

# NEVADA STATE HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

## BY-LAWS AND RULES DIRECTORY

### REVISION

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## NSHA BYLAWS

### ARTICLE I NAME AND PURPOSE



**Section 1. Name.** The name of this corporation shall be the Nevada State Horsemen's Association, Region V. (NSHA, V) The Corporation shall have a corporate seal which shall be a circular impression upon which shall appear "Nevada State Horsemen's Association, Incorporated the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January 1957."

**Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the Association is to sponsor and promote an interest in horses and horsemanship throughout the State of Nevada; To support activities concerning horses; To encourage sponsorship of horse shows, a variety of classes and any other activity which will further the general purpose of NSHA, V and the interest of horsemen.

**Section 3. NSHA, V Logo.** On all documents pertaining to the NSHA, V the logo shall be affixed. The logo has three horse heads placed in the center of an outline of the State of Nevada. Above the three heads are the initials NSHA. Below the horse heads on the right side of the state image above the location of Las Vegas will be the letter "V."

### ARTICLE II REGIONS OF NSHA, V

All rules to be established if expansion takes place.

**Section 1. Establishment of regions.** In the event an additional county or area would like to become affiliated with NSHA, V interested areas of the state may be divided into geographical Regions. Regions

are established by counties of the State of Nevada. The principal office of each Region shall be within the geographical boundaries of the county that form the Region. (See Map on website) Exceptions may be granted by the Board of Directors. If additional "Regions" are established then NSHA, V would become the "State Office".

**Section 2. Incorporation from county to county.** If a county of the state of Nevada does not have an active Region or enough members to create an active Region, that county may be incorporated into an active Region if: **1.** the county has a common county border with a county that has an active Region or **2.** if no common county border exists, it may be incorporated into the county nearest to the county border of their residence.

**Section 3. Number of members required for an active region.** For a Region to become active or a new Region to be established, a minimum of fifteen (15) Senior members (18 or older) are required. (See Article V, Section 1.) Until fifteen (15) Senior members are obtained, no designation of a Region may be established.

**Section 4. Withdrawal from a region.** If a portion of a county has been incorporated into an active Region as specified by Section 2 of this Article, and has a minimum of fifteen (15) Senior members who wish to withdraw to create a new Region or activate an inactive Region, this may only be done at the conclusion of the current member year of the Region in which they are incorporated (November 30 of each year). The new or re- activated Region would become active on December 1 of the next member year.

**Section 5. Region that becomes inactive.** If a Region becomes inactive or wishes to disband, the current Officers shall notify the State President of their intention and the date in which the conclusion of that Region is effective. The funds of the treasury of that Region shall: **1.** be audited by an independent Certified Public Accountant, **2.** the results of the audit shall be sent to the State Office (Region V) within ten (10) days of completion, **3.** If all is in order following the audit, the funds shall be placed in an interest bearing savings account within that Region for a period of one (1) year. The signature card for that account shall have the

signature of the President of the State Office. At the conclusion of one (1) year, if the Region has not been reinstated as an active Region, the funds and interest earned shall become property of the State Office.

As of 12/31/2017 there are no active regions except NSHA, V.

### ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

#### **Section 1. Membership qualifications.**

Membership shall be open to any individual who is interested in promoting horses, horsemanship and NSHA, V.

**Section 2. Eligibility.** Any person, State and non-State residents, may become a member upon submission of a membership application by the appropriate dues and the fees to NSHA, V.

**Section 3. Membership in good standing.** A member in good standing is defined as a person who has completed an application and has paid the appropriate dues and fees and does not have any outstanding fees or assessments owed to NSHA, V for participation in any type of membership, function, activity or event.

#### **Section 4. Outstanding fees and assessments.**

**A.** Any monies or fees paid to NSHA, V Officers or a designated NSHA, V representative (Show Secretary) by personal or business check must be processed and clear their banking facility before the effective date posted on the membership application becomes effective and prior to points being awarded to an individual or animal owned by an individual for participation in any function, activity or event.

**B.** Any and all checks presented to NSHA, V that fail to clear their banking facility for any reason whatsoever, will be assessed a \$40.00 returned check fee in addition to the amount of the original draft. **C.** All fees and assessments must be paid by the maker of the draft within ten (10) days of notification from the financial institution of the bad draft by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested.

**D.** Until such time that the bad draft has been paid to any Officer, membership and points earned at any function, activity or event, will be withheld until all fees and assessments are paid in full. **E.** If such fees and assessments are not paid by the ten (10) day time period, membership and points earned

will be held for a maximum of twenty (20) days at the end of which time membership and points earned to date will forever be forfeited. Reversal of this policy may be petitioned to the Board of Directors, through the Grievance Committee for discussion; however, the decision of the Board of Directors is final. **F.** If an individual has a draft returned a second time, the assessment fee will again be charged and that individual will be required to pay any future charges and fees by Money Order, Cashier's Check or Cash for a period of one (1) year from date of the second infraction.

**Section 5. Termination of membership.** **A.** The Board of Directors may suspend or terminate a membership by a two-thirds vote for failure to abide by the rules and regulations, unsportsmanlike conduct, for any action which is opposed or detrimental to the objectives and purposes of NSHA, V. Upon termination of membership, a prorated portion of current dues only shall be remitted to the expelled member who shall have no other right or interest in NSHA, V. **B.** Application for membership may be resubmitted one (1) year to date of effective date of termination provided a two thirds vote of approval is granted by the Board of Directors.

**Section 6. Dues.** Membership dues shall be as follows:

- A. Senior (18 years & over of age as of 1/1) \$20
- B. Junior (under 17 years of age as of 1/1) \$10
- C. Life \$200

(One time single payment entitles an individual to a membership for life.)

**D** Honorary Life (Granted by the Board of Directors to individuals who have contributed outstanding service to NSHA, V and entitles the individual to an individual Senior membership for life).

**E.** Honorary Membership (Granted by the Board of Directors to individuals who have contributed meritorious services to NSHA, V and entitles the individual to a Senior membership for a period of one year).

**Section 7. A. Membership year.** The membership year for Nevada State Horsemen's Association shall be from January 1 to December 31 each year. Memberships expire on December 31 of each year and may be renewed as of January 1 of each new membership year. **B. Fiscal year.** The fiscal year

for the NSHA, V shall be from January 1 to December 31 of each year.

**Section 8. Rights of members.** **A.** All Senior and Junior members have the right to attend and participate in all meetings held within NSHA, V. Only Senior members in good standing may vote at General membership meetings. **B.** Only Senior members whose membership for the current fiscal year has been paid prior to September 1 shall be entitled to vote in any NSHA, V Officer election. **C.** Members shall receive from the Board of Directors or the show secretary: 1. Membership receipt issued once a year, 2. Access to a current NSHA, V Rule Book published via website, 3. Newsletters, point tallies, all event entries, information and publications posted on the NSHA, V website. **D.** Frequency of publications may vary. **E.** Nonmembers and/or members may purchase additional NSHA, V Rule Books from the show office for \$10.00.

#### **ARTICLE IV CORPORATE POWERS**

**Section 1.** State Board of Directors will be reinstated if need exists. The corporate powers shall be controlled by the Board of Directors subject to the limitations of the Articles of Incorporation, the laws of the State of Nevada and the By-Laws.

