CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following details explicitly the descriptions that must be used by horse shows if they wish for classes to be run in accordance with the BEF rules, and points accumulated in these classes to count for year-end awards and/or prizes.

#### Appendix I

##### Show Jumping Year End Championship Divisions

JP01	0.55m	The Tobias Trophy
JP02A	0.65m	The Roses are Red Trophy (Horse)
JP02B	0.65m	The Jaeda Trophy (Pony)
JP03A	0.70m	The Starstruck Trophy (Horse)
JP03B	0.70m	BEF Trophy (Pony)
JP04	0.85m	The Catherine Hanson Memorial Trophy
JP05	0.95m	The Shanhills Virginian Memorial Trophy
JP06	1.10m	The Seaview Trophy
JP07	1.2m	The Deepwood Sparkle Trophy
JP08	1.3m	The Hemingway Memorial Trophy
JP09	1.4m	The Baum Family Cup

##### Equitation Year End Championship Divisions

EQ10	Leadline & Poles	The BEF Trophy (Juniors)
EQ11	Walk/Trot & X-Rails	Award TBA (Juniors)
EQ12	Beginner Equitation	The Pooh Bear Trophy
EQ13A	Short Stirrup (18”) Juniors	The Cinnamon Girl Trophy
EQ13B	Short Stirrup (18”) Adults	Award TBA
EQ14A	Low Equitation (2’3”) Juniors	The Spicelands Trophy



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EQ14B	Low Equitation (2'3") Adults	Award TBA
EQ15A	Modified Equitation (2'6") Juniors	The Inwood/Tucker's Homeslice Trophy
EQ15B	Modified Equitation (2'6") Adults	Award TBA
EQ16	Open Equitation (2'9")	The BHPA Trophy
EQ17	BEF Open Eq Medal Series (max 3'6")	Award TBA

### Hunter Year End Championship Divisions

To be eligible for a year end division championship, a horse or pony must have completed at least one over-fences class and one under saddle class in that division.

HU18	X-Rails	Award TBA
HU19	Itty Bitty Hunter (18")	Sandyl Salish Trophy (Ponies)
HU20	2'3" Hunter	Carla Simmons Trophy (P& H separated)
HU21	2'6" Hunter	Sully Sioux Buck Trophy (P& H separated)
HU22	2'9" Hunter	Happy Henry Trophy
HU23	3'0" Hunter	The Hinson Hall Trophy
HU24	Open Hunter 3'6"	The Spicelands Trophy

### Other Year End Championship Divisions

OT25	Riding Horse 15.2hh & under	The BEF Trophy
OT26	Riding Horse >15.2hh	The Marina Curtis Evans Trophy
OT27	Riding Pony 14.2hh & Under	The Mariner Cup

### Other Championship Awards:

THE LITTLE ORVY TROPHY - CHAMPION HORSE JUMPER.

Only B.E.F. designated jumping classes will count towards the Little Orvy Trophy as well as the FEI World Jumping Challenge when applicable.

THE GRANTFIELD EPIC TROPHY - CHAMPION PONY JUMPER.

Only B.E.F. designated jumping classes will count towards the Little Orvy Trophy. Grantfield Epic Trophy.

THE SKIPPY AWARD - HIGH POINTS PONY.

To be awarded to the pony accumulating most points in a show season competing in BEF designated classes.



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**STABLE AWARD:** Open to riding students and boarders of individual stables. Competitors must be members of, and horses/ponies must be registered with, the B.E.F. at the time of entry. Only B.E.F. designated classes to count. Points counted from 1st to 10th.

**COACHES AWARD:** Competitors and Coaches must be members of, and horses/ponies must be registered with the B.E.F. at the time of entry. Only B.E.F. designated classes to count. Points counted from 1st to 6th.

### THE DECOSTA CONSTRUCTION LIMITED TROPHY - LEADING JUNIOR RIDER

Points to be accumulated for the overall points for a Junior rider competing on any horse or pony. Points will be awarded to the rider. Points counted from 1st to 6th.

### THE INWOOD TROPHY - LEADING ADULT RIDER

Points to be accumulated for overall points for the Adult rider competing on any horse. Points will be awarded to the rider. Points counted from 1st to 10th.

### THE PEGASUS TROPHY

For Juniors competing on ponies, points to be awarded to the rider not the pony.

### THE CHINA DOLL TROPHY

For the Junior rider gaining the most points in show jumping riding the same horse.

### THE SHALIMAR TROPHY

For most points gained by a junior, 14 to 18 years, riding the same horse in all competitions. In Hand classes will not count.

### THE JENERATIONS DEBUT TROPHY

For the horse with the most points overall.

### THE RAYMOND WHITE TROPHY

For the Horse/Pony/Rider gaining the most points overall.

### THE RICHFIELD TROPHY

This trophy to be awarded to the Horse/ Rider or Pony/ Rider combination with the most points attained in Dressage; Show Jumping and Combined Training. Only combinations who have competed in both the Dressage and Show Jumping disciplines during the year are eligible.

### THE JUDY MONTGOMERY-MOORE MEMORIAL AWARD

For the best combined score of horse/rider combination in the FEI World Dressage Challenge & the CEA Mini Dressage Challenge in the Adult Division in the following tests. PSG, Intermediate I, Senior II, Senior I.

### THE DEVONSHIRE DEPOT TROPHY

For the winner of the Advanced Dressage Test in the FEI World Dressage Challenge.

### Appendix II – Awards Calculations & Process

When a horse show offers classes or divisions intended to count towards BEF Year End Awards, the following process must be followed by horse show organisers to ensure that all points are recorded accurately and in a timely fashion. Failure to adhere to this policy may result in horse show points not being counted or accurately recorded.

#### **Show Schedules**

Show schedules must have been approved by the BEF Rules Committee prior to the competition being held.

Formatting of schedules must have included BEF designator and a class description.

#### **Show Jumping Classes**

Show Jumping Classes must have been run using the correct Article and description outlined in the show schedule and/or quick reference guide. Exceptions to this rule may be made if class articles were changed as a result of weather or footing, and approved by the organising committee of the horse show.

#### **Show Results**

Complete Show Results must be sent to the Points Secretary within one week (7 days) after the conclusion of the show and must include the Show Number of each participant, so that a check of the results can be made with the Judge's Cards.

In addition a numerical listing of horses and competitors must be provided to the Points Secretary

Results provided must show class number and description, place, name and number of horse or for equitation classes, name and number of the rider.

BEF Designated classes must record results through 6th place where possible.

#### **Judges' Cards**

Within one week (7 days) of the conclusion of a show, the Judge's cards must be scanned and sent via e-mail to the Points Secretary for all BEF Designated classes for scoring and recording purposes.

### Appendix III – Class Descriptions

#### **Hunters:**

**X-Rails Over-Fences (HU18)** – To be shown at the trot or canter over a course of no less than 6 fences not to exceed 12" at the centre of the X. At least one change of direction is required. Combinations are not permitted. To be judged on performance and soundness, suitability & manners.

**X-Rails Under-Saddle (HU18)** - To be shown at a walk and trot both ways of the ring. Riders may be asked for an extended trot. Horses/Ponies are to stop easily, to back readily and stand quietly. Light contact with the pony's mouth is required. To be judge on performance, manners, suitability and soundness.

**Itty Bitty Hunter O/F (HU19)** – To be shown at the canter over a course of no less than 8 fences not to exceed 18". Oxers not to exceed 18" in width are optional. At least one change of direction is required. Combinations are not permitted. To be judged on performance and soundness, suitability & manners.

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**Itty Bitty Hunter U/S (HU19)** - To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Riders may be asked for an extended trot. Horses/Ponies are to stop easily, to back readily and stand quietly. Light contact is required. To be judge on performance, manners, suitability and soundness.

**2'3 Hunter O/F (HU20)** – To be shown over a course of no less than 8 fences not to exceed 2'3". Oxers not to exceed 18" in width are optional. Combinations are not permitted. To be judged on performance and soundness, suitability & manners.

**2'3 Hunter U/S (HU20)** - To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Riders may be asked for an extended trot. Horses/Ponies are to stop easily, to back readily and stand quietly. Light contact is required. To be judge on performance, manners, suitability and soundness.

**2'6 Hunter O/F (HU21)** – To be shown over a course of no less than 8 fences not to exceed 2'6". Combinations are permitted. If horses and ponies are competing together, combinations will be adjusted accordingly. To be judged on performance and soundness, suitability & manners.

**2'6 Hunter U/S (HU21)** - To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Riders may be asked for an extended trot. Horses/Ponies are to stop easily, to back readily and stand quietly. May be asked to hand gallop collectively (no more than eight at a time) one way of the ring at the judge's discretion. Light contact is required. To be judge on performance, manners, suitability and soundness.

**2'9 Hunter O/F (HU22)** – To be shown over a course of no less than 8 fences not to exceed 2'9". Combinations are permitted. If horses and ponies are competing together, combinations will be adjusted accordingly. To be judged on performance and soundness, suitability & manners.

**2'9 Hunter U/S (HU22)** - To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Riders may be asked for an extended trot. Horses/Ponies are to stop easily, to back readily and stand quietly. May be asked to hand gallop collectively (no more than eight at a time) one way of the ring at the judge's discretion. Light contact is required. To be judge on performance, manners, suitability and soundness.

**3'0 Hunter O/F (HU23)** – To be shown over a course of no less than 8 fences not to exceed 3'0". Combinations are permitted. If horses and ponies are competing together, combinations will be adjusted accordingly. To be judged on performance and soundness, suitability & manners.

**3'0 Hunter U/S (HU23)** - To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Riders may be asked for an extended trot. Horses/Ponies are to stop easily, to back readily and stand quietly. May be asked to hand gallop collectively (no more than eight at a time) one way of the ring at the judge's discretion. Light contact is required. To be judge on performance, manners, suitability and soundness.

**3'6 Open Hunter O/F (HU24)** – To be shown over a course of no less than 8 fences not to exceed 3'6". Combinations are permitted. If horses and ponies are competing together, combinations will be adjusted accordingly. To be judged on performance and soundness, suitability & manners.

**3'6 Hunter U/S (HU24)** - To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Riders may be asked for an extended trot. Horses/Ponies are to stop easily, to back readily and stand quietly. May be asked to hand gallop collectively (no more than eight at a time) one way of the ring at the judge's discretion. Light contact is required. To be judge on performance, manners, suitability and soundness.

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**Hunter in-hand** – Where a horse show elects to include an in-hand class to be part of a hunter division, the following wording should be included in the class descriptor:

<Class and division descriptor) – In Hand: To be judged in hand wearing a bridle with a snaffle type bit only. To be judged 50% on movement and manners and 50% on conformation and type. Horses will enter the ring collectively at the walk and may be asked to trot collectively or individually by the judge or ringmaster before being lined up for further and final judging.

### **Equitation:**

**Leadline Equitation Flat (EQ10)** – Entries to be led at all times by a suitable handler. To be judged at a walk and trot only, with the ability and performance of the rider to be judged 75% and suitability 25%. Stallions prohibited. BEF year end championship points will be awarded to junior competitors only. The rider may not cross enter into any other class at the same horse show where they are not being led.

**Leadline Equitation over Poles (EQ10)** – To be led by a suitable handler over a course of no less than four poles with at least one change of direction. To be judged 75% on the ability and performance of the rider, and suitability of the mount 25%. Stallions prohibited. A horse or pony may be ridden by more than one rider in this class. BEF year end championship points will be awarded to junior competitors only. The rider may not cross enter into any other class at the same horse show where they are not being led.

**Walk-Trot Equitation Flat (EQ11)** – To be judged at a walk and trot only, with the ability of the rider only to be judged. Any horse/pony, serviceably sound, that is suitable for riding, and is capable of performing required class routine, is acceptable. Stallions are prohibited. BEF year end championship points will be awarded to junior competitors only. Riders may not cross enter into Beginner equitation flat at the same show.

**Walk-Trot Equitation Over X-Rails (EQ11)** – To be judged over a course of no less than six x-rails where the height in the centre of the x-rail should not exceed 12". Courses should include at least one change of direction and must not include a combination. Riders should jump each fence on the course at the **trot**. To be judged 75% on the ability and performance of the rider, and suitability of the mount 25%. Stallions are prohibited. A horse or pony may be ridden by more than one rider in this class. BEF year end championship points will be awarded to junior competitors only.

**Beginner Equitation Flat (EQ12)** – To be judged at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring, with the ability of the rider to be judged. Stallions are prohibited. BEF year end championship points will be awarded to junior competitors only. Riders may not cross enter into the Walk-Trot Equitation flat at the same show.

**Beginner Equitation Over X-Rails (EQ12)** – To be judged over a course of no less than six x-rails where the height in the centre of the **x-rail** should not exceed 12". Courses should include at least one change of direction and must not include a combination. Riders should jump each fence on the course at the **canter**. To be judged 75% on the ability and performance of the rider, and suitability of the mount 25%. Stallions are prohibited. A horse or pony may be ridden by more than one rider in this class. BEF year end championship points will be awarded to junior competitors only.

**Short Stirrup Equitation Flat (EQ13A & EQ13B)** – To be judged at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring, with the ability of the rider to be judged. Stallions are prohibited. BEF year end championship points will be awarded separately for junior (EQ13A) and adult (EQ13B) competitors.

**Short Stirrup Equitation Over Fences (EQ13A & EQ13B)** – To be judged over a course of no less than six jumps, the height of which should not exceed 18". Courses should include at least one change of direction and must not include a combination. To be judged 75% on the ability and performance of the rider, and suitability of the mount 25%. Stallions are prohibited. A horse or pony may be ridden by more than one rider in this class. BEF year end championship points will be awarded separately for junior (EQ13A) and adult (EQ13B) competitors.

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**Low Equitation Flat (EQ14A & EQ14B)** – To be judged at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring, with the ability of the rider to be judged. Stallions are prohibited. BEF year end championship points will be awarded separately for junior (EQ14A) and adult (EQ14B) competitors.

**Low Equitation Over Fences (EQ14A & EQ14B)** – To be judged over a course of no less than six jumps, the height of which should not exceed 2'3". Courses should include at least one change of direction and must not include a combination. To be judged 75% on the ability and performance of the rider, and suitability of the mount 25%. Stallions are prohibited. A horse or pony may be ridden by more than one rider in this class. BEF year end championship points will be awarded separately for junior (EQ14A) and adult (EQ14B) competitors.

**Modified Equitation Flat (EQ15A & EQ15B)** – To be judged at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring, with the ability of the rider to be judged. Stallions are prohibited. BEF year end championship points will be awarded separately for junior (EQ15A) and adult (EQ15B) competitors.

**Modified Equitation Over Fences (EQ15A & EQ15B)** – To be judged over a course of no less than eight jumps, the height of which should not exceed 2'6". Courses should include at least one change of direction and may include a combination. Distances must be adjusted if horses and ponies are competing together in the same class. To be judged 75% on the ability and performance of the rider, and suitability of the mount 25%. Stallions are prohibited. A horse or pony may be ridden by more than one rider in this class. BEF year end championship points will be awarded separately for junior (EQ15A) and adult (EQ15B) competitors.

**Open Equitation Flat (EQ16)** – To be judged at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring, with the ability of the rider to be judged. The results of Junior and Adult competitors will not be separated for BEF year end championship points.

**Open Equitation Over Fences (EQ16)** – To be judged over a course of no less than eight jumps, the height of which should not exceed 2'9". Courses should include at least one change of direction and must include a combination. Distances must be adjusted if horses and ponies are competing together in the same class. To be judged 75% on the ability and performance of the rider. A horse or pony may not be ridden by more than one rider in this class. The results of Junior and Adult competitors will not be separated for BEF year end championship points.

**BEF Open Eq Medal (EQ17)** – May be run as either a jumper medal or a hunt seat equitation medal with the following wording to apply as applicable:

**BEF Open Eq Hunt Seat Medal (EQ17):** Class to be run in two phases, to run consecutively. Phase 1 will be judged over a hunter type course with a minimum of 8 jumps including 1 combination, an oxer and a change of lead. Height of fences not to exceed 3'6". The course may contain the following: Bending line, narrow jump, roll back turn, long approach to single jump. May also include in the course test(s) from the BEF rule book 1-8,10,13, or 14. Except for refusals, jumping faults of the horse are not considered unless it is deemed at the judge's discretion to be the result of a rider error or ability. An open Numerical Scoring System must be used in the first round, with each rider's score announced at the completion of their round. Those not eliminated in the over fences phase if this class will be asked to return to the ring for phase 2, the flat phase, where they will be tested at the walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. They may also be asked to perform either individually or collectively any test or combination of tests from the BEF rule book 1-18. The top 4 competitors may then be asked to do additional testing either on the flat or over fences at the judge's discretion. Tack and equipment must be in accordance with the BEF rules for equitation. Boots and bandages and standing martingales are permitted in the jumping phase but must be removed prior to returning to the ring for the flat phase. Distance changes may be made to any related distance on course where the related distance between two fences is less than 58' 0" to accommodate for juniors competing on ponies.

**BEF Open Eq Jumper Medal (EQ17)** Class to be run in two phases, to run consecutively. Phase 1 will be judged over a jumper type course with a minimum of 8 jumps and two changes of direction. In addition, courses must include at least 1 combination and may include a water obstacle. Height and width of fences not

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to exceed 3'6". The course may contain the following: Bending line, narrow jump, roll back turn, long approach to single jump. May also include in the course test(s) from the BEF rule book 1-8,10,13, or 14. Except for refusals, jumping faults of the horse are not considered unless it is deemed at the judge's discretion to be the result of a rider error or ability. The speed for the course should be set at 325 metres per minute, and time faults will be penalised as a deduction of one percentage point for each second over the time allowed. An open Numerical Scoring System must be used in the first round, with each rider's score announced at the completion of their round. A minimum of four riders not eliminated in the over fences phase if this class will be asked to return to the ring for phase 2, the flat phase, where they will be tested at the walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. They may also be asked to perform either individually or collectively any test or combination of tests from the BEF rule book 1-18. The top 4 competitors may then be asked to do further testing either on the flat or over fences at the judge's discretion. Tack and equipment must be in accordance with the BEF rules for equitation. Boots and bandages and running martingales are permitted in both phases of this class. Distance changes may be made to any related distance on course where the related distance between two fences is less than 58' 0" to accommodate for juniors competing on ponies.

### Show Jumping:

Unless referenced specifically in this rulebook, the rules of the FEI will govern show jumping competitions in Bermuda. Any competition run in accordance with the FEI jumper rules and articles contained therein (including as amended in this rulebook) will automatically be eligible to be included in overall year end points calculations, provided that the classes are listed correctly in the prizelist at the time of entry and prior to the start of any competition.

**Table A –  
Faults penalised in Penalty points or by elimination according to the following table:**

Obstacle knocked down by jumping	4 Penalties
First Disobedience	4 Penalties
Second Disobedience	Elimination in competitions >1m (or 4 Penalties)
Third disobedience	Elimination in competitions 1m or higher
Fall of horse or rider (or both)	Elimination
Exceeding the time limit	Elimination
Exceeding the time allowed under Table A	1 Penalty for each second commenced

Commonly used Table A (or USEF Equivalent) competition wording:

Table A Art 238.1.2 – Competition not against the clock with a time allowed but in the event of equality of Penalties for first place there will be one jump-off against the clock. Other Athletes are placed according to their Penalties in the first round.

Table A Speed Art 238.2.1 – Competition against the clock. Athletes with equality of Penalties for any place are placed in accordance with the time taken to complete the round. In the event of equality of Penalties and time for first place, there may be a jump-off over a shortened course over obstacles, which may be increased in height and/or spread in accordance with the provisions of the Schedule.

If a horse show chooses to use USEF Show Jumping rules for whatever reason, **USEF JP146 Table II – Classes scored on Faults and Time** can be used as an equivalent to FEI Table A classes. The following class descriptors will automatically be eligible for BEF point calculations if in the prize list description, it should state that BEF show jumping rules apply in the descriptor so that the above table can be applied.

Table II, Sec. 2 (a)—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. In the event of equality of faults



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after the first round, there will be one jump-off for first place only in which time will decide in the event of equality of faults.

Table II, Sec. 2 (b)– (Immediate Jump Off) 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 a competitor has gone clear in the first round, the competitor will, without leaving the ring, upon an audible signal, commence the designated jump-off course

### Table C –

**Faults are penalised in seconds which are added to the time taken by the Athlete to complete their round or by Elimination according to the following table:**

Obstacle knocked down by jumping	4 seconds
First Disobedience	None
Disobedience with a knock down and/or displacement of an obstacle	6 seconds
Second Disobedience	Elimination in competitions 1m or higher
Third disobedience	Elimination in competitions <1m
Fall of horse or rider (or both)	Elimination

Commonly used Table C (or USEF Equivalent) competition wording:

Table C Speed Art 239 – Competition against the clock where the fastest time (including the seconds for time correction according to the table above if any) determines the placing. Athletes with equal adjusted time will remain tied for placings if applicable.

If a horse show chooses to use USEF Show Jumping rules for whatever reason, **USEF JP146 Table III – Faults converted to seconds** can be used as an equivalent class and will automatically be eligible for BEF point calculations. Note that in the prize list description, it should state that BEF show jumping rules apply in the descriptor so that the above table can be applied.

### Optimum Time –

Any competition that wishes to run a BEF class using optimum time should do so using [USEF JP149 Table IV](#)

**NOTE TO HORSE SHOW ORGANISERS AND COMPETITORS – IF A CLASS IS BEING HELD UNDER AN FEI OR USEF ARTICLE NUMBER NOT REFERENCED DIRECTLY IN THIS RULEBOOK, THE PRIZELIST MUST BE CLEARED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BEFORE THE COMPETITION TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY OF THE CLASS TOWARDS YEAR END POINTS.**

**Open Jumping 0.55m** (JP01) – <Insert Table and Article here>

Open jumping class where the height of fences is not to exceed 0.50m (18”). <<INSERT DESCRIPTOR>>No combinations will be on course. BEF Championship points will be awarded to juniors only.

**Open Jumping 0.65m** (JP02A and JP02B) – <Insert Table and Article here>

Open jumping class where the height of fences is not to exceed 0.60m (2’0”). <<INSERT DESCRIPTOR>>No combinations will be on course. BEF Championship points will be awarded to horses (JP02A) and ponies (JP02B) separately.

**Open Jumping 0.70m** (JP03A and JP03B) – <Insert Table and Article here>

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Open jumping class where the height of fences is not to exceed 0.75m (2'6"). <<INSERT DESCRIPTOR>>Combinations may be permitted on course but must be adjusted to accommodate for ponies and horses competing in the same class. BEF Championship points will be awarded to horses (JP03A) and ponies (JP03B) separately.

**Open Jumping 0.85m (JP04)** – <Insert Table and Article here>

Open jumping class where the height of fences is not to exceed 0.90m (2'9"). <<INSERT DESCRIPTOR>> Combinations are expected to form part of the course but must be adjusted to accommodate for ponies and horses competing in the same class. BEF Championship points for this division will not separate horses or ponies.

**Open Jumping 0.95m (JP05)** – <Insert Table and Article here>

Open jumping class where the height of fences is not to exceed 1.0m (3'3"). <<INSERT DESCRIPTOR>> Combinations are expected to form part of the course but must be adjusted to accommodate for ponies and horses competing in the same class. BEF Championship points for this division will not separate horses or ponies.

**Open Jumping 1.10m (JP06)** – <Insert Table and Article here>

Open jumping class where the height of fences is not to exceed 1.10m (3'6"). <<INSERT DESCRIPTOR>> Combinations are expected to form part of the course but must be adjusted to accommodate for ponies and horses competing in the same class. BEF Championship points will not separate horses or ponies.

**Open Jumping 1.20m (JP07)** – <Insert Table and Article here>

Open jumping class where the height of fences is not to exceed 1.20m (3'9"). <<INSERT DESCRIPTOR>> Combinations are expected to form part of the course but must be adjusted to accommodate for ponies and horses competing in the same class. BEF Championship points will not separate horses or ponies.

**Open Jumping 1.30m (JP08)** – <Insert Table and Article here>

Open jumping class where the height of fences is not to exceed 1.30m (4'3"). <<INSERT DESCRIPTOR>> Combinations are expected to form part of the course but must be adjusted to accommodate for ponies and horses competing in the same class.

**Open Jumping 1.40m (JP09)** – <Insert Table and Article here>

Open jumping class where the height of fences is not to exceed 1.40m (4'6"). <<INSERT DESCRIPTOR>>

### Other

**Riding Horse 15.2hh & under (OT25)** - Entries to be shown under English saddle. Horses will enter the ring at walk and will be judge at the walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. May be asked to hand gallop. Only eight (8) horses to gallop at one time. To be judged on performance, conformation, movement, substance and manners.

**Riding Horse > 15.2hh (OT26)** - Entries to be shown under English saddle. Horses will enter the ring at walk and will be judge at the walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. May be asked to hand gallop. Only eight (8) horses to gallop at one time. To be judged on performance, conformation, movement, substance and manners.

**Riding Pony 14.2hh & Under (OT27)** - Entries to be shown under English saddle. Ponies will enter the ring at walk and will be judge at the walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. To be judged on performance, conformation, movement, substance and manners.