



2021 Rules & Regulations

The Vancouver Island Hunter Jumper Association (VIHJA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the development and promotion of hunters, jumpers and equitation on Southern Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Canada.

The purposes of this Society are:

- To operate as a non-political group consisting of coaches, riders, parents and owners for the purposes of promoting, developing and exhibiting hunter and show jumping equestrian events, training and riding.
- To promote, develop and provide communication, education, training and competition in the hunter and show jumping equestrian field.
- To provide for equipment and its storage related to hunter and show jumping competitions.
- To access all available funding to provide for the above-noted purposes.

Membership entitles horses and riders to compete in a series of hunter/jumper horse shows, educating and encouraging them to improve their skills while promoting fair competition and sportsmanship. Educational opportunities through clinics and lectures are also available to members wishing to participate.

VIHJA Series Shows 2021

SSITS Season Opener

Hosted by: Saanich Shows in the Sun, Peter Holmes

cancelled due to Covid-19

SSITS Sun Bowl

Hosted by: Saanich Shows in the Sun, Peter Holmes

cancelled due to Covid-19

Westside Derby Show

Hosted by: Westside Stables, Leanne Creed

cancelled due to Covid-19

Arbutus Meadows Island Classic

Hosted by: Arbutus Meadows, Rob & Samantha Bau

cancelled due to Covid-19

VIHJA Benefit Show

Hosted by: the Vancouver Island Hunter Jumper Association

July 29 – August 1

Lochside Lane Island Cup

Hosted by: Lochside Lane, Tanya Hardy

September 4 – 6

SSITS/VIHJA Finals Show

Hosted by: Saanich Shows in the Sun, Peter Holmes

September 17 – 19

Hunt Ball

VIHJA Year-End Awards Gala

November 13

Any questions may be directed to the association via email at hello.vihja@gmail.com



2021 Divisions for Year End Awards & Medals

Hunter Divisions

Beginner Equitation	2' (0.65m)	Open to beginner Junior and Adult Amateur riders who have never shown- 2'5" (.75m) or higher. Classes/divisions may be split if entries warrant.
Short/Long Stirrup Equitation	2'3" (.70m)	Open to beginner Junior and Adult Amateur riders who have never shown 2'9" (.85m) or higher. Classes/divisions may be split if entries warrant.
Baby Green Hunter	2'5" (.75m)	Open to horses or ponies in their first year of showing 2'5" (.75m), based on calendar year, January to December. Reinstatement rules may apply outlined as follows: <i>If you have not shown more than three shows in the current year, you may be eligible for reinstatement in the following year to the particular division, however all entries for reinstatement must make written application to VIHJA prior to December 31st for reinstatement for the following year.</i>
Pre-Child/Pre-Adult Hunter	2'5" (.75m)	Open to Pre-Child/Pre-Adult riders on horses or "A" ponies who have never shown 2'11" (.90m) or higher. No rider cross entry with 2'11" (.90m) or higher at the same show.
Pony Hunter	2'3" (.70m) Small 2'5" (.75m) Medium 2'9" (.85m) Large	Open to junior riders with the following restrictions: medium pony to be ridden by junior "B" or "C" child - 14 or under (as of 1/1/21) and small pony to be ridden by junior "C" child 11 and under as of 1/1/21
Modified Child/Adult Hunter	2'9" (.85m)	Open to junior and amateur riders. No cross entry with 3'3" (1m) or higher at the current show.
Child/Adult Hunter	2'11" (.90m)	Open to junior and amateur riders. No Rider cross entry with Hunter or Jumper classes where the fences exceed 3'3" (1.0m) at the same show.
Pre-Green Hunters	2'11" (.90m) 1 st Year 3'3" (1.0m) 2 nd Year	First year pre-green open to horses or ponies that have not shown higher than 2'9" (.85m) prior to 1/1/21. Second year pre-green to have shown First year pre-green in 2020. First year pre-green 2'11" (.90m) / Second year pre-green 3'3" (1.0m).
Modified Hunter	3'3" (1.0m)	Open to all.
Open Hunter	3'7" (1.1m)	Open to all.



Jumper Divisions

Pony Jumper	0.75m (2'5")	Open to all juniors on ponies who have not shown .9m (2'11") or higher at any show.
Junior/Amateur Jumper	0.75m (2'5")	Open to all junior and amateur riders who have not shown .9m (2'11") or higher at any show. No pony cross-entry with pony jumper.
Junior/Amateur Jumper	0.85 (2'9")	Open to all junior and amateur riders. No cross entry with 1.0m (3'3") or higher, ponies eligible.
Junior/Pony Jumper	0.9m (2'11")	Open to all junior riders, no rider cross-entry with 1.1m (3'7") or higher jumpers at the same show.
Adult Amateur Jumper	0.9m (2'11")	Open to all amateur riders, no rider cross entry with 1.1m (3'7") or higher jumpers at the same show.
Island Jumper	1.0m (3'3")	Open to all.
Modified Jumper	1.1m (3'7")	Open to all.
Open Jumper	1.15m and up (3'9" and up)	Open to all.

Medals

Silverstone Equestrian Hunter Medal	2'5" (.75m)	Open to Pre-Child and Pre-Adult Hunter riders who have not shown 2'11" (.90m) or higher, hunters or jumpers, in the current year. Shown over jumps 2'5" (.75m) in height, ride off may be called for. Year End finals open to all riders who have entered a Silverstone Equestrian Medal class during the current year (ride off will be called for the top four riders throughout the year). Winners of finals may show in the class in subsequent years, provided they meet class qualifications
Flying Changes Pony Hunter Medal	2'3" (.70m) Small 2'5" (.75m) Medium 2'9" (.85m) Large	Open to junior riders on ponies only, shown over the pony's respective height - Large ponies jump 2'9" (.85m), Medium ponies jump 2'5" (.75m), and Small ponies jump 2'3" (.70m); ride off may be called for. Year End finals open to all riders who have placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th in a Flying Changes Pony Medal class during the current year; ride off will be called for. Winner of finals may show in the class in subsequent years, provided they meet class qualifications.
Victoria Saddlery Hunter Medal	2'9" (.85m)	Open to 2'9" (.85m) children and adult riders, shown over 2'9" (.85m) hunter medal course; ride off may be called for. Year End finals open to all riders who meet the class qualifications and have entered a Victoria Saddlery Medal class during the current year; ride off will be called for. Winner of final may show in the class in subsequent years provided they meet class qualifications.



Foxstone Hunter Medal	2'11" (.90m)	Open to 2'11" (.90m) children and adult riders, shown over 2'11" (.90m) hunter medal course; ride off may be called for. Year End finals open to all riders who meet the class qualifications and have entered a Foxstone Medal class during the current year; ride off will be called for. Winner of final may show in the class in subsequent years provided they meet class qualifications.
Millshaw Jumper Medal	0.75m (2'5")	Open to pony/junior/amateur riders. Shown over jumps .75m (2'5") or .9m (2'11") in height; ride-off may be called for. Year End final open to all riders who have placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th in a Millshaw Medal class during the current year; ride-off will be called for. Winner of finals may show in the class in subsequent years, provided they meet class qualifications.
Cedar Vista Jumper Medal	0.85m (2'9")	Open to all .85m (2'9") junior/amateur jumper riders, shown over jumps .85m (2'9") in height, not have shown 1m (3'3") or higher; ride-off may be called for. Year End final open to all riders who have placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th in a Cedar Vista Medal class during the current year; ride-off will be called for. Winner of finals may show in the class in subsequent years, provided they meet class qualifications.
Westside Jumper Medal	.9m (2'11")	Open to all .9m (2'11") junior/pony and adult amateur jumper riders, no cross entry with 3'6" or higher. Year End final open to all riders who have placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th in a Westside Medal class during the current year; ride-off will be called for. Winner of finals may show in the class in subsequent years, provided they meet class qualifications



General Rules

All competitors, trainers and horse owners at VIHJA sanctioned events must be members of VIHJA and Horse Council BC prior to competing.

VIHJA membership will be assessed on a per-event basis. The membership fee will be included as part of the VIHJA Fee for the purposes of thorough liability management. Entrants will be expected to provide their HCBC membership cards or photocopies of same prior to receiving numbers at an event.

If you are competing on more than two horses at a single event (same rider/trainer/owner combination), you may be eligible to have the membership portion of your VIHJA fee refunded for the third or any subsequent horses at the end of the competition. Please notify VIHJA if this applies to you.

It is recommended that all competitors confirm the correctness of their entry with the show office before check out (correct horse name, owner, rider and trainer), as this the data that is used to calculate points.

Your top 5 out of 7 VIHJA point shows will count towards year-end points. All VIHJA shows will have the same value for points.

Hunter Divisions points will be given to the Horse, except in Short/Long Stirrup and Beginner Equitation where the points will be given to the Rider.

Pony, Junior and Amateur Jumper Divisions points will be given to Horse/Rider Combinations. Low, Island, Modified and Open Jumper Divisions points will be given to the Horse.

Jumping and Hunter Under-Saddle Points

1st place = 7 points	2nd place = 5 points	3rd place = 4 points
4th place = 3 points	5th place = 2 points	6th place = 1 point

Final Points

Interim points will be updated throughout the show season. No results will be considered final until show season is over and calculations and eligibility are verified. Points will then be marked as final. Any disputes will be reviewed by a quorum of the VIHJA board and the decision will be final. In horse/rider combo classes, the horse may only enter one time.

Year End Awards

Year-end awards are based on the points achieved in the VIHJA shows, which include the Finals. Awards are given from 1st place to 4th place overall. The VIHJA reserves the right to reduce or increase the number of year-end award prizes for a particular division, based on the size of the division.



Special Year End Awards

Trainer of the Year: Trainer of the year is awarded to the coach/trainer who has accumulated the most points based on the overall year-end standings.

Island Bred Horse of the Year: Island Bred horse of the year is awarded to a horse bred locally on Vancouver Island that has accumulated the most points over the year. To be eligible for this award, riders and owners are required to nominate by notifying VIHJA in advance, as well as providing proof that the horse was born on Vancouver Island.

Thoroughbred Horse of the Year: Thoroughbred horse of the year is awarded to a registered thoroughbred that accumulates the most points over the course of the year. To be eligible for this award, riders and owners are required to nominate by notifying VIHJA in advances, as well as providing proof that the horse is a registered Thoroughbred.

Good Sportsmanship

VIHJA members are expected to:

- hold themselves to a high personal standard and participate in events in a manner that will bring credit to the equestrian community;
- refrain from using profane, insulting, harassing or otherwise offensive language;
- treat everyone fairly, regardless of gender, place of origin, colour, sexual orientation, religion, political belief, or economic status; and
- address fellow members, coaches, officials, volunteers, event organizers and spectators in a courteous and respectful manner.

Behaviours that constitute harassment, abuse, or bullying are unacceptable and will not be tolerated.