#### **ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Section 1. Composition and qualifications.** NSHA, V shall have a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall be composed of Senior Members in good standing. Members and the respective positions are as follows:

- A.** Immediate Past President or Past Vice President if the Past President can no longer remain on the Board.
- B.** Current President
- C.** Current Vice President
- D.** Current Secretary
- E.** Current Treasurer
- F.** Directors (Article V, Section 2)

**Section 2. Election of directors.** **A.** A Region having 50 Senior members in good standing shall be

entitled to one elected Director plus an additional elected Director for every 50 additional Senior members in good standing or part thereof. **B.** Directors shall be elected at a regularly scheduled meeting by members in good standing. **C.** Terms of Directors are from election date within the current Fiscal year, (Article III, Section 7, Paragraph B), to the end of the current Fiscal year, December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Section 3. Powers of the board of directors.**

**A.** The Board of Directors shall have the right, power and authority to conduct the business affairs of the Association to be authorized or approved by the general members at each general meeting by vote to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting and subject to the limitations of the By-Laws, the laws of the state of Nevada and the Articles of Incorporation. **B.** To appoint any committees deemed necessary and advisable to accomplish any and all objectives of the Association. **C.** Shall have the power, authority and control of the finances, financial matters and the funds of the Region. **D.** Shall have control of debts incurred by the Association and payments thereof and require a majority vote of all members thereof. **E.** The Board of Directors shall have control of all intended indebtedness and payment thereof.

**Section 4. Responsibilities of the board of directors.**

**A.** All actions of the Board of Directors are subject to approval by the general membership. **B.** All Board of Director members present are entitled to vote and shall have an equal vote in the transaction of business. **C.** The Board of Directors is accountable to the membership of NSHA, V for the management of the business affairs of the Association. **D.** Regardless of resignation, termination or end of term, all members of the board of directors will turn over all NSHA V related documents, files, spreadsheets, forms, logins or software that were obtained during their time in office. All business should be done through the club. If logins or documents were prepared on personal devices, then copies will still be provided in the best interest of the club.

**Section 5. Terms of the board of directors.** The terms of office for the board members is two (2) consecutive calendar years commencing on January 1 of the new calendar year following their election. EXCEPTION: Directors, (Article V, Section 2,

Paragraph C)

**Section 6. Voting and quorums.** **A.** At all meetings of the Board of Directors, all members

present are entitled to an equal vote. **V.** Attendance and voting via live internet or cellular feed, shall have an equal vote in the transaction of business of the Association, provided however, that in the event of a tie vote of the Board members, the President's vote will count to break a tie. **B.** In the event an emergency measure is needed to conduct the business affairs of the Association not covered by the By-Laws, the Articles of Incorporation or the Laws of the State of Nevada, a favorable two-thirds vote of the quorum is needed to enact the measure.

**C.** A quorum consisting of a majority of the Directors is required for the transaction of business. In the absence of a quorum, the Directors present may adjourn the meeting to a specified time and place, but may transact no other business.

**Section 7. Meetings.** **A.** The Board of Directors shall meet a minimum of four times a year and notice of each meeting shall be sent by email to each Board member a minimum of fifteen (15) days prior to each meeting. **B.** A Director shall be required to attend 50% of the regularly scheduled meetings, not to include special meetings, of the Board of Directors. **C.** Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or by request of any three current Board of Director members. Notice by email of such requests shall be given to all members of the Board a minimum of ten (10) days prior to such meeting stating time, place and purpose. **D.** In the event an Officer or Director of the Board is unable to attend a regularly scheduled meeting, notice of such absence shall be given to the President, and two other Officers (Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer) not less than 24 hours prior to meeting. If proper notice is not presented, the position may be considered vacant and the remainder of the term shall be filled as directed by the By-Laws in this (Article V, Section 13). **E.** Attendance via live Internet or cell phone feed is permitted.

**Section 8. Suggested order of business.** The suggested order of business of the Board of Directors meeting is as follows:

- A.** Call to Order
- B.** Introductions
- C.** Roll Call

- D. Read, correct, and approve the minutes of the previous meeting
- E. Financial Report
- F. Reports from standing committees
- G. Reports from special committees
- H. Unfinished Business
- I. New Business
- J. Adjournment

**Section 9. Action without meeting.** A. A meeting of the Board of Directors is not necessary to take action on a matter, provided all members of the Board of Directors have been contacted, by phone or email and a majority of the Directors confirms their vote on the action by live phone call. Such action is as valid and effective as if passed by the Board of Directors in a regular meeting. B. These and all Board of Director actions must be published, via website, within 30 days of the decisions.

**Section 10. Minutes.** A complete record of all Board of Directors meetings and proceedings shall be kept by the Secretary. A copy of each meeting and proceeding shall be given to the President ten (10) days following the conclusion of the meeting or proceeding. A copy shall be published on the website within forty-five (45) days of the meeting or proceeding.

**Section 11. Resignations.** A. Any member of the Board of Directors may resign at any time. Notice of a resignation shall be presented to the President stating reason of resignation and specifying an effective date. If no date is specified, it will be effective upon receipt by the President. B. Any Board member failing to perform the duties prescribed them shall be construed as a resignation, effective immediately and the remainder of the term shall be filled as directed by the By-Laws.

**Section 12. Terminations.** A. Any Officer or Director of the Board of Directors may be removed from office by two-thirds of the votes cast by the general membership, present at the meeting entitled to vote, provided notice of such intended action is emailed to all members a minimum of fifteen (15) days prior to action taken. B. The President, following notification to the balance of the Board, may call for a special meeting to decide action to be taken and the remainder of the term shall be filled

as directed by the By-Laws. (Article VI, Section 13, Paragraphs A - F).

**Section 13. Succession of office.** A. When an Officer of the Board of Directors resigns or is terminated from office all rights and duties of that office are forfeited. This includes the succession of the office in becoming Past President or Past Vice President.

## **ARTICLE VI ASSOCIATION OFFICERS**

**Section 1. Officers.** Officers of NSHA, V, subject to the By-Laws herein, shall have an elected President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Director(s) as defined in this Article VI, Section 2. One individual may act as the Secretary and Treasurer simultaneously.

**Section 2. Election of officers.** A. Elections for new officers of the Association will be held prior to the conclusion of the calendar year, (December 31<sup>st</sup>), by secret ballot and by majority vote of Senior members in good standing present. B. Presidents and Secretaries will be elected at the conclusion of even numbered years (2014, 2016, 2018, etc.) and Vice Presidents and Treasurers will be elected at the conclusion of odd numbered years (2015, 2017, 2019, etc.).

**Section 3. Election of directors.** A. A Region having 50 Senior members in good standing shall be entitled to one elected Director plus an additional elected Director for every 50 additional Senior members in good standing or part thereof. B. Directors shall be elected at a regularly scheduled meeting by members in good standing. C. Terms of Directors are from election date within the current Fiscal year, (Article III, Section 7, Paragraph B), to the end of the current Fiscal year, December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Section 4. Qualifications for office.** All candidates for office: 1. must have been Senior members in good standing on or before September 1 of the current membership year and 2. must have attended a minimum of 50% of the regularly scheduled General membership meetings.

**Section 5. Non-qualified candidates.** In the event candidates for office do not qualify for an office as provided in Section 4, non-qualified candidates may be elected to office if no qualified candidates are nominated for election.

**Section 6. Terms of officers.** A. The Association Officers, upon election, shall serve a two (2) year term commencing on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the new fiscal year following the election. B. Directors shall serve as defined in this Article VI, Section 3, Paragraph C.

**Section 7. Duties of the president.** Subject to the Articles of Incorporation, the laws of the State of Nevada and the Association By-Laws, the President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association and shall have general supervision, direction and control of the business affairs and the officers of the Association. The President shall preside at all Board of Directors and General Membership meetings of the Association and shall confirm all chairpersons of all committees. The President, and/or the Treasurer, shall sign all written contracts approved by the Board of Directors and shall have the general powers and duties of management, and shall have other powers and duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors and the By-Laws.

**Section 8. Duties of the vice president.** In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President and when so acting shall have all the power of and be subject to all the restrictions of the President's office. The Vice President shall perform other such duties as prescribed by the President, the Board of Directors and/or the By-Laws.

**Section 9. Duties of the secretary.** The Secretary shall 1. Keep, or cause to be kept, accurate minutes of all meetings of the Region, to include meetings of the Board of Directors and the General Membership. 2. Oversee (for accuracy) all notices of all Board of Directors and General Membership meetings of the Association. 3. Shall maintain a current membership roster containing the names, addresses and email addresses (if applicable) of all members of the Association. 4. Maintain a copy of all minutes of each General Membership meeting to include current membership and nomination lists for

riders and horses of the current membership year. (Article III, Section 7, Paragraph A.) 5. Maintain and distribute as necessary all reports. 6. Send membership renewal notification to all members via email prior to December 1<sup>st</sup> of the current Membership Year. (Article III, Section 7, Paragraph A.) and 7. Perform other such duties as may be prescribed by the President, the Board of Directors and the By-Laws.

**Section 10. Duties of the treasurer.** The Treasurer shall 1. Keep and maintain, or cause to be kept and maintained, accurate accounts of the financial transactions of the Region, 2. Deposit monies and other valuables in the name of and to the credit of the Association, 3. Sign all checks, drafts and notes of the Region, (in the event the Treasurer is unable to indorse checks and drafts, the President shall indorse all checks and drafts.) 4. Pay all bills and debts incurred by the Region, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors and membership 5. Keep account of receipts and expenditures, which, shall be open at reasonable hours and by appointment for inspection to any member in good standing upon request, 6. Render a financial report to the Board of Directors and General membership at each meeting, and 8. Have such other powers and perform other duties incidental to such office or as may be prescribed by the President, the Board of Directors and the By-Laws.

**Section 11. Resignations.** A. Any Officer of the Association may resign at any time. Notice of a resignation shall be presented to the President stating reason of resignation and specifying effective date. If no date is specified, it will be effective upon receipt by the President. B. The President of the Association may resign at any time by presenting notice of resignation to the Board of Directors stating reason and effective date. If no date is specified, it will be effective upon receipt by the Board of Directors. C. Any Officer failing to perform the duties prescribed them shall be construed as a resignation, effective immediately and the remainder of the term shall be filled as directed by the By-Laws. (Article VI, Section 13, Paragraphs A-F.)

**Section 12. Terminations.** A. Any Officer or Director of the Association may be removed from office by a two thirds vote of the Board of Directors

provided notice of such intended action is posted to the balance of the Board a minimum of ten (10) days prior to action taken. **B.** The President, following notification to the balance of the Board, may call for a Special meeting (Article V, Section 7, Paragraph B) to decide action to be taken and the remainder of the term shall be filled as directed by the By-Laws.

**Section 13. Vacancies.** Any vacancies within the offices of the Association, during any term, shall be filled for the remainder of the term as follows:

**A. President's Office:** The Vice President shall succeed to office.

**B. Vice President's Office:** A Successor shall be elected from members in good standing of the general membership.

**C. Secretary's Office:** A Successor shall be elected from members in good standing of the general membership.

**D. Treasurer's Office:** A Successor shall be elected from members in good standing of the general membership.

**E. Director's Office:** A Successor shall be elected from members in good standing of the general membership.

**F. Immediate Past President:** The Immediate Past Vice President will fill the remainder of the term.

## ARTICLE VII

### NSHA, V PAID POSITIONS AND DUTIES

**Section 1. Duties of the show secretary.** The Show Secretary shall **1.** Keep, or cause to be kept, accurate records of all shows. **2.** Give notice to all General Membership of upcoming shows. **3.** Maintain a current membership roster containing the names, phone numbers, emails and addresses of all members. **4.** Publish a copy of all show results within fifteen (15) days of the show via website. **5.** Publish current year end point totals within thirty (30) days of the show.

**Section 2. Duties of the show manager**

**Section 3. Duties of grounds manager**

**Section 4. Hiring and terminations**

Sections 2 through 4 will be determined by the show committee and approved by the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE VIII MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

**Section 1. General membership meetings.** General membership meetings shall be held a minimum of four (4) times a year and notice of each General Membership meeting shall be posted on the NSHA, V website not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the scheduled meeting. Requests for fewer meetings may only be granted by the Board of Directors.

**Section 2. Parliamentary authority.** See Article IX, Sections 1 and 2.

**Section 3. Voting and quorums.** **A.** Each member is entitled to one (1) vote on each matter submitted to a vote and voting shall be done in person, not by proxy. No quorum is needed to transact business at a general membership meeting, provided required notice has been sent. (This Article VIII, Section 1.)

**B.** Action shall be taken upon a majority vote of the members present at the meeting and entitled to vote. In-person attendance is defined as present or internet/cellular live participation.

**Section 4. Suggested order of business** The suggested order of business at general membership meetings is as follows:

**A.** Call to Order

**B.** Introductions

**C.** Read, correct and approve the minutes of the previous meeting

**D.** Treasurers report

**E.** Reports from Officers, Board of Directors and Standing Committee

**F.** Reports from Special Committees

**G.** Unfinished Business

**H.** New Business

**I.** Elections of Officers (Article VI, Section 2)

**J.** Adjournment

**Section 5. Committees.** **A.** The Association may, with the approval of the Board of Directors, create any Standing and Special Committees deemed necessary and advisable to promote and accomplish the purposes and objectives of the Association. It is recommended that the members of

any and all committees follow the same guidelines for meetings as provided for in this Article VIII, Sections 1 and

3. **B.** Chairpersons for each committee shall be elected by the members of the committee present subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE IX PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

**Section 1.** The rules contained in “Roberts Rules of Order, Revised” shall govern NSHA, V in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which are not covered in the By-Laws.

**Section 2. A.** If Parliamentary Authority is deemed necessary during any regular or special membership meeting, a Parliamentarian, to maintain order during the meeting, will be appointed by the President. If the President is not present the Officer presiding over the meeting will make the appointment.

**B.** During a membership meeting if the order is disrupted by a member, guest or a group of members or guests, the Parliamentarian has the power and authority to give notice of warning to the disrupting party or parties to cease and desist. If disruption continues following warning then the Parliamentarian has the power and authority to excuse the disrupting party or parties from the meeting.

## **ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1. By-laws. A.** By-Laws may be recommended by the Board of Directors or General Members at regularly scheduled meetings, provided notification is posted on the NSHA, V website not less than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting of the intended action. NSHA, V Board of Directors must also notify members in attendance at membership meetings. **B.** A majority vote of members present is required to adopt, amend or repeal the By-Laws, or any part thereof.

**Section 2. Rules. A.** Rules of NSHA, V may be recommended by the Board of Directors or General Members at regularly scheduled meetings, provided notification is posted on the NSHA, V website not less than thirty (30) days prior to the intended

action. **B.** Rules deemed necessary to govern the conduct of functions, activities or events of NSHA, V and the earning of trophies and awards presented by NSHA, V provided notification is posted on the NSHA, V website not less than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting of the intended action and the intended action in no way affects the points standings of the current fiscal year or in any way prevents the opportunity to earn points during the current fiscal year. **C.** A majority vote of members present is required to adopt, amend or repeal the Rules or part thereof. **D.** A vote by the General Membership on any changes as listed Paragraph E will take precedence over the Board of Directors. **E.** Voting to make changes in Association By-Laws, Rules and policies or the conduct of functions, activities or events to include NSHA, V horse shows and gymkhanas will remain in effect for a period of one (1) year from date of application before any further changes may be made.

## **ARTICLE XI YOUