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RULE I

Membership Classification

1100 College Membership

- 1101 Any degree-granting institution interested in participating in the activities of the Intercollegiate Horse Shows Association, and willing to subscribe to the By Laws and Rules of the IHSA, is eligible for membership.
- 1102 An eligible college must apply for membership annually on the official IHSA College Membership form, and such form must be properly signed by an official of the college empowered to do so. Such form shall also identify the team coach and the designated representative authorized to represent the member institution.
- 1103 At the option of the institution, the team coach may be the designated representative.
- 1104 The college membership application must be accompanied by a check, drawn on an official account of the college or a club check, in the amount of \$150.00, \$50.00 to go to Region, Zone and National respectively. Personal checks will not be accepted for this payment. Canadian checks must be in U.S. funds.
- 1105 The IHSA college membership application must include:
- A. Name, address, phone number of the coach.
 - B. Departmental or organizational affiliation of the team (student government, athletic department, etc.).
 - C. Name, title and address of coach's supervisor.
 - D. Signature of coach
 - E. Signature of supervisor.
- 1106 For a college to be considered “in good standing,” both the initial or annual college membership application and dues must be received by the President College of the Region at or before the first show in which they seek to participate.

1200 Individual Undergraduate Membership

1201 Eligibility for Membership and Participation.

In order to become an Individual Undergraduate Member in the IHSA, a rider must be a full-time undergraduate student at an IHSA member institute. In order to participate in IHSA shows, an individual member must be in good academic standing at the time of the show.

Exceptions:

- A. A rider in the final term of a baccalaureate program enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies may compete in IHSA shows providing the member institution certifies that the student is carrying (for credit) at least four (4) semester/term hours and all the courses needed to complete degree requirements.
- B. A rider having completed a baccalaureate program in mid academic year is no longer eligible to ride as an undergraduate in Regular shows, but if otherwise qualified, may either compete in individual classes only at that year's Regional, Zone/**Western Semi-Finals** and National shows, or may enter the Alumni division.

A rider will be eligible for the number of regular terms equivalent to four calendar years, not necessarily in succession, but within a five-year total period - counted from the first term of IHSA participation. A student entering active military duty will have the five-year period extended for the length of that military duty.

1202 Individual Membership Form

Annually, prior to their first competition, an eligible student must apply for membership on the official IHSA Individual Membership form, to indicate participation in Hunter Seat, Western, or both disciplines. The application must be signed by that individual and must be filed with the President College of the Region. It must include an individual membership fee of \$30.00 for Hunter Seat or Western, or \$40.00 if both disciplines are applied for at the same time. See Rule 2302-C.

1300 Individual Eligibility Packet

1301 Academic Eligibility Form

In order to compete in IHSA shows, at the beginning of each term, a team must submit a completed IHSA Academic Eligibility Form listing each student and signed by the college Registrar, Bursar or other qualified official verifying that each is a full-time undergraduate student in good academic standing. See Rule 1201.

1302 Individual Placement Form

In order to compete in IHSA shows, an individual member new to IHSA showing must submit a completed IHSA Individual Placement Form to the team coach who will sign and forward it to the President College prior to the member's first show. An eligibility form must be retained for 5 years, and shall include the following:

- A. Name, school, address, home address.
- B. Year and semester of first IHSA participation.
- C. Current class level.
- D. Class level of first IHSA participation.
- E. Riding experience, including level and duration of instruction in:
 - 1. Hunter Seat
 - 2. Western
 - 3. Saddle seat
 - 4. Dressage
 - 5. Jumping
 - 6. Showing-flat and/or fences, International competition-flat and/or fences
 - 7. 4-H or Pony Club

8. Eventing

9. Hunting

F. Signature of applicant.

G. Signature of coach.

H. Date of application.

1303 Classification by Coach

It is the responsibility of the coach to accurately enter riders in the proper class according to their individual skill and experience levels and in compliance with the definitions and descriptions of those levels as set forth in the rules.

1304 Classification by Show Stewards

Classification of riders need not be automatic. When classification is unclear, upon submission of biographical information, the show stewards at the rider's first competition may review the rider's ability for proper classification. If rider is reviewed at the higher class and is moved down, all points and ribbons won in the class shall be forfeited. If rider is reviewed in the lower class, they must ride unjudged for that one class. Rider may be evaluated outside the competition day by designated regional representatives. See Rule 5304.

1305 It is the responsibility of the coach to move riders to the proper class when they have acquired the proper number of points. If a rider has progressed sufficiently in skills, s/he may be moved to a higher class.

1306 Once a rider has competed at a level, s/he may not move to a lower level unless directed to do so by the show stewards of the IHSA.

1307 Riders may compete in only one class per show per discipline, unless they are qualified and eligible for classes 4, 6, 8, 10, 16 or 18 in addition to their Hunter Seat flat or Western Horsemanship classes.

1308 Falsification of Forms

The falsification of the membership or eligibility forms may be cause for immediate expulsion of the individual, college, or coach from the IHSA, or any other penalty assigned by the Regional Standards and Ethics committee.

1309 Forfeiture of Points

A rider showing in a class for which s/he is ineligible shall forfeit any points, ribbons and trophies won in such class. See Rule 3502-E&7302-F.

1400 Handicapped Riders

Persons qualified for individual membership in the Association but who have a handicap as defined herein may be permitted to compete under the terms and conditions set forth as follows:

1401 Definitions

- A. A handicap is defined as a physical limitation including but not limited to the loss of an arm or leg or any part thereof; the loss of or limitation of sight not correctable to 20/40 by corrective lenses; or the loss of or limitation of hearing.
- B. Special equipment is any substitution of tack.
- C. Active assistance is defined as physical, verbal, or sign assistance or any combination thereof provided in respect to the directing or control of the horse or rider. The use of standard hand signals for “walk,” “trot,” etc. is not considered active assistance.

1402 Before becoming eligible to compete the handicapped person and their coach must both submit written statements requesting permission to compete and the nature and extent of the limitations, full statement by the coach as to their evaluation of the ability of the person. The statements must be submitted to the Recording Secretary of the Association.

1403 The Recording Secretary shall make and provide copies by mail to each member of the Board of Directors and to the National Steward. The Executive Director shall designate one member of the Board of Directors from outside the person's region to observe the rider on a horse at a mutually convenient location within thirty (30) days of the application or by October 15, if the application is received between April 1 - September 15 of the calendar year.

1404 A video tape, unedited and recorded by a disinterested party, may be substituted for the Director's on-sight observation. If, however, the Director is not satisfied with the tape, s/he may still request personal observation.

1405 The member of the Board shall determine whether the handicapped person can safely compete in the class level for which the person is otherwise eligible under the rules without active assistance.

1406 If the Board Member determines that the rider cannot so safely compete then the person shall have the right to a review by the full Board of Directors by requesting such a review in writing. The request shall state any and all facts the person believes to be pertinent and must include a statement signed by the person, or parent if the person is under 18, agreeing the decision of the Board shall be final and that the person will be bound by that determination.

1407 In the event that the person is determined to be eligible to compete, then the coach may make entry for such person as any other member of the team; however, the coach must notify the host college at least one week prior to the show that their rider is handicapped. The Host College shall promptly notify the stable or person providing horses for the show of the nature and extent of the handicap.

1408 The provider of horses may in their sole discretion determine whether to permit the rider to compete on the provider's horses with or without special equipment. The provider's determination shall be final for that event only. The Host College should make every attempt to obtain the provider's determination before the day of the event in order to avoid inconveniencing the handicapped person.

1409 Riders having temporary physical handicaps will be evaluated on an individual basis by the stewards, the show committee, the stable providing facilities and the persons providing horses for the show, as to suitability and safety.

1500 Alumni Membership

1501 Alumni Association Membership

- A. The Alumni Association shall pay a Membership Fee equal to that of a college Membership as stated in rule 1104. The application fee, drawn on the official IHSA Alumni Association account, will be sent to the National Treasurer.
- B. Each Region of the IHSA shall determine if Alumni classes will be offered in said Region.

1502 Alumni National Director

- A. Election Procedure
 - 1. The Board of Directors shall elect the Alumni National Director to a two-year term at their spring meeting from nominations received from Alumni and Board Members.

2. Should the Alumni National Director resign prior to the end of their elected term, the Executive Committee shall appoint a new chairman to serve for the remainder of the term.
3. The Alumni National Director shall be a member of the Board of Directors.

B. Duties of the Alumni National Director:

1. The Alumni National Director shall disseminate information from the Board to the Alumni Regional Representatives, and bring before the Board all matters affecting the well being of the Alumni Association.
2. The Alumni National Director shall keep all records and account for all monies pertaining to the Alumni Association, and shall forward to the National Treasurer \$20.00 of each single discipline membership fee or \$30.00 of each two discipline fee.

1503 Individual Alumni Members

- A. Membership in the IHSA Alumni Association shall be open to any individual that has ridden as an undergraduate in the IHSA and no longer meets the requirements to participate as an undergraduate. Once a rider has competed in an Alumni class they forfeit any remaining undergraduate eligibility, thus only able to compete in the Alumni Division from that time forward.
- B. Eligible IHSA Alumnus must apply for annual membership to the Alumni Regional Representative or Regional President on an official IHSA Alumni Association membership form and pay their annual membership fee prior to entering any IHSA show.
 1. The annual membership fee is \$45.00 for one discipline, or \$55.00 for both. The annual membership fee is payable by check or money order only.
 2. Completed membership applications must be signed by the Regional Alumni Representative and submitted, along with the annual membership fee, to the Alumni National Director within fourteen (14) days of the first show in which the Alumni Member competed.
 3. The Alumni National Director must approve the membership application. If unapproved, any points awarded will be forfeit and

the Alumni Member will be ineligible to compete until the membership application is approved.

- C. Individual Alumni Members shall be subject to all applicable rules of the IHSA.

1600 Show Membership

1601 IHSA shows shall be classified as Regular, Regional, Zone/**Western Semi-Finals** or National shows. Show hosts will be responsible for providing suitable facilities, horses, tack and equipment (See Rule IV). IHSA rules shall govern all classes held at IHSA shows.

- A. A Regular Point Show shall be a show held by a member school in good standing under IHSA Rules, and in compliance with the Rules. It shall be open to any member school in good standing within its region. A Region must hold a minimum of five and a maximum of ten shows to qualify riders for Regionals in any discipline per season. Each Region shall determine the maximum entry fee that may be charged.
- B. A Regional Show shall be held annually by each Region under the auspices of the President College at least one week prior to the Zone Show/**Western Semi-Finals**. It shall be open to those riders who qualify under Rule 7400. A Regional Show may charge an entry fee of not more than the maximum entry fee of a Regular Point show.
- C. A Zone Show shall be held annually by each zone at least 21 days prior to the start of the National Horse Show. It shall be open to those riders who qualify under Rule 7600. A Zone Show may charge an entry fee as agreed upon by the Regional Presidents and Zone Chairman.
- D. **Three Western Semi-Final shows will be held annually at least 21 days prior to the start of the National Horse Show. It shall be open to those riders who qualify under Rule 7400. All entry fees for Western Semi-Final shows will be identical as agreed upon by the Board of Directors.**
- E. The National Horse Show shall be held annually on the USAE show calendar rotation on weekend number 18, unless a variance is granted by the Board of Directors because of extenuating circumstances, for the member colleges in good standing. The Board of Directors shall approve the site of the show and the judges. If no facility in a region is felt by the Board to be suitable, or if the zone elects not to host the show, the show shall be moved to the next consecutively numbered zone. The show shall be open to those riders who qualify under Rule 7700. For the National

Horse Show, the committee may charge an entry fee up to an amount approved by the Board of Directors at a Board meeting held in conjunction with the prior National Horse Show.

1602 Dues for Recognized Shows

- A. Regular member shows shall not pay set dues but shall remit to the President College of its region \$4.00 of each entry fee including alumni. These funds should be remitted within 10 days of the show. All funds must be in United States currency. If dues are not remitted within 10 days, Directors of the IHSA may suspend a college until such time as dues are paid.
- B. The President College shall verify that the correct fees have been remitted and forward the fees immediately to the Treasurer of IHSA.
- C. The National Treasurer shall at least 30 days before the Regional Horse Show of each region remit \$.25 of each entry fee to the Regional President for use in assisting to fund the Regional Horse Show. \$.25 is sent to the Zone to assist in funding the Zone Horse Show. **\$.25 of each entry fee will be set aside by the National Treasurer in a fund to which the Regional Presidents can apply if they find they need further funds for their Regional Championships. The Regional President shall apply to the National Treasurer for further funding by February 1st prior to their Regional Championships.**
- D. There shall be no dues for the Regional, Zone/Western Semi-Final or National Horse Show.
- E. In addition to any penalty imposed under A., no individual or team points won by the host college team shall be counted in determining eligibility for the Regional Horse Show unless and until the appropriate dues for that show are received by the Treasurer.

1700 Associate Memberships

1701 Any person, whether a college student or not, may become an Associate Member of the IHSA, Inc. upon payment of the appropriate associate membership contribution.

1702 A person interested in becoming an Associate Member must apply for membership on the appropriate IHSA, Inc. associate membership form.

1703 There shall be three types of associate members:

- A. Regular Associate Member shall not be eligible to compete and shall pay yearly contribution of \$15.
- B. Sustaining Associate Member shall not be eligible to compete and shall pay yearly contribution of \$50.
- C. Life Associate Member shall be eligible to compete either as an undergraduate or as an alumni, as may be appropriate and permitted under these rules, and shall pay one-time contribution of \$500. The person who becomes a Life Associate Member as an undergraduate shall not have to pay additional membership contribution.

1704 The appropriate form and the dues for Associate Members shall be submitted to the Alumni/Associate Member Director.

1800 Affiliated Association Memberships

1801 Affiliated Associations consist of organizations and other groups in good standing in a state, region or locality, educational institutions offering equine related programs, or other organizations approved by the IHSA Board of Directors upon recommendation of the Executive Committee of the IHSA, which have federated together to form an association. Affiliated Associations must pay annual dues of \$150. Any affiliated association will pay dues as an Affiliated Association of the IHSA and be subject to all responsibilities and privileges of an Affiliated Association.

1802 Categories of membership shall include:

- A. National associations, where equestrian-related groups or individuals have formed a national association or organization.
- B. Educational associations, where educational institutions or colleges offer equine related programs.

1803 Affiliated Associations may be offered oral and/or written representation of Association reports at the annual Winter IHSA Board of Directors meeting. Affiliates will also be offered a link on the IHSAINC.com website and have access to the IHSA Rulebook and the guidance of the IHSA Board of Directors.

1804 IHSA is not liable for financial responsibilities or other policies of Affiliated Associations.

1805 IHSA reserves the right to not renew or decline Affiliated Association membership.

RULE II

Zone and Regional Organization

2100 The IHSA is divided into Zones and Regions.

2101 Each Zone shall approximate the Zones of the USEF. Each Zone shall include the IHSA regions within its border. The Board of Directors of the IHSA may approve exceptions. Each Zone shall have a Zone Chairman.

2102 Each Zone shall be divided into not more than five Regions, each Region to have a President College, a Regional Standards and Ethics Committee, and, where applicable, an Alumni representative.

2200 Zone Chairman

2201 Election Procedure

- A. Zone Chairmen shall be elected by a majority vote of the representatives of the President Colleges within the Zone for a two-year term. Unless unavailable, a nominee must have served on the Board of Directors for at least two years. Chairmen of odd numbered zones shall be elected in odd years, even numbered zones in even years.
- B. Elections for Zone Chairmen shall be held on or before the Zone Show.
- C. Should a Zone Chairman resign prior to the end of their elected term, the Executive Committee shall appoint a new chairman to serve for the remainder of the term.

2202 Duties of the Zone Chairman

- A. Zone Chairman must have a membership in United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) and/or the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA). The Zone Chairman must have a current rule book for both Associations as appropriate to enforce Rule 4301.
- B. Shall communicate the Regions' information to the Board and will disseminate information from the Board to the Regional Presidents.
- C. Has the authority to convene a Zone Standards and Ethics Committee for the Zone Show. See Rule 3400.
- D. Chair meetings of the Z.S.E.C. except as per Rule 3401-A.

- E. Supervise preparation for the Zone Horse Show.
- F. Forward results of the Zone Show to the National Show Host immediately following the Zone Show.
- G. Record and distribute minutes of Zone meetings to member colleges.
- H. Keep all Regional Presidents informed of new rules, requirements, and rule changes.
- I. Forward monthly Zone financial statements to the National Treasurer.

2300 Regional President College

2301 Election Procedure

- A. The President College shall serve for a term of two years. Presidents of odd numbered regions shall be elected in odd years, even numbered regions in even years.
- B. Elections for the President College shall be held on or before the last Regular Point Show of the Region.
- C. Should a President College resign prior to the end of its elected term, it shall notify the Board of Directors and the Zone Chairman. The Zone Chairman shall oversee the appointment of an interim President College to serve for the remainder of the term or until an election can be held. If such President College should also be Zone Chairman, the Executive Committee will follow the same procedure.
- D. The designated representative of the President College shall act in the capacity of President for the Region.

2302 Duties of the Regional President

- A. The Regional President must have a membership in the USEF and/or the American Quarter Horse Association. The Regional President must have a current Rule book for each Association as appropriate to enforce Rule 3104.
- B. Send all appropriate information on forms and the current rules to each member school prior to the start of each season.

- C. Collect college membership applications with fees, individual membership applications with fees condensed into one check or money order and forward copies plus fees to the National Treasurer at or before the first show in which they compete. Indicate name of college, zone and region.
- D. Collect and review all individual membership applications. After 5 years all forms should be sent to the Alumni Director.
- E. Approve all Regular show dates and send them along with “additional insured” to the IHSA designated insurance company prior to the first show.
- F. Approve show facilities.
- G. Approve judges for each show.
- H. Collect show monies from colleges hosting show.
 - 1. Check funds against number of entries in the official program.
 - 2. Forward all fees to the National Treasurer as required.
- I. Keep accurate records of all points earned by individuals and teams, and have totals on hand at show.
- J. Keep a tally of high point riders.
- K. Chair meetings of the Regional Standards and Ethics Committee, except as per Rule 3301-A-4.
- L. Supervise preparation for the Regional Horse Show.
- M. Forward results of the Regional Show to the Zone Show Host immediately following the Regional Show.
- N. Record and distribute minutes of regional meetings to member colleges.
- O. Keep all member colleges informed of new rules, requirements, and rule changes.
- P. Determine if Alumni classes will be offered in said Region.
- Q. Enforce Rule 3303-A.
- R. Forward a Regional Team Mailing List to the Zone Chair.

- S. Forward monthly Regional financial statements to the National Treasurer with copies to the Zone Chair.

2400 Alumni Regional Representative

2401 Election Procedure:

- A. Nomination for the Alumni Regional Representative of each region shall be held on or before the next-to-last Regular Point Show of the season in that Region by the alumni of that Region.
- B. Elections for the Alumni Regional Representative shall be held on or before the last Regular Point Show of the Region.
- C. The Alumni Regional Representative shall serve for a term of one year.
- D. Should an Alumni Regional Representative resign prior to the end of their elected term, they shall notify the Regional President. The Regional President shall then serve as the Interim Representative until an election can be held.

2402 Duties of the Alumni Regional Representative

- A. The Alumni Regional Representative shall be responsible to the National Alumni Director and the Regional President for execution of Alumni Rules in that area.
- B. The Alumni Regional Representative shall review all Alumni membership applications for their Region and determine if the applicant is eligible for competition. If found to be ineligible, the Alumni Regional Representative will disqualify the rider, make any necessary point adjustments and notify the Regional President and the Alumni National Director within seven (7) days.
- C. The Alumni Regional Representative shall submit an official Alumni Association Show Results form with the results of all regular Alumni classes to the National Alumni Director by December 15, and within seven (7) days of the last show of each season.

RULE III

Rule Interpretation and Enforcement Violations and Penalties

3100 Applicability and Definition

3101 The provisions of these rules shall apply to the following persons: exhibitor, coach, rider, show official, show employee, designated representative or member of the family of the above, individual, and member colleges, member show and member institution, who act in a manner in violation of the Rules of the Association or deemed prejudicial to its best interests. Any action in connection with a show in violation of the Rules, by a member of the family of a person participating in the Show, who is described in the previous sentence, may be deemed to have been committed by such person and subject to penalties.

IHSA Regions may not adopt rules that circumvent or abridge established IHSA rules.

3102 Non-Protestable Decisions

- A. The soundness of a horse or the suitability of a rider or a horse, when determined by a Steward of the Show or by a Judge, is not a violation.
- B. A Judge's decision, representing his individual preference, is not a violation of the rules.

3103 The construction or application of IHSA Rules is governed by the State of New York.

3104 If the rules of the IHSA do not apply to a given situation, the rules of the USEF shall govern in Hunter Seat divisions and procedural questions; similarly in Western Horsemanship divisions, AQHA rules will govern.

3200 National Steward and Associate National Steward

3201 Qualifications

- A. The National Stewards shall be elected by the Board of Directors.
- B. The National Steward may be anyone over 21 years of age, who is not an Individual member of the IHSA or an undergraduate student attending any Member institution. Each term of office shall run for two years. The National Steward shall be elected in even years and the Associate in odd

years for a term of two years.

- C. The Associate National Steward shall be elected from among the sitting board members.
- D. The National Stewards must have a working knowledge of the IHSA Rules.

3202 Duties

- A. The National Stewards shall be responsible for interpretation and clarification of the Rules of the Association.
- B. Upon the request of any member, director, steward or designated representative the National Stewards shall render an opinion as to the propriety of any prospective conduct or action under the Rules by an individual or show. The opinion shall be binding unless reversed before the fact by the Executive Committee, excluding the National Stewards.
- C. The National Stewards shall if required in writing by a member, director, or designated representative also determine the validity of show results and eligibility for competition by individuals or a team in the Regional, Zone/**Western Semi-Finals**, or National Horse Show. Their duties hereunder are to be exercised irrespective of any action taken by a Regional Standards and Ethics Committee.
- D. All opinions or rulings by the National Stewards shall be reduced to writing and copies forwarded to the Board of Directors and all other interested persons.
- E. The National Steward shall act as the presiding steward at the National Horse Show.
- F. The Associate National Steward shall have jurisdiction in the National Steward's home region.

3203 Review

All opinions and rulings are subject to review by the National Board of Directors.

3300 Regional Standards and Ethics Committee

3301 Composition and Election

- A. The Committee shall consist of:
 - 1. The designated representative of the President College as Chairman, to vote only in case of ties.
 - 2. Three designated college representatives as defined in Rule 1102.
 - 3. Three undergraduate individual members.
 - 4. At least one alternate.
 - 5. Seven institutions should be represented on Committee if possible. Any member involved in an alleged violation must be excused and replaced by the alternate. A Vice-Chairman shall be elected if the Chairman is involved in an alleged violation.
- B. The R.S.E.C. shall serve for a term of one year.
- C. Elections for the R.S.E.C. shall be held on or before the first Regular Point Show of the season.

3302 Jurisdiction

- A. The R.S.E.C. shall have jurisdiction over all alleged violations of the Association occurring within the region.
- B. The R.S.E.C. shall entertain only such alleged violation as are presented to them in writing by a designated college representative, steward, show official, or individual member.
- C. The R.S.E.C. shall rule on and enforce such penalties as hereunder are described for the violation.

3303 Judicial Procedure

- A. Report of Alleged Violation:

A notice of alleged violation must be in writing and addressed to the R.S.E.C. Chairman or Vice Chairman within ten (10) days of discovery and must state the full name and address of the accused and the accuser and contain a complete and definitive statement of the acts which

constitute the alleged violation. Such notice must be submitted within ten (10) days of the discovery. Precise details regarding a violation of the Rules are necessary.

B. Hearings:

1. Following receipt of notice of alleged violation the R.S.E.C. shall notify the defendant in writing of the charges.
2. The defendant and accuser shall be given at least seven (7) days notice of the date of the hearing.
3. The hearing shall be recorded and a copy thereof forwarded within seven (7) days to the National Stewards.
4. To conduct the hearing at least four (4) members of the R.S.E.C. must be present.
5. After giving all persons an opportunity to be heard the R.S.E.C. shall in closed session within seven (7) days of the hearing determine if a violation has occurred, and if so, what penalty, if any, should be imposed.
6. To reach a verdict or impose a penalty, at least four (4) members of the R.S.E.C. must concur in the verdict and penalty.

C. Notification of Verdict and Penalty:

The verdict and penalty, if any, shall be set forth in writing by the chairman of the R.S.E.C. within seven (7) days of the determination, and sent by certified (or "Fed Ex") mail or return receipt email to the defendant and the accuser. A copy shall also be sent to the National Stewards and the Executive Director. If within twenty (20) days of certified receipt or return receipt the chairman has received no notice of appeal, a copy of the verdict with penalty, if any, shall be sent to the defendant's Director of Athletics or other appropriate college authority.

3304 Appeal

- A. If the defendant or the accuser is not satisfied with the decision of the R.S.E.C., s/he may bring an appeal to the National Steward, or, should they reside in the National Steward's Region, the Associate National Steward.

- B. The appeal shall be made in writing and postmarked within fourteen (14) days of the verdict's receipt, or sent return receipt email within fourteen days, to the appropriate National Steward, with a copy sent to the Chairman of the R.S.E.C.
- C. The National Steward may affirm, reverse, or modify the verdict of the R.S.E.C. within twenty (20) days of the appeal's receipt. The National Steward's opinion shall be set forth in writing and sent by certified mail, or return receipt email, to the defendant, the accuser, and the Chairman of the R.S.E.C. A copy shall also be sent to the alternate National Steward and the Executive Director. If within twenty (20) days of certified receipt, or return receipt, the National Steward has received no notice of appeal, s/he shall notify the Chairman of the R.S.E.C. who shall send a copy of the verdict with penalty, if any, to the defendant's Director of Athletics or other appropriate college authority.
- D. If the defendant or the accuser is not satisfied with the decision of the National Steward, s/he may bring an appeal to the Executive Committee.
- E. The appeal shall be made in writing, and postmarked within fourteen (14) days of the verdict's receipt, or sent return receipt email within fourteen days, to the Executive Director accompanied by a \$250.00 bond to be returned only if the appeal is sustained. A copy shall be sent to the Chairman of the R.S.E.C. and the National Stewards.
- F. The Executive Committee may affirm, reverse, or modify the verdict of the R.S.E.C. and National Steward within twenty (20) days of the appeal's receipt. Its opinion shall be set forth in writing by the National Secretary and sent to the defendant, the accuser, the Chairman of the R.S.E.C., the National Board, and the defendant's Director of Athletics or other appropriate college authority.

3305 Extraordinary Procedure

- A. In the event that the R.S.E.C. upon receipt of written charge determines 1) that the outcome of the hearing could affect eligibility for either a Regional, Zone/**Western Semi-Finals** or National Horse Show and 2) that a hearing upon the notice required cannot be held in sufficient time before such Regional, Zone/**Western Semi-Finals** or National Horse Show to insure that only qualified riders or teams will be able to compete, the R.S.E.C. may on a two-thirds vote follow the Extraordinary procedure herein.
- B. If the R.S.E.C. determines that the Extraordinary procedure is necessary it shall follow all procedures outlined in 3303 & 3304 except all

communications shall be carried out as soon as possible by telephone.

C. The date of the hearing must be no less than 24 hours after notification.

D. In all other respects the hearing shall be as provided in 3303-B & C.

3306 Non-cooperation

In the event that a member fails to cooperate with the R.S.E.C., the R.S.E.C. by a vote of at least four (4) members shall forthwith suspend said member until the member renders the cooperation required.

3400 Zone and National Standards and Ethics Committees

3401 Composition

A. Zone Standards and Ethics Committee

The Zone Standards and Ethics Committee for the Zone Horse Show shall be comprised of the Show Stewards, the Regional Presidents and chaired by the Zone Chairman. Any member involved in an alleged violation should be excused and replaced by an alternate. A Vice-Chairman shall be elected if the Chairman is involved in an alleged violation. See Rules 2202 C & D.

B. National Standards and Ethics Committee

The National Standards and Ethics Committee shall be comprised of the Executive Committee.

3402 Jurisdiction

The Z.S.E.C. and N.S.E.C. shall have jurisdiction over violations pertaining to their respective Horse Shows including rider placement, but rulings will be restricted to horse show procedure as outlined in the rules. Any further punitive judgments must be assigned by the appropriate R.S.E.C. as outlined in Rule 3300.

3403 Procedure

Procedure shall be as abbreviated as necessary to resolve a dispute while still maintaining fairness to all parties. If owing to a lack of pertinent information, all or any portion of dispute cannot be resolved at a horse show, the accused may continue with the understanding that any winnings may be forfeited at a later time. Notification and appeal shall be the same as outlined in Rule 3303 C and 3304.

3500 Violations by Individuals and Penalties

3501 Violations

An individual violation is any of the following acts committed by an individual:

- A. Violation of the Rules of the Association.
- B. Penalization by the Humane Society or Court of Law for violation of Association Rules.
- C. Acting or inciting or permitting another person to act in a manner contrary to the Rules of the Association, or in a manner deemed improper, unethical, dishonest, unsportsmanlike, or intemperate, or prejudicial to the best interest of the Association.
- D. Any act committed or remark made in connection with a Show, considered offensive and/or made with intent to influence or cast aspersions on the character or integrity of the judging; approaching a judge before or after a decision without first obtaining permission from the Show Committee or Steward; inspection of a Judge's card without show management's permission.
- E. Failure of a Judge or Steward to perform their duties at a Show in accordance with the Rules.
- F. Filing of an inaccurate individual membership application.
- G. Failure of an exhibitor or his representative to sign the entry blank of a Show in which s/he competes.
- H. Physical assault upon a person and/or cruelty to a horse, as defined in Rule 4702 & 4902.
- I. Failure to obey any penalty imposed by the Association.

3502 Penalties

If found guilty, penalties for an individual shall be limited to the following:

- A. PROBATION shall be listed under the defendant's name in the Secretary's Record of Penalties. If found guilty of a further violation, the defendant shall be subject to a heavier penalty than for a first offense.

- B. SUSPENSION of such person or institution for any period from showing. A suspended person or institution is forbidden for the time specified in the sentence to hold or exercise office in the Association or in any Show, and is excluded from all show grounds during Shows, as an exhibitor, participant, or spectator.
- C. EXPULSION from all recognized Shows.
- D. SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION from membership in the Association.
- E. FORFEITURE of trophies, ribbons, and points won in connection with the offense committed. See Rule 1309 & 7302-F.
- F. SUSPENSION from office as Steward, Judge, or Show Official.
- G. FINE.
- H. CENSURE.
- I. REMOVAL from office.

3600 Show Violations and Penalties

3601 A Host College may be subject to penalty by the R.S.E.C. for violations of the Rules in the conduct of its Show. Violations shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. Failure to:
 1. Conduct a Show in accordance with Association Rules.
 2. Use standard specifications for classes.
 3. Print the Association statement and deadlines on each entry blank (Rule 5402-C).
 4. Secure signature of designated representatives on each entry blank.
 5. Provide ambulance on grounds or on call, plus qualified medical personnel as outlined in Rule 5102.B.5.
 6. Pay its indebtedness to the Association.
 7. Pay other indebtedness within 30 days.

8. File marked catalogues.
 9. Report the disqualification of a person at the show.
 10. Present correct Hunter Seat Equitation courses.
 11. Honor written contract with Judges, Stewards, or other Show Officials and employees.
- B. The use of Judges in divisions in which they have not been enrolled without obtaining in advance the required regional permission (See Rule 5201-B.).
 - C. The use of non-qualified Stewards.
 - D. The listing of a Judge or Steward in the prize list or catalog before the invitation to serve has been accepted.
 - E. Permitting persons or institutions not in good standing to participate in any manner.
 - F. Permitting acts which are improper, intemperate, dishonest, unsportsmanlike, or contrary to the Rules of the Association.

3602 A host college guilty of a violation shall be subject to a penalty, including the following:

- A. FINE.
- B. PROBATION. A vote of censure shall be listed under the defendant's name in the Secretary's Record of Penalties. If found guilty of a further violation, the defendant shall be liable to a heavier penalty than for a first offense.
- C. SUSPENSION for any period from the list of approved Shows.
- D. EXPULSION from membership in the Association.

3603 Reciprocity

On receipt of official notice that disciplinary action has been taken by a Humane Society or Court of Law against a person for an act which may be a violation of Association Rules, an officer of this Association may make a charge against such person to his Regional Standards and Ethics Committee and after a hearing of such disciplined person under the provision of the Rules, may take such action as it deems in its own best interest.

RULE IV

Organization and Procedures for Shows and Duties of Show Personnel

4100 Host colleges

4101 Any college in good standing, with approval of the President College of its region, may host a regular point show.

4102 Host colleges shall provide suitable facilities, horses, and equipment for all entries, including stirrup leathers for all Hunter Seat saddles.

4103 Host Colleges may limit entries to any number of riders, which shall be binding on all participating colleges.

4200 Minimum Entry Requirements for Regular member shows and classes

4201 A minimum of three (3) colleges must compete in an official Regular IHSA show. In cases of inclement weather, for points to count, fifty (50) % of the entered riders or fifty (50) % of the entered colleges must attend.

4202 In order for a show to count, all regular horse show classes for which rules are here in provided, must be offered.

4203 In order for a class to count there must be a minimum of 3 riders in the ring. Riders who have been entered in a lower class unjudged for reclassification will not count toward the minimum of three entries.

4204 If less than 3 entries, class may be run at discretion of committee but points will not count.

4300 Class Routine

4301 All classes for which rules are provided herein must be conducted accordingly. If rules of the IHSA do not apply to any given situation, the rules of the USEF and/or the AQHA shall govern.

4302 Care and control of horses including any drugs or medications administered shall be the sole prerogative of the horse provider or their designated representative. **Administration of drugs and medications shall be limited to therapeutic use only, and used for the well being of the horse.**

4303 A class in operation at the time of the stopping of a show for any reason shall cease and no placements shall be made.

4304 In the event that a class in which horses compete individually is stopped while in progress, due to storm, accident, or other emergency, the following procedure shall govern:

1. If the class is continued at the same session of the show, it shall proceed from the point at which it was stopped.
2. If the class is continued at a succeeding session of the show, it shall be held over in its entirety and no scores credited in the first session shall count.

4305 If the class in which horses compete together is stopped while in progress due to storm, accident, re-ride or other emergency, the class (or test), when recommenced, shall be held over in its entirety, and no consideration shall be given to the performance during the original session.

4306 If a show is stopped while in progress and is unable to recommence, no points will be awarded for the show.

4307 Special classes may be offered by the show committee if time and horse availability permit; but they must be scheduled after the regular over fences classes are completed.

4308 It is recommended that fences consist of natural posts and rails, painted rails, brush, oxers (but not square oxers), coops, gates, walls, aikens. Coops that are hinged at the top and free at the bottom are prohibited. All fences must have wings at least 12 inches higher than the top of the fence. Ground lines are mandatory.

4309 All horses to be used in over fences classes must be schooled over the courses prior to the show. The last school must be done without spurs. On the day of the show, no rider entered may school a horse to be used in the show prior to that rider having competed in his/her own classes. **Western horses may be schooled with rowelled spurs, in accordance with the wishes of the horse provider. Western horses should be schooled in the manner which best prepares them for the class.**

4310 Small or medium ponies shall not be used in IHSA shows.

4400 Falls, Refusals and Eliminations

4401 A rider is considered to have fallen when s/he is separated from their horse that has not fallen, in such a way as to necessitate remounting or vaulting into the saddle.

4402 A horse is considered to have fallen when the shoulder and haunch on the same side have touched the ground or an obstacle on the ground.

4403 Falls will result in elimination.

4404 Three refusals will result in elimination (See Rule 6206-A).

4405 In Hunter Seat classes, no courtesy fences will be allowed after elimination.

4406 If an elimination occurs during a ride-off, the contestant shall be placed last of all those chosen for the ride-off.

4500 Drawing for Horses

4501 Drawings will be by lot from the pool of designated horses. There must be at least one designated alternate. The draw shall be held at least twenty minutes prior to the start of each class. Announcement of the draw must precede it by at least ten minutes.

4600 Re-rides

4601 When through no fault of the rider, a horse performs so poorly that it is impossible to fairly judge the rider's ability, a re-ride may be granted.

4602 A re-ride must be requested prior to the lineup in a flat class or the last horse leaves the ring in an over fences class.

4603 Only the coach of the rider, or the designated representative listed with show management of an Alumni rider, involved may request a re-ride.

4604 Although they may confer with show management and the judge, only the show stewards may grant or deny a re-ride.

4605 If a re-ride is granted, it shall be judged as if the first ride never occurred.

4606 If a re-ride is granted in a class in which riders compete individually, the re-ride shall take place after all other rides in that class have been completed.

4607 If a re-ride is granted in a class in which riders compete together, see Rule 4305.

4700 Tack and Aids

4701 Neither substitution of tack or aids nor addition of materials by exhibitors which could affect horse or tack shall be permitted unless approved by show management, or per Rule 1400.

4702 Use of Whips and Spurs

- A. Crops, whips, or bats may be carried only when specified by the Show Committee. Crops etc. are not to be used prior to entering the ring. One or two disciplinary applications in the event of disobedience are sufficient. Stewards may rule that a rider be disqualified for improper use of a whip.
- B. Spurs are prohibited except in the **Western Alumni, Western Advanced, Western Open, and Alumni and Open Reining** where non-rowelled spurs are permitted if recommended by the horse provider or their designee and approved by the show committee.

4703 A list of aids appropriate to each horse must be posted or accompany each horse. Riders shall comply with the suggested use of aids.

4704 Dress and Headgear

- A. It is the tradition of the show ring that riders are correctly attired for the class in question and horses properly presented. 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 any Hunter Seat classes.
- B. While mounted, all IHSA riders competing in the Hunter Seat Equitation Divisions and/or Hunter Seat warm-up riders at an IHSA sanctioned event, must wear protective headgear which meets or exceeds ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. It must be properly fitted with harness secured per the helmet manufacturer. Any rider violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place. It is the responsibility of the rider to see that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use, is properly fitted, and in good condition.
- C. In all Western classes, the riders must be correctly attired in suitable show clothes. Clothing must be clean, workmanlike and neat. Chaps are optional at the discretion of the rider. Riders shall wear a western hat or safety helmet and the riders shall be correctly attired in suitable western attire. Hair must be neat and securely fastened so as not to cover the rider's number.

4800 Awards - Ribbons and Trophies

4801 The Color of ribbons at all shows shall be:

Champion-----blue, red, yellow	Third Place-----yellow
Reserve-----red, yellow, white	Fourth Place-----white
First Place-----blue	Fifth Place-----pink
Second Place-----red	Sixth Place-----green

4802 A minimum of six ribbons shall be awarded in each class.

4803 Ribbons and trophies shall be furnished by the host school except at Regional, Zone/**Western Semi-Final** and National Shows.

4804 Champion and Reserve ribbons shall be awarded to the first and second place teams and High Point Rider and Reserve High Point Rider at each show.

4805 Awards shall be awarded to the winners of each class, to the Champion College and High Point Rider at each show at the discretion of each region.

4806 In the event of a tie for Champion College, the scores shall stand and the show committee shall rule on the awarding of trophies and ribbons.

4807 At Regional and Zone/**Western Semi-Final** shows, each division winner, the Champion Rider, and the Champion Team shall be awarded a trophy and ribbon. Reserve through sixth place shall be awarded ribbons.

4808 At the National Show, each division winner, the National Champion rider and the National Champion Team shall be awarded grand championship ribbons and trophies. Reserve through eighth place shall be awarded champion-sized ribbons.

4900 Personal Conduct of Exhibitors, Coaches, and Show Personnel

4901 General

It is expected that exhibitors, spectators, and coaches will behave in a manner that reflects the dignity of the sport. Ill-mannered conduct will not be tolerated; the show management may expel from the grounds any person whose behavior is deemed dishonest, unethical, unsportsmanlike, or detrimental to the health, safety, or well-being of any horse, person, or the Association during the progress of the show.

4902 Cruelty

Equestrian sport is made possible by the animals, who serve the rider. This is a sport of grace and elegance, where rider and animal work as a team. There is neither grace nor elegance in an abusive spectacle. It is the responsibility, therefore, of all parties concerned to be aware of the conduct of participants and the condition of the horses; and, if a violation is observed, a report must be made immediately to the stewards.

4903 Alcohol

The use or possession of alcohol, or any illegal substance by the exhibitors or coaches is strictly forbidden on the show grounds, and any participant apprehended with such materials will automatically be suspended from the Association.

4904 It is the responsibility of all parties concerned to consider the welfare of the horse. The administration of central nervous system drugs is not supported by the IHSA. See Rule 4302.

RULE V

Show Officials and Their Duties

5100 Show Officials

5101 The term "show officials" shall include and refer to all persons directly engaged by the show.

5102 Officials and their duties shall include:

- A. Show Chairman, who shall be responsible for the operation of the show.
- B. Show Secretary, who shall be in charge of:
 - 1. Hiring the Judges and officials necessary for the operation of the show.
 - 2. Appointing and identifying in the program three Show Stewards who shall be present throughout the show.
 - 3. Mailing the prize lists.
 - 4. Processing the entries, complete with IHSA entry statement and signed by designated representative.
 - 5. Providing qualified medical personnel on grounds for all scheduled performances and an ambulance on the show grounds or on call for the entire scheduled performance. Qualified medical personnel is a currently certified or licensed EMT or Paramedic, or a Physician or nurse trained in pre-hospital trauma care and currently certified or licensed in their profession. A physician or nurse trained in pre-hospital trauma care is a physician or nurse who is currently certified in Advanced Trauma Life Support, Basic Trauma Life Support, Pre-hospital Trauma Life Support, or who has First Responder or comparable certification. It is strongly recommended that EMTs and/or Paramedics be used to fill this position. Medical personnel must not exceed the scope of their practice.
 - 6. Marking the official programs with special regard to scratches, substitutions, additions and other corrections.
 - 7. Checking class sheets against actual riders and numbers.

8. Providing four(4) copies of the program that contain all changes, corrections, scores, scratches, substitutions, and official results. One copy shall be given to the President College at the close of the show, along with the judges' cards and team point charts. Two copies shall be sent to the Executive Director of the IHSA. A fourth copy shall be forwarded to the Zone Chair within ten (10) days of the show along with a copy of the IHSA Show Invoice.
9. Apply for the show date.
10. Report to show stewards in writing, any act on the part of any person deemed prejudicial to the best interests of the Association.
11. Furnish the judges in each class a blank score card containing exact specifications as shown in the rulebook.
12. Provide appropriate badges for Judges and Stewards.
13. Report in writing to the Association within 15 days of the close of the show the name of any exhibitor whose fees are not negotiable.
14. Be responsible for all matters in connection with substitutions.
15. Ensure that no entry shall compete until designated college representative has signed the entry blank.
16. Familiarize the judges with the differences between IHSA rules and those of the USEF or AQHA.
17. Remit dues to President College within ten (10) days of the show (See Rule 1602).

5200 Judges

5201 Qualifications

- A. To officiate at an IHSA Hunter Seat Show, a person must be a recognized USEF judge either recorded or Registered in the Division s/he is to judge (See current USEF Rule Book). For IHSA Western Shows, a judge must be selected from the AQHA list of judges.

- B. A judge not qualified as stated in A. may be used with prior written and signed consent by the closing date of the horse show of the designated representatives of all colleges participating in said show. If the judge is later protested by a participating college and their designated representative did not sign the consent prior to the show then said show shall be declared invalid and no points won at said show shall count.
- C. A person may judge only one show per region per academic semester.
- D. A judge for a Regional Show must be a USEF Registered judge for Hunter Seat or an AQHA judge for Western in the division in which s/he is to adjudicate, and must not have officiated at an IHSA show in that Region during that academic semester. However, a USEF recorded judge (“r”) may be used in Regional competition with prior written and signed consent by the closing date of the horse show of the designated representatives of all colleges participating in the Regional competition and approval of the National Steward.
- E. A judge for a Zone Show/**Western Semi-Finals** must be an USEF Registered judge for Hunter Seat or an AQHA judge for Western in the division in which is to adjudicate and must not have officiated at an IHSA show in that Zone that same academic year.
- F. A judge for a National Show must be an USEF Registered judge for Hunter Seat or an AQHA judge for Western in the division in which is to adjudicate and must not have officiated at any IHSA show that academic year.
- G. A judge may not officiate if s/he has had a professional relationship as defined by the USEF rules, but to include clinics with any exhibitor or member college, within 60 days prior to the show.
- H. No IHSA individual member may show before a judge with whom s/he has had a professional relationship as defined by the USEF rules, but to include clinics, within 60 days prior to the show.

5202 Responsibilities of a Judge

- A. Good judging depends upon a correct observance of the fine points and the selection of the best rider under the conditions of the class. A judge serves three interests: their own conscience, exhibitors, and spectators. S/he should make clear to the audience that the best rider wins. The attention of Judges is directed to the difference in requirements between USEF equitation classes and IHSA equitation classes. A Judge is obligated to adjudicate each class in conformity with the rules and specifications of

that class as they appear in the IHSA Rule Book. S/he is expected to be proficient in their Division and to possess a working knowledge of the Rules of the Association.

- B. The decision of each judge constitutes solely their individual preference and not a verdict by the Association.
- C. No one shall approach a Judge with regard to a decision unless s/he first obtains permission from a Steward, who shall arrange an appointment with the Judge at a proper time and place. In order to inspect a judges card, an exhibitor must first obtain show management's permission and be accompanied by their coach.
- D. A Judge may order from the ring any horse or rider whose actions may endanger other exhibitors (See Rule 6103).
- E. A Judge should inspect courses of fences after they have been set.

5300 Show Stewards

5301 Number required

- A. A Regular Show shall have three (3) qualified stewards.
- B. A Zone Show/**Western Semi-Final** shall have at least four (4) qualified stewards, at least one (1) steward coming from each region. One steward shall act as the draw steward.
- C. The National Show shall have not more than seven (7) qualified stewards. The National Steward shall act as presiding steward. The remaining stewards should be equally divided between the disciplines, and two (2) shall act as draw stewards.

5302 Qualifications

- A. An IHSA steward may be anyone over 21 who is not an Individual Undergraduate member of the IHSA or an undergraduate student attending any Member College. It is suggested that team coaches be used.
- B. A steward must have a current working knowledge of IHSA Rules and know the difference between IHSA competition and that of the USEF or AQHA.
- C. No person may serve as a steward at a show hosted by the institution with which s/he is associated in any manner.

5303 Duties and Powers of a Show Steward:

Show Stewards serve to interpret the Rules of the Association.

Stewards' duties include but are not restricted to:

- A. Protect the interests of exhibitors, Judges and Show Management.
- B. Investigate and act upon any alleged rule violations, without waiting for a protest.
- C. Report to the Show Committee any misrepresentation or substitution of entry without waiting for a protest.
- D. Ascertain that all Judges are recognized in the divisions to which assigned.
- E. Report to the Show Committee any violation of the Rules and prefer charges against the violator if not otherwise properly handled.
- F. Supervise the drawing of horses.
- G. Fill out and return to the Regional President AND the Zone Chair within (5)days of the show, a Show Steward Report. If there were any show problems or any riders were reclassified, the show report must be forwarded onto the National Steward within (2) days of receipt of the report.

Stewards' powers include but are not restricted to:

- A. Permit rerides, under specific conditions, as agreed upon by the Show and Stable Management.
- B. Determine, under extenuating circumstances or extreme unfairness to one or more exhibitors, if a class should be rerun.
- C. Determine the suitability of rider to horse, rider to class, and horse to class level.
- D. Stop a class in the event a horse or rider should be considered unsafe.

5304 Classification of Riders by Stewards

- A. Classification of riders need not be automatic. When classification is unclear, upon submission of biographical information, the show stewards at the rider's first competition may review the rider's ability for proper classification. If rider is reviewed at the higher class and is moved down, all points and ribbons won in the class shall be forfeited. If rider is reviewed in the lower class, they must ride unjudged for that one class. Rider may be evaluated outside the competition day by designated regional representatives. See Rule 1304.
- B. The show stewards of the IHSA will give advice if requested, and shall have the power to reclassify riders who are competing at incorrect levels. All points and ribbons won in such classes shall be forfeited.

5400 Prize List, Entry Blank, and Program

5401 Prize List

- A. The prize list shall contain:
 - 1. The name of the Judge.
 - 2. Name and address of Show Manager.
 - 3. The date, location, phone number for the show.
 - 4. Time of registration and start of the show.
 - 5. Closing date of entries.
 - 6. Information about food and entertainment.
 - 7. Amount of entry and other fees. Once distributed, the fees may not be changed for said show.
 - 8. Disclosure statement.
- B. Prize lists must be postmarked not less than two (2) weeks prior to the closing date of entries and must be sent to all colleges in the region and the Alumni Regional Representative.

5402 Entry Blank

- A. The entry blank must contain spaces for name, class numbers, and the name of the school.
- B. Each designated representative must sign the entry blank for entrants from his/her college. In the event of failure to do so, the first entrance into the ring of and exhibitor of that institution shall constitute acceptance of the Rules of the IHSA and of the Show by the college and each entry from that school shall ipso facto render them subject to said rules.
- C. Each entry blank must contain the following statement to be signed by the designated representative of each member institution making entry. Entries under the age of 18 must have the entry form signed by a parent.

This entry constitutes an agreement and affirmation that the institution making it, and each of its riders, coaches and trainers shall accept and abide by the rules of the IHSA and of the Show, that each rider is eligible as entered, that they will accept as final any rulings of the IHSA with respect to their conduct and each entry agrees to defend and hold the IHSA, its directors, officials, employees and all persons, stables or other entities providing facilities, horses or equipment for the Show, harmless for any claim, action or suit, for injury, property damage or death sustained during participation in the show by the entity, his or her coach, trainer or visitors.

Furthermore, the institution, riders, coaches, trainers, and/or any affiliate, agent, and/or representative of the foregoing, hereby acknowledge and recognize that competing in an IHSA event and/or show may result in substantial and serious injury, including, but not limited to, maiming, paralysis, and/or death; that all of the foregoing persons openly and freely accept all of the potential risks associated with participation in an IHSA event and/or show; and they agree to waive, release, and hold harmless the IHSA, and/or any members, agent, and/or affiliates of the IHSA, from any and all actions, causes of action, suits, debts, promises, damages, judgments, claims, and/or demands whatsoever, in law and/or equity, as well as agree to defend and indemnify the IHSA, its members, agents, and/or affiliates, from any threatened and/or actual liability.

5403 Entries

- A. The acceptance of substitutions is entirely at the discretion of the show committee.

- B. A show may adopt its own policy regarding the refunding of entry fees to an exhibitor who cancels entries after the closing date. However, each entry shall still be charged the \$4.00 due to the National Treasurer.
- C. Any violation of financial obligations will result in the institution in question being restricted from future shows until such fees are paid, including monies due to the National Treasury. Show Management may require entries to be paid prior to the first class.
- D. In case of discrepancy between information in the program and that of the entry blank, the entry blank shall take precedence.
- E. It is recommended that all entries received by the closing date be acknowledged by show secretary, including a schedule indicating the classes for each entry.

5404 Programs

Programs shall contain:

- A. Numbers 1- 3, 5 & 7 as listed for Prize List, 5401 A.
- B. A statement of prizes offered for each class.
- C. An alphabetical list of exhibitors by school with their numbers and class sections entered.
- D. The classes listed in order, with a numerical list of exhibitors in each class.
- E. The tentative time schedule of classes.
- F. Names of Show Stewards.
- G. Date, Zone number and Region number printed on front cover.
- H. www.IHSAINC.com printed on front cover

RULE VI

Judging Requirements

6100 General

- 6101 In equitation/horsemanship classes only the rider is being judged; therefore no penalty should be assessed because of the horse's conformation, color or way of going.
- 6102 Falls, Refusals and Eliminations (See Rule 4400).
- 6103 Any rider not having their mount under sufficient control shall be removed from the ring and shall be disqualified or remounted at the stewards' discretion.
- 6104 Riders must remain on the same mount throughout all phases of an equitation or horsemanship class until the judge requests a change, except in Cacchione Cup competition.
- 6105 No attendant shall be allowed in the ring except at the request of the judge or stewards.
- 6106 If additional tests are desired and appropriate, the Judge's instructions to riders shall be publicly announced. It is suggested that the judge go over these instructions with the announcer to assure mutual understanding of the wording. Judges shall not confer with riders individually during the line-up.

6200 Hunter Seat Equitation - Hands and Seat

6201 General

Rider should have a workmanlike appearance, seat and hands light and supple, conveying the impression of complete control should any emergency arise.

6202 Mounting and Dismounting

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

6203 Hands

Hands should be over and in front of the horse's withers, knuckles 30 degrees inside the vertical, hands slightly apart and making a straight line from the horse's mouth to rider's elbow. Method of holding reins is optional, but all reins must be picked up at the same time.

6204 Basic Position

The eyes should be up and shoulders back. Toes should be at an angle best suited to rider's conformation, ankles flexed, heels down, calf of leg in contact with horse and slightly behind girth. Iron should be on ball of foot.

6205 Position in Motion

At the walk and slow trot, body should be vertical; posting trot, inclined forward; canter, half-way between the posting trot and the walk; galloping and jumping, same inclination as the posting trot.

6206 Class Routine

A. Over fences

The performance begins when the horse enters the ring or is given the signal to proceed after entering the ring.

Except for refusals, jumping faults of the horse are not to be considered unless it is the fault of the rider.

Except in combinations, number of strides shall not be considered unless it is the fault of the rider.

Although a flying change of lead is preferable, a well-executed simple change must not be penalized.

Each contestant may circle once, if desired, before approaching the first jump. S/he shall then proceed around the course, keeping an even pace throughout.

Three cumulative refusals will eliminate. If a refusal occurs in a double or triple, riders shall re-jump all elements of the combination. No courtesy fence will be allowed after elimination.

B. On the flat.

Contestants shall enter ring and shall proceed at least once around the ring at each appropriate gait and on command, reverse and repeat. The order to reverse may be executed by turning either toward or away from the rail. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. Entries shall then line up on command, and any or all riders may be required to execute any appropriate tests included in class requirements.

6207 Course Requirements

Classes over fences shall be held over at least six jumps, type to be left to the discretion of management (See Rule 4308). All IHSA competitions must use FEI-approved Safety Release Cups for the back pole of all oxers in every over fences class.

6208 Hunter Seat Tests

A Hunter Seat judge may choose from the following tests. Tests may be performed collectively or individually. No other tests may be used except at Zone and National Shows where additional appropriate tests may be asked. Instructions must be publicly announced.

1. Ask an appropriate question.
2. Halt.
3. Sitting Trot.
4. Two point position at the walk and/or trot.
5. Figure eight at trot, demonstrating change of diagonals.
6. Figure eight at canter on correct lead, demonstrating simple change of lead.
7. Ride without stirrups.
8. Change leads down center of ring, demonstrating simple change of lead.
9. Change horses.
10. Canter on the counter lead. No more than eight horses may counter canter at one time.
11. Half-turn on forehand and/or half turn on haunches.
12. Jump a shortened course.
13. Trot a jump not to exceed 2' 6".

6300 Western Horsemanship

6301 General

Riders will be judged on seat, hands, ability to control and show horse. Results as shown by performance of the horse are NOT to be considered more important than the method used by the rider in obtaining them.

6302 **Basic Position**

The rider should sit in the center of the saddle and the horse's back with the legs hanging to form a straight line from the rider's ear, through the center of the shoulder and hip, touching the back of the heel or through the ankle. Feet should be placed in the stirrups with the weight on the ball of the foot. Consideration in making this judgment, however, should be given to the width of the stirrup. The heels should be lower than the toes, with a slight bend in the knee and the lower leg should be directly under the knee. Riding with the toes in the stirrups will be penalized. The rider's back should be flat, relaxed, and supple. The shoulders should be back, level, and square.

6303 **Hands**

Both hands and arms should be held in a relaxed manner, with the upper arm in a straight line with the body. The arm holding the reins should be bent at the elbow forming a line from elbow to the horse's mouth. The position of the free hand and arm is optional, but should be kept clear of the horse and equipment. Excessive pumping of the free arm as well as excessive stiffness will be penalized. Except as noted, only one hand is permitted on the reins and hands are not to be changed. Two hands may be used only on horses designated by show management. **When two hands are used, the tails of the reins must be crossed on the opposite side of the neck, with both reins held in each hand, or "bridged."** No more than one finger is allowed between the reins when split reins are used, but none with a romal. The rein hand should be carried immediately above or slightly in front of the saddle horn. Bracing against the horn will be penalized. The reins should be adjusted so that the rider has light contact on the horse's mouth, and at no time shall reins require more than a slight hand movement to control the horse. Excessively tight or loose reins will be penalized. The hand is to be around the reins at all times.

6304 Position in motion

Rider's base of support should maintain secure contact with the saddle from the seat to the thigh. Light contact should be maintained with the saddle and horse from the knee to mid-calf. Riders should sit to jog and not post. All movements of the horse should be governed by the use of imperceptible aids.

6305 Class Routine

Riders shall enter the ring and show collectively on the rail at all required gaits in both directions prior to any individual testing. The order to reverse should be executed away from the rail. Light contact with the horse's mouth shall not be penalized. Entries shall line up on command. A judge may change a rider(s) from any horse to any other horse in the same class. This may occur provided rail work and/or pattern has been completed by all riders. Any or all riders may be required to execute any appropriate tests included in class requirements. Testing is optional in all classes, except at the National Horse Show when it is mandatory in all classes.

6306 Western Horsemanship Tests

A western judge may choose from the following tests, singly or in combination, and/or any other appropriate and equivalent test that may be deemed necessary.

1. Individual performance on the rail.
2. Halt and/or back.
3. Figure eight at the jog.
4. 360-degree turn.
5. Lope and stop.
6. Figure eight at the lope, demonstrating a simple change of lead (through walk and jog.)
7. Ride without stirrups.
8. Change of leads down center of ring, demonstrating simple change of lead.
9. Counter-canter.

6400 Western Reining

6401 Class Procedures

Entries are to perform individually before the judge. Three markers will be placed on the left and right rail—a center marker, and two end markers spaced appropriately to the size of the arena to allow easy passage beyond the markers. Personal appointments, position, and procedures are consistent with rules governing IHSA Western Horsemanship Division.

6402 General guidelines

Riders are to be judged on proper symmetry of figures, definite changes of speed, direction, and size of circles; proper technical application of natural aids in obtaining lead changes, stops, and turns; and reasonable working horsemanship. Emphasis is on precision, technical application, and the ability to show strange

horse in a pre-assigned pattern (Results as shown by the performance of the horse are not necessarily to be considered more important than the methods used by the rider in obtaining them).

6403 Simple lead changes may be designated in any pattern. Flying lead changes may be used only in those patterns which call for such; otherwise, they must be considered major faults.

6404 The Host College of each show must determine which pattern is most appropriate, based on suitability of horses and arena footing. Patterns may be selected from any IHSA reining pattern or any currently approved AQHA reining or NRHA pattern. Pattern number must be announced at least thirty minutes prior to the class, giving riders time to review directions. If using a currently approved AQHA or NRHA pattern, copies must be provided or posted for exhibitors. Questions should be directed to the show stewards.

6405 A winning ride includes the following:

1. Proper use of natural aids.
2. Smooth, consistent figures.
3. Efficient, well-placed changes of lead.
4. Definite changes of speed.
5. Noticeable difference in circle size.
6. Proper use of arena markers.
7. Proper working horsemanship.

6406 Faults incurring a score of 0 (not to be placed):

1. Illegal use of hands on the reins.
2. Performing maneuvers other than in the specified order.
3. Inclusion of maneuvers not specified.
4. Running away or failure to guide where it becomes impossible to discern whether rider is on pattern.
5. Using the reins as a whip.
6. Fall by horse or rider (See Rule 4400).

(NOTE: The rider may untangle excess rein, but only when excess rein may prevent the rider from properly executing the pattern; the rider may untangle excess reins only during periods when such movements may not be used to affect the performance of the horse, such as during hesitations, or while settling the horse.)

6407 Faults incurring major penalties include but are not limited to:

1. Excessive, reckless, or inappropriate speed.
2. Any unnecessary aid by the rider, such as excessive talking, petting, kicking, or jerking of reins, etc.
3. Overly aggressive or abusive natural aids.
4. Jogging in excess of ½ circle or ½ length of the arena while starting a circle, circling, or exiting a rollback.
5. Failure to attempt to change or correct a missed lead during or before the completion of a circle.
6. Using a free hand to intimidate or to show praise to the horse.
7. Spurring in front of the girth.
8. Holding or touching the saddle with either hand.

6408 Faults in which severity of the penalty must be determined according to the judge's perception as to whether blame lies more with the horse or with the rider, include but are not limited to:

1. Figure asymmetry.
2. Failure to properly use arena markers.
3. Starting or completing any circle on an incorrect lead.
4. Starting any lope maneuver at a jog.
5. Any deviation from well-balanced stops or turns or timely transitions.
6. Delayed changes of lead.
7. Anticipation of signals by the horse.
8. Backing sideways or refusing to back.
9. Failure to complete the pattern as written – only if determined to be solely horse dependant. Otherwise, a score of 0 should be applied (See Rule 6406).

(NOTE: Faults are to be considered horsemanship faults or caused by rider errors.)

6409 Show management must use an official IHSA, AQHA or NRHA pattern, which must be announced at least one half-hour prior to the class. Patterns should be worked as stated, not as drawn. The drawn pattern is to give the general idea of how the pattern will appear in the arena.

6410 The judge may ask a rider to return to ride any approved reining pattern on the same or a different horse.

RULE VII

Point Requirements and Scoring

7100 Points

7101 General

Points will be counted as follows:

First place-----7 points	Fourth place-----3 points
Second place-----5 points	Fifth place-----2 points
Third place-----4 points	Sixth place-----1 point

7102 Procedures

- A. Cumulative and aggregate point totals of teams and individuals shall be kept by the President College of each region. Such current scores shall be available to participating schools at each show.
- B. The official point records shall determine class advancement of riders, eligibility for Regional shows, Regional High Point Rider, and Regional High Point Team.
- C. All points recorded by the President College will become final and not subject to protest at the close of each show season; therefore any adjustments or corrections must be made before the last show of the season.

7200 Individual Point Procedures and Requirements

7201 Riders who begin showing in a beginner section of Classes 2 & 12 must move to the advanced section when they have acquired 18 points. These 18 points are carried over within the Class, and when riders earn another 17 points in the advanced section for a total of 35 points, they must move up to the next Class. They are also qualified for Regionals.

7202 Riders who begin showing in the advanced section of Classes 2 & 12 must move into the next Class when 35 points have been earned. They are also qualified for Regionals.

7203 Riders in classes 3 - 6 & 11-14 must move into the next higher class when they have earned 35 points. They are also qualified for Regionals.

- 7204 Riders must move out of classes 1, 2A, 11, 12A & 12B when their years of eligibility expires, regardless of points earned. They must acquire 35 points within the Class to qualify for Regionals.
- 7205 Points in Classes 2 - 6, 12, 13 & 14 will carry over from year to year until a total of 35 have been acquired.
- 7206 Upon qualifying out of a class, a rider will be considered in the next higher class whether s/he has actually competed in that class or not.
- 7207 Riders in Classes 7 - 10 & 15 - 18 will start each year with zero points and must acquire 28 to qualify for Regionals. In the event of a disparity in the number of shows held within a region and no rider qualifies in these classes, the number of points may be lowered to qualify the next highest rider(s) with a minimum of 21 and with the permission of the National Steward.
- 7208 If a rider transfers from one region to another, points earned shall be transferred to the new region (See Rule 7501-A).

7300 High Point Teams and Riders for Regular Shows

7301 Point Requirements for High Point Riders

- A. Champion and Reserve High Point Riders shall be determined by totaling the points earned at each show
- B. In the event of a tie, all tied riders will ride off in a separate class, and the Champion and Reserve shall be the two riders placing first and second. Ties for Reserve shall also be ridden off.

7302 Point Requirements for High Point Teams

- A. Each College will designate a maximum of 8 Hunter Seat riders, one from each class, to compete for points toward the Team Championship. Each Western team will designate 6 Western riders to compete for points toward the Team Championship.
- B. Champion and Reserve Hunter Seat teams shall be determined by totaling the scores of the top 7 of the 8 designated point riders from each team. All 6 scores shall count for Western scores.
- C. Point riders in Hunter Seat may be selected from any section of Classes 1-8. Point riders in Western Horsemanship teams will be selected from any section of classes 11-16. Only one rider may be selected from each class (A or B in divided classes).

- D. Point riders must be registered with the score keeper or secretary prior to the first draw. Teams who fail to register point riders prior to the first draw shall have the first 8 eligible riders for Hunter Seat and the first 6 eligible riders Western Horsemanship listed in the program in the class list designated by the show as point riders.
- E. In the case of a tie for the team championship of a regular show, teams shall remain tied. Distribution of ribbons will be at the discretion of the show.
- F. If an ineligible rider is used as a team point rider, the team will lose that score and one more score will be dropped, regardless of the size of the team. The score to be dropped will be the lowest score greater than zero.

7400 Point Requirements for Regional Horse Shows

7401 Riders are eligible to compete in the Regional Show upon acquiring 28/35 points in a class. In the event a region elects to lower points required, that figure will supersede (See Rule 7207).

7402 Undergraduate riders must be full time students in good standing in the academic period just prior to the show in accordance with Rule 1201.

7402 Riders qualifying in two flat, two fences or two Western Horsemanship Classes must compete in the most advanced of the two classes at Regionals.

7403 Riders qualifying in both flat and fences or Western Horsemanship and reining Classes may ride in both classes at Regionals.

7404 No minimum number of riders is needed to fill a class at Regional shows.

7405 At the Regional Show, if all the riders in a class are already qualified for the Zone Show/**Western Semi-Finals**, the class shall be optional and results shall not effect Zone eligibility.

7406 After a rider has competed in a class at Regionals or Zones/**Western Semi-Finals** or qualified thereto, s/he is no longer eligible for that class level in a regular point show except Open and Alumni Divisions.

7500 Regional High Point Riders and Teams

7501 Point Requirements for Regional High Point Rider

- A. Aggregate point totals earned by riders in Classes 7 and 8 for Hunter Seat,

and Classes 15 and 16 for Western Horsemanship shall be kept to determine the Regional High Point Rider in each discipline. Points transferred from another region will not count toward Regional High Point Rider. In the event of a tie, there will be a ride-off at the Regional Horse Show to determine the High Point and Reserve High Point Rider.

- B. The Regional High Point Hunter Seat from each Region may compete at their Zone Finals in a special class.

7502 Point Requirements for Regional High Point Team

- A. Cumulative totals of team points from each show will be kept to determine Regional High Point Team. The team with the highest total shall be named the Regional Champion Team, and the second highest scoring team shall be Reserve Champion.
- B. In the case of a tie, the school with the highest score from its best 5 shows shall be Champion, and the other Reserve. In the case of a further tie, the school with the single highest show points shall be the Champion. If there still remains a tie, at the Regional Show a class from the regular show format shall be drawn from a hat, and the tied schools shall each enter a rider at that level in the class. The school with the highest placed rider in that special class shall be the Champion.
- C. In order to be eligible for the Regional Championship, a school must compete in a minimum of five Hunter Seat shows for the Hunter Seat Championship or five western shows for the Western Championship.
- D. As of the 1st of October of each year, every IHSA member school must declare in writing to the Regional President their commitment to compete as a team at the IHSA Zone, **Western Semi-Finals** and National Championships should they qualify to do so.

7600 Qualifications and Eligibility for the Zone/**Western Semi-Finals** Horse Show

7601 Individual Riders

- A. In all classes riders who place first and second at Regionals shall be eligible to compete at Zones/**Western Semi-Finals**.
- B. There is no minimum number of riders required to fill a class at Zone Shows/**Western Semi-Finals**.
- C. Should a rider at any level who has qualified for Zones/**Western Semi-Finals** be unable to attend, s/he must notify the President of the Region at

once. The Regional President shall then invite the next highest qualifier, through sixth place at Regionals, until all vacancies have been filled.

7602 Teams

- A. Each Regional Champion College for Hunter Seat shall compete at the Zone Horse Show for the Zone Champion College title in their respective disciplines. Only these teams are eligible to represent the Zone at the National Horse Show. **Each Regional Champion College for Western shall compete at one of three Western Semi-Finals, from which the top three teams will be determined for entry to the National Horse Show.**
- B. At the option of the Zone Host, the Regional Reserve Champion Colleges may be invited to compete, but the results shall not affect Rule 7602 A.
- C. Each Hunter Seat Regional Champion College shall field a team of eight riders, Classes 1 through 8. All eight (8) scores shall count.
- D. Each Western Regional Champion College shall field a team of six riders **to their designated Western Semi-Finals**, one from each Class 11 through 16. All six (6) scores shall count.
- E. Riders chosen to compete in the Zone Team /Western Semi-Final competition may also be those who have qualified in the Individual Zone/Western Semi-Final classes, but those riders must compete at their current IHSA levels (See Rule 7206).
- F. All riders competing in Zone/Western Semi-Final Team classes must have shown in a regular IHSA point show during the current season and must ride at their current level. They must be full time students in good standing in accordance with Rule 1201.
- G. The team scoring the highest number of points in the Zone Team Classes shall be named the Zone Champion College.
- H. In the event of a tie in the Zone Team/Western Semi-Final or equivalent competition, ties shall be broken first by the total number of first place finishes, then by a total number of second place finishes, then by the highest total over fences or reining points. If the tie still cannot be determined, a class from the regular show format shall be drawn from a hat, and the tied schools shall each enter a rider in that level in the class. The school with the highest placed rider in that special class shall be the Champion.

- I. Should a team who has qualified for Zones/**Western Semi-Final** be unable to attend, the coach must notify the President of the Region at once. The Regional President shall then invite the next highest team.

7700 Qualifications and Eligibility for the National Horse Show

7701 Individual Riders

- A. All riders placing first and second at Zones **or first through fourth at a Western Semi-Finals** shall be eligible to compete at Nationals.
- B. Should a rider at any level who has qualified for Nationals be unable to attend, he must notify the Zone Chairman at once. The Zone Chairman shall then invite the next highest qualifier until all vacancies have been filled.
- C. Undergraduate riders must be full time students in good standing in the academic period just prior to the show in accordance with Rule 1201.

7702 The USEF/Cacchione Cup and AQHA Trophy

- A. All regional High Point riders shall be eligible to compete at Nationals.
- B. Should a rider be unable to attend, s/he must notify the President College of their Region at once. The Regional President shall then invite the Reserve Regional High Point rider.
- C. The USEF/Cacchione Cup class for National High Point Hunter Seat rider is a two phase class comprised of an over fences phase and a flat phase, following specifications of the Open Division. The order of the phases and the maximum number of riders for the second phase are to be determined by the management of the National Horse Show. All riders will participate in the first phase that is offered. All riders may not be called back to participate in the second phase. For those riders who compete in the second phase, each phase will comprise 50% of the final score. Further testing is at the discretion of the judge(s).
- D. The AQHA Trophy Class for National High Point Western Rider is a two part class, each part to comprise 50% of the final score. Part One will be conducted as a flat class on the rail. Tests 1-8 or the equivalent may be asked. Part Two will be conducted as a reining class using one of the reining patterns as described in the rule book per Rule 6404.

7703 Teams

A. Number of teams from each Zone

1. Hunter Seat:

- a. Zones having between 1-500 Hunter Seat individual members may send one (1) Hunter Seat team to Nationals.
- b. Zones having between 501-1000 Hunter Seat individual members may send two (2) Hunter Seat teams to Nationals.
- c. Zones having 1001 or more Hunter Seat individual members may send three (3) Hunter Seat teams to Nationals.

2. Western:

- a. **Three Western Semi-Finals will be held, from which the top three teams and the top four individual riders will advance to Nationals.**
- b. **Each Zone Chair, in consultation only with the Regional Presidents in that Zone, will distribute its regions among the three Western Semi-Final sites, and report this distribution to the Semi-Finals Chair. The Semi-Finals Chair will compile the list for the three Western Semi-Finals shows, making necessary adjustments to have as nearly equal numbers as possible, at each site. This list will then be posted on the www.ihsainc.com website.**
- c. **Regional Champion Team and Individuals, including Alumni, will compete at the site to which their Region is assigned that year.**

3. Annual Zone membership figures shall be based on Individual Memberships received by the National Treasurer on or before February 10.

4. No Zone shall send more teams than it has Regions.

B. Each qualified Hunter Seat College shall field a team of eight riders, one from each Class 1 through 8. All eight (8) scores shall count.

- C. Each **qualified** Western College shall field a team of six riders, one from each Class 11 through 16. All six (6) scores shall count.
- D. Riders chosen to compete in the National Team competition may also be those who have qualified in the Individual National Finals classes, but those riders must compete at their current IHSA levels.
- E. All riders competing in National Team classes must have shown in a regular IHSA point show during the current season and must ride at their current level. They must be full time students in good standing in accordance with Rule 1201.
- F. The team scoring the highest number of points in the National Team Classes shall be named the National Champion College.
- G. In the event of a tie in the National Team competition, all schools shall remain tied and shall share the title for that year. All names of tied schools shall be engraved on the trophy and each school shall have equal display time of the trophy during the year. Duplicate keeper awards will be supplied by the IHSA.
- H. Should a team who has qualified for Nationals be unable to attend, the coach must notify the Zone Chairman/**Western Semi-Finals Chair** at once. The Zone Chairman/**Western Semi-Finals Chair** shall then invite the next highest team.

RULE VIII

Format Description and Definitions of Hunter Seat Classes

8100 Eligibility for Classes

8101 Definitions

A. Recognized competitions

A recognized competition is any sanctioned by the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF); American Grand Prix Association (AGA); American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA); National Reining Horse Association (NRHA); United States Eventing Association (USEA); and United States Combined Training Association (USCTA). 4-H state and regional competitions will be recognized for Western Horsemanship only.

B. Instruction

Any number of lessons taken within a week (Monday-Sunday) constitutes a week a week of instruction.

C. Hunter Seat Equitation Classes

A hunter seat equitation class is any class that is judged on hunter seat equitation specifically.

D. International Competition

Riders who are entering the IHSA with only International experience will need to follow the corresponding fence heights and ribbons won from competitions that are recognized/sanctioned by that country's governing body.

E. Academic Year

Although many colleges use a trimester or quarterly system, for IHSA purposes, an Academic Year is any two consecutive semesters.

8102 Specifications for Placement of New Hunter Seat Riders

A. Hunter Seat Riders

1. Walk-Trot riders are those who have had no more than 24 weeks of instruction and who have not competed in a mounted competition which required them to canter or lope. Walk-Trot riders have two years of eligibility starting with their initial completion of the online individual membership form.
2. Walk-Trot-Canter riders eligible for class 2A are those who have had more than 24 weeks of instruction and who have not competed in a mounted competition that required them to jump more than eighteen inches. Once the Beginning Walk-Trot-Canter rider has accumulated 18 points, s/he must move to Walk-Trot-Canter Hunter Seat Equitation (2B). Walk Trot Canter riders eligible for class 2B are those who have not competed in any over fences class **higher than three foot (3')** in any competition, nor have those 2B riders competed in any recognized competition.
3. Novice riders on the flat are those who have won no more than five Hunter Seat equitation classes on the flat in recognized competitions. Novice riders over fences have won no more than six classes in any over fences class three feet (3') or higher in recognized competitions. To be eligible for Class 4, Novice Equitation over Fences, riders must have had at least six months continuous professional instruction over fences within the past year.
4. Intermediate riders on the flat are those who have won six to ten Hunter Seat equitation classes on the flat in recognized competitions. Intermediate riders over fences have won no more than six classes in any over fences class three feet, six inches (3'6") or higher in recognized competitions.
5. Open riders on the flat are those who have won more than ten Hunter Seat equitation classes on the flat in recognized competitions. Open riders over fences are those who have won more than six classes in any over fences class three feet, six inches (3'6") or higher in recognized competitions.
6. Based on a rider's credentials they may be initially assigned to the appropriate jumping division that is lower than their flat division or to a flat division that is one level lower than their jumping division. Novice Hunter Seat Equitation over Fences riders may not show

below Novice Hunter Seat Equitation on the Flat.

- B. Riders who canter/lope in one IHSA discipline may not start in the walk-trot division in the other discipline.

8103 Riders may continue to compete in their divisions until their eligibility is up, even if they have qualified out of the corresponding Hunter Seat or Western division.

8200 Hunter Seat Equitation

8201

- A. Regular Point Shows must include the following classes:

Class 1 Walk-Trot Hunter Seat Equitation

Class 2 Walk-Trot-Canter Hunter Seat Equitation

Class 2A Beginning Walk-Trot-Canter

Class 2B Walk-Trot-Canter

Class 3 Novice Hunter Seat Equitation on the Flat

Class 4 Novice Hunter Seat Equitation over Fences

Class 5 Intermediate Hunter Seat Equitation on the Flat

Class 6 Intermediate Hunter Seat Equitation over Fences

Class 7 Open Hunter Seat Equitation on the Flat

Class 8 Open Hunter Seat Equitation over Fences

- B. These classes may be held if appropriate:

Class 9 Alumni Hunter Seat Equitation on the Flat

Class 10 Alumni Hunter Seat Equitation over Fences

8202 Class Descriptions

Class 1 Walk-Trot Equitation

Open to beginners as described in 8102 A.1. Walk-Trot riders have two years of eligibility starting with their initial completion of the online individual membership form or until 35 points are accumulated in the Class, whichever comes first. Riders are not eligible for IHSA Class 2A or 12A or above. Riders to be judged at the walk and trot both ways of the ring. Diagonals will count. Tests 1 – 4, 9 may be asked.

Class 2 Walk-Trot-Canter Equitation.

Class 2A. Beginner Walk-Trot-Canter

Open to riders who have earned 35 points in Class 1, or new riders as described in 8102 A.2. Riders are eligible until 18 points are accumulated. To be judged at the walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Tests 1-5, 9 may be asked. Leads and diagonals to count.

Class 2B. Walk-Trot-Canter

Open to riders who have earned 18 points in Class 2A, or new riders as described in 8102 A.2. To be judged at the walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. Tests 1-6, 9 may be asked. Upon acquiring 35 points in Class 2, riders must advance to Class 3. Leads and diagonals to count.

Class 3 Novice Equitation on the Flat.

Open to riders who have earned 35 points in Class 2, or new riders as described in 8102 A.3. Upon acquiring 35 points in Class 3, riders must advance to Class 5. To be judged at the walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Tests 1-9 may be asked. Eligibility for Class 3 does not necessarily qualify a rider for Class 4.

Class 4 Novice Equitation over Fences.

Open to riders as described in 8102 A.3. with a skill equivalent to at least Class 3. Upon acquiring 35 points riders must advance to Class 6. To be shown over six or more fences at least 2' 3" in height and not to exceed 2' 9", and including at least one change of direction. Fence width not to exceed height. Fences must have wings at least 12' higher than the highest rail. Tests 1-6, 9, and 12 & 13 may be asked.

Class 5 Intermediate Equitation on the Flat.

Open to riders who have earned 35 points in Class 3, or new riders as described in 8102 A.4. Upon acquiring 35 points riders must advance to Class 7. To be judged at the walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Eligibility for Class 5 does not necessarily qualify a rider for Class 6. Tests 1- 9 may be asked.

Class 6 Intermediate Equitation over Fences.

Open to riders who have earned 35 points in Class 4, or new riders as described in 8102 A.4. Upon acquiring 35 points riders must advance to Class 8. To be shown over six or more fences at least 2' 6" in height and not to exceed 3', including at least one change of direction. Fence width not to exceed height. Tests 1-9, and 12 & 13 may be asked.

Class 7 Open Equitation on the Flat.

Open to all riders. Riders who have earned 35 points in Class 5, or new riders as described in 8102 A.5, must ride in this class. Riders start with 0 points each year. To be judged at the walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Tests 1-11 may be asked.

Class 8 Open Equitation over Fences.

Open to riders who have earned 35 points in Class 6, or new riders as described in 8102 A.5. Riders start with 0 points each year. To be shown over six or more fences at least 2' 9" in height and not to exceed 3' 3" in height and 3' in width including at least one change of direction. Tests 1-13 may be asked.

Class 9 Alumni Equitation on the Flat.

Open to alumni who would not be eligible for Class 1. Riders start with 0 points each year.

Class 10 Alumni Equitation over Fences.

Open to eligible alumni with a degree of skill equivalent to at least Class 4. To be shown over six or more fences at least 2' 3" in height and not to exceed 2' 9", fence width not to exceed height, and including at least one change of direction. Tests 1-6, 9, and 12&13 may be asked.

RULE IX

Format Description and Definitions of Western Horsemanship Classes

9100 Eligibility for Classes

9101 Definitions

A. Recognized competitions

A recognized competition is any sanctioned by the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF); American Grand Prix Association (AGA); American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA); National Reining Horse Association (NRHA); United States Eventing Association (USEA) and United States Combined Training Association (USCTA). 4-H state and regional competitions will be recognized for Western Horsemanship only.

B. Instruction

Any number of lessons taken within a week (Monday-Sunday) constitutes a week of instruction.

C. International Competition

Riders who are entering the IHSA with only International experience will need to follow the corresponding fence heights and ribbons won from competitions that are recognized/sanctioned by that country's governing body.

D. Academic Year

Although many colleges use a trimester or quarterly system, for IHSA purposes, an Academic Year is any two consecutive semesters.

9102 Specifications for Placement of New Western Horsemanship Riders

A. Western Horsemanship Riders

1. Beginner riders are those who have had no more than 24 weeks of instruction and who have not competed in a mounted competition which required them to canter or lope. Beginner riders have two years of eligibility starting with their initial completion of the online individual membership form.
2. Intermediate I riders for class 12A are those who have had more than 24 weeks of instruction and who have not competed in a mounted competition that required them to lope or canter. Once the Intermediate I rider has accumulated 18 points, s/he must move to Intermediate II. Intermediate II riders for class 12B are those who have competed in non-recognized competitions which required them to lope or canter.
3. Novice Riders are those who have competed in recognized competitions. Novice riders may not have earned more than 25 points from any breed association in western classes excluding roping, games, halter, showmanship, novice classes or non-roping classes.
4. Advanced Riders are those who have won more than 5 blue western horsemanship ribbons in classes of five or more in recognized competitions, or have earned 26 or more points from any breed association in western classes excluding roping, games, halter, showmanship or novice classes.
5. Open Riders are those who have competed in a Nationally Recognized Qualifying Competition such as a World show, a National breed competition, or the Quarter Horse Congress Team Competition; have finished in the Top Five at a Non-Qualifying World or National breed competition; or finished in the Year-end top three in a recognized state breed association in any western class excluding roping, games, halter, showmanship or novice classes.

- B. Riders who canter/lope in one IHSA discipline may not start in the walk-trot division in the other discipline.

9103 Riders may continue to compete in their divisions until their eligibility is up, even if they have qualified out of the corresponding Hunter Seat or Western division.

9200 Western Horsemanship

9201

A. Regular Point Shows must include the following classes:

- Class 11 Beginner Western Horsemanship
- Class 12 Intermediate Western Horsemanship
 - Class 12A. Intermediate Western Horsemanship I
 - Class 12B. Intermediate Western Horsemanship II
- Class 13 Novice Western Horsemanship
- Class 14 Advanced Western Horsemanship
- Class 15 Open Western Horsemanship
- Class 16 Open Reining Pattern

B. These classes may be held if appropriate:

- Class 17 Alumni Western Horsemanship
- Class 18 Alumni Reining Pattern

9202 Class Descriptions

Class 11 Beginner Western Horsemanship

Open to beginners as described in 9102 B.1. Beginner riders have two years of eligibility starting with their initial completion of the online individual membership form or until 35 points are accumulated in the Class, whichever comes first. Riders are not eligible for IHSA Class 2A or 12A or above. To be shown at a walk and jog both ways of the ring. Tests 1-4 may be asked.

Class 12 Intermediate Western Horsemanship

Class 12A Intermediate Western Horsemanship I

Open to riders who have earned 35 points in Class 11 or new riders as described in 9102 A.2. Riders are eligible until 18 points are accumulated. To be shown at a walk, jog and lope both ways of the ring. Leads will count. IHSA Tests 1-5 may be asked.

Class 12B Intermediate Western Horsemanship II

Open to riders who have earned 18 points in Class 12A or new riders as described in 9102 A.2. Upon acquiring 35 points in Class 12 riders must advance to Class 13. To be shown at a walk, jog and lope both ways of the ring. Leads will count. IHSA Tests 1-7 may be asked.

Class 13 Novice Western Horsemanship

Open to riders who have earned 35 points in Class 12 or new riders as described in 9102.A.3. Upon acquiring 35 points in Class 13, riders must move to Class 14. To be shown at a walk, jog, and lope both ways of the ring. Tests 1-8 may be asked.

Class 14 Advanced Western Horsemanship

Open to riders who have earned 35 points in Class 13 or new riders as described in 9102 A.4. Upon acquiring 35 points in Class 14 riders must advance to Class 15. To be shown at a walk, jog and lope both ways of the ring. IHSA Tests 1-9 may be asked.

Class 15 Open Western Horsemanship

Open to riders who have earned 35 points in Class 14, or new riders as described in 9102 A.5 must ride in this class. Riders start with 0 points each year. To be shown at a walk, jog and lope both ways of the ring. IHSA Tests 1-9 may be asked.

Class 16 Open Reining Pattern

Open to riders as described in 9102 A.5 with a skill equivalent to Class 15. Riders start with 0 points each year. To be shown individually in a pre-assigned pattern per Rule 6404. Each show management may place appropriate constraints on the number of entries per team, to be determined by availability of horses, etc.; however, each Western show must make this class available to at least one point rider from each team.

Class 17 Alumni Western Horsemanship

Open to Alumni who would not be eligible for Class 11. Riders start with 0 points each year.

Class 18 Alumni Reining Pattern

Open to Alumni with a degree of skill equal to at least Class 15 and meet one of the three following requirements: 1) have shown in Open Reining Pattern (currently Class 16) as an undergraduate, 2) have shown in a breed association or NRHA in a reining competition, or 3) have had 6 months of continuous professional reining training within the past 12 months. Riders start with 0 points each year. To be shown individually in a pre-assigned pattern per Rule 6404. Each show management may place appropriate constraints on the number of entries, to be determined by availability of horses, etc.

9300 IHSA Reining Patterns.

- 1 IHSA OPEN REINING PATTERN #1
 - a Lope down the center line of arena, just past the center marker.
 - b Stop.
 - c Back to the center of arena and settle horse for five seconds.
 - d Pivot left ninety degrees.
 - e Lope right lead to a small, slow circle to the right, inside the end marker.
 - f Lope a large, fast circle to the right, outside of the end marker.
 - g Simple change of leads at center of arena.
 - h Lope small, slow circle to the left, inside the end marker.
 - i Lope large, fast circle to the left, outside the end marker, turning out just short of closing the circle.
 - j Simple change of lead.
 - k Lope down the center line, beyond the end marker.
 - l Stop, do a left rollback and lope beyond the opposite end marker.
 - m Stop, do a right rollback and lope.
 - n Lope beyond the center marker.
 - o Stop.
 - p Back ten feet, settle horse for five seconds.

- 2 IHSA OPEN REINING PATTERN #2
 - a Lope down the center line of arena, just beyond the center marker.
 - b Stop.
 - c Back to the center of arena and settle horse for five seconds.
 - d Pivot left ninety degrees.
 - e Lope right lead to a small, slow circle to the right, inside the end marker.
 - f Lope a large, fast circle to the right, outside of the end marker.
 - g Flying change of leads at center of arena.
 - h Lope small, slow circle to the left, inside the end marker.
 - i Lope large, fast circle to the left, outside the end marker, turning just short of closing the circle.
 - j Flying change of lead.
 - k Lope down the center line, beyond the end marker.
 - l Stop, do a left roll back and lope beyond the opposite end marker.
 - m Stop, do a right roll back and lope
 - n Lope beyond the center marker.
 - o Stop.
 - p Back ten feet, settle horse for five seconds

3 IHSA OPEN REINING PATTERN #3

Walk horse to center of arena facing left fence or wall.

- a Complete two (2) spins to the left.
- b Complete two (2) spins to the right.
- c Beginning on the right lead, complete two (2) circles to the right, the first being slower and smaller, the second being faster and larger.
- d At the center of the arena, do a simple lead change.
- e Begin two (2) circles to the left, the first being slower and smaller, the second being faster and larger.
- f At the center of the arena, do a simple lead change.
- g Begin a large circle to the right, but do not close this circle. Lope down the right side of the arena past the center marker and stop. Do a left rollback.
- h Lope back around the previous circle, but do not close this circle. Lope down the left side of the arena past the center marker and stop. Do a right rollback.
- i Lope back around the previous circle but do not close this circle. Lope down the right side of the arena past the center marker, stop, and back. Settle.

4 IHSA OPEN REINING PATTERN #4

Walk horse to center of arena facing left fence or wall.

- a Complete two (2) spins to the left.
- b Complete two (2) spins to the right.
- c Beginning on the right lead, complete two (2) circles to the right, the first being slower and smaller, the second being faster and larger.
- d At the center of the arena, do a flying lead change.
- e Begin two (2) circles to the left, the first being slower and smaller, the second being faster and larger.
- f At the center of the arena, do a flying lead change.
- g Begin a large circle to the right, but do not close this circle. Lope down the right side of the arena past the center marker and stop. Do a left rollback.
- h Lope back around the previous circle, but do not close this circle. Lope down the left side of the arena past the center marker and stop. Do a right rollback.
- i Lope back around the previous circle but do not close this circle. Lope down the right side of the arena past the center marker, stop, and back. Settle.

- 5 IHSA OPEN REINING PATTERN #5
- a Begin from a halt at the center of the arena, facing the center marker on the left wall.
 - b Lope a small, slow circle to the right.
 - c Simple change at center.
 - d Lope small, slow circle to the left.
 - e Simple change at center.
 - f Lope a large, fast circle to the right.
 - g Simple change at center.
 - h Lope large, fast circle to the left.
 - i Simple change of lead at center.
 - j Lope to the right, continuing down the rail past the end marker.
 - k Stop, rollback left to a lope.
 - l Lope beyond opposite end marker.
 - m Stop, rollback right to a lope.
 - n Lope beyond the center marker.
 - o Stop.
 - p Back ten feet, settle the horse for five seconds.

- 6 IHSA OPEN REINING PATTERN #6
- a Begin from a halt at the center of the arena, facing the center marker on the left wall.
 - b Lope a small, slow circle to the right.
 - c Flying change of lead at center.
 - d Lope small, slow circle to the left.
 - e Flying change at center.
 - f Lope a large, fast circle to the right.
 - g Flying change at center.
 - h Lope large, fast circle to the left.
 - i Flying change at center.
 - j Lope to the right, continuing down the rail past the end marker.
 - k Stop, roll back left to a lope.
 - l Lope beyond opposite end marker.
 - m Stop, roll back right to a lope.
 - n Lope beyond the center marker.
 - o Stop.
 - p Back ten feet, settle the horse for five seconds.

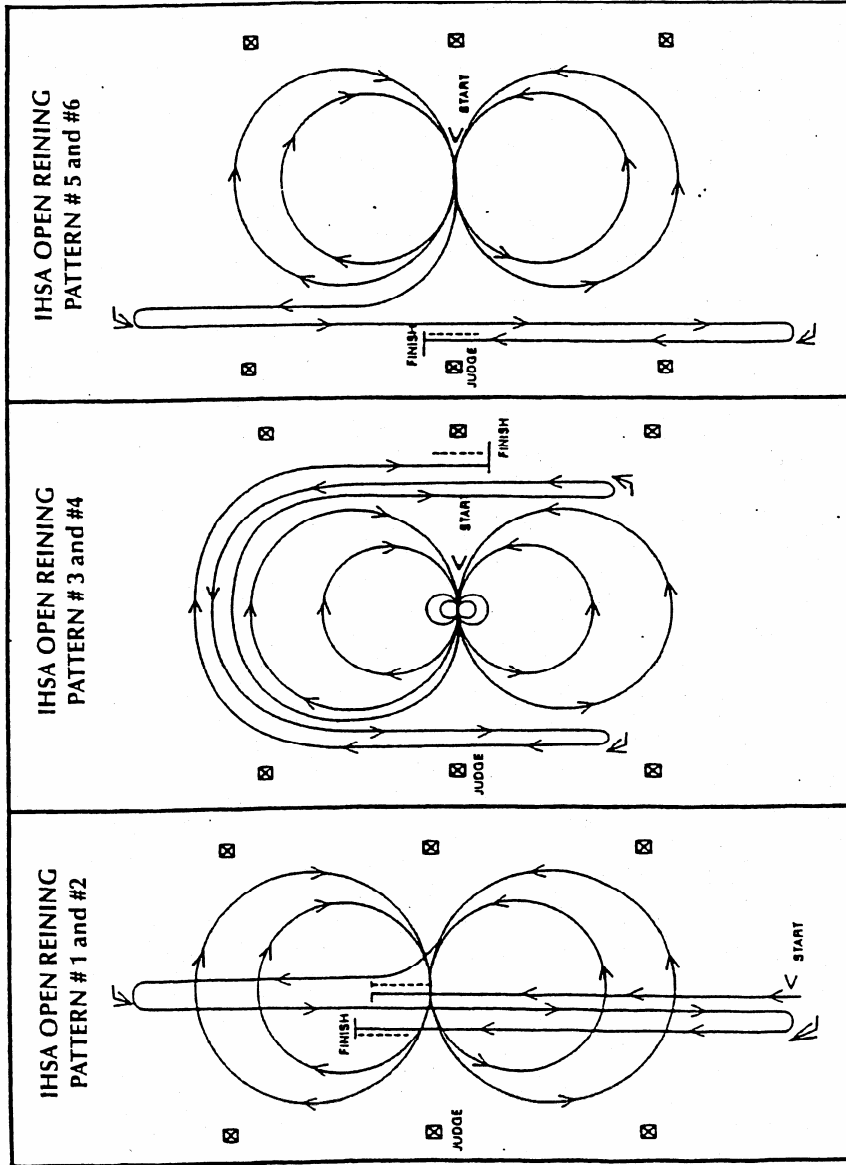
- 7 IHSA OPEN REINING PATTERN #7
- a Starting at the center of the arena facing the left wall, begin on the right lead completing two (2) circles, the first being larger and faster, the second being smaller and slower.
 - b At the center of the arena stop and complete one (1) 360 degree turn to the right.
 - c Begin two (2) circles to the left, the first being larger and faster, the second being smaller and slower.
 - d At the center of the arena stop and complete one (1) 360 degree turn to the left.
 - e Starting on the right lead complete a large figure 8 with a simple lead change in the center.
 - f Do a second simple lead change and lope on right lead down the side and stop, do a left roll back.
 - g Lope around to the other side of arena past the center marker and stop, do a right roll back.
 - h Lope around to the other side of arena past the center marker, stop and back.
- 8 IHSA OPEN REINING PATTERN #8
- a Starting at the center of the arena facing the left wall, begin on the right lead completing two (2) circles, the first being larger and faster, the second being smaller and slower.
 - b At the center of the arena stop and complete one (1) 360 degree turn to the right.
 - c Begin two (2) circles to the left, the first being larger and faster, the second being smaller and slower.
 - d At the center of the arena stop and complete one (1) 360 degree turn to the left.
 - e Starting on the right lead complete a large figure 8 with a flying lead change in the center.
 - f Do a second flying lead change and lope on right lead down the side and stop, do a left roll back.
 - g Lope around to the other side of arena past the center marker and stop, do a right roll back.
 - h Lope around to the other side of arena past the center marker, stop and back.

- 9 IHSA OPEN REINING PATTERN #9
- a Starting on the left side wall, lope down around end wall, back up the right side past the center marker. Stop and roll back left.
 - b Continue down right wall around end wall, back up left side past the center marker. Stop and roll back right.
 - c Continue up left wall to center. At the center marker, horse should be on the right lead. Continue to the center of the arena.
 - d At the center of the arena, complete two circles to the right, the first being large and fast, the second being slow and small.
 - e Do a simple lead change and complete two circles to the left, the first being large and fast, the second being slow and small.
 - f Do a simple lead change and begin a large circle to the right but do not close this circle. Continue up the left side around the end wall back down the right side past the center marker. Stop.
 - g Back and hesitate.
 - h Complete three spins to the right.
 - i Complete three spins to the left.
- 10 IHSA OPEN REINING PATTERN #10
- a Starting on the left side wall, lope down around end wall, back up the right side past the center marker. Stop and roll back left.
 - b Continue down right wall around end wall, back up left side past the center marker. Stop and roll back right.
 - c Continue up left wall to center. At the center marker, horse should be on the right lead. Continue to the center of the arena.
 - d At the center of the arena, complete two circles to the right, the first being large and fast, the second being slow and small.
 - e Do a flying lead change and complete two circles to the left, the first being large and fast, the second being slow and small.
 - f Do a flying lead change and begin a large circle to the right but do not close this circle. Continue up the left side around the end wall back down the right side past the center marker. Stop.
 - g Back and hesitate.
 - h Complete three spins to the right.
 - i Complete three spins to the left.

9300 IHSA Reining Patterns.

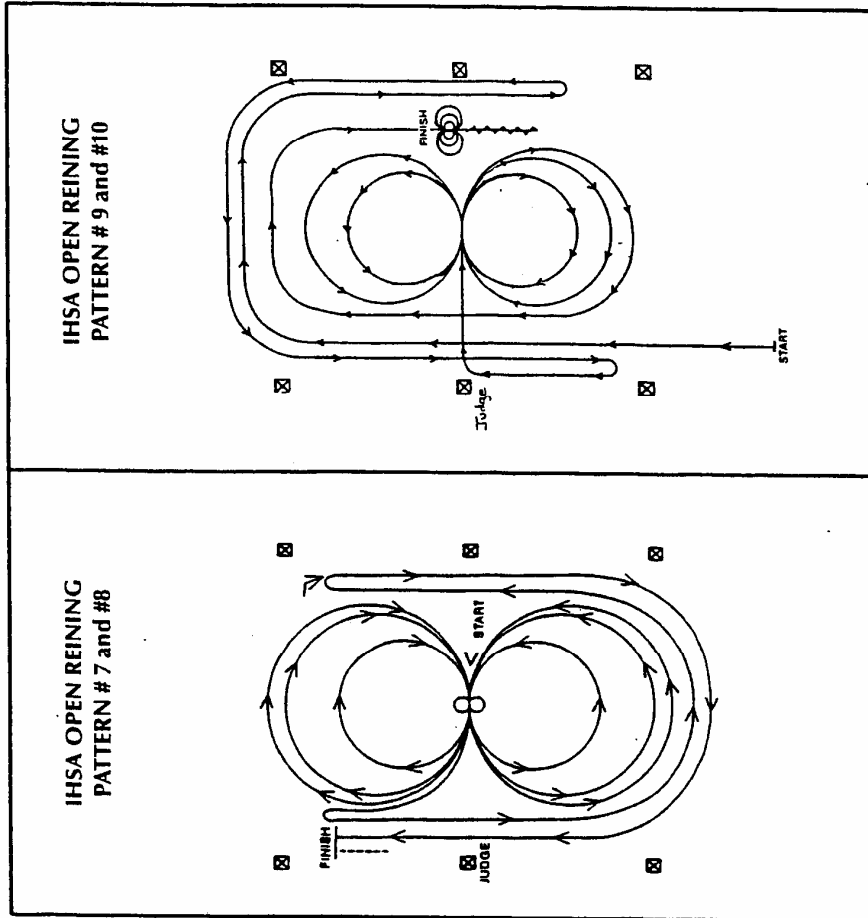
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8500 Pattern Diagrams



(NOTE: All straight lines have been separated to show detail - ALL patterns should be executed with straight lines superimposed upon another.)

- LEGEND:
- ☒ = MARKER
 - > = OCCASIONAL ARROWS TO BE USED FOR DIRECTION
 - = START (DOTS)
 - = BACK (DASHES)



(NOTE: All straight lines have been separated to show detail - ALL patterns should be executed with straight lines superimposed upon another.)

- LEGEND: X = MARKER
 > = OCCASIONAL ARROWS TO BE USED FOR DIRECTION
 = START (DOTS)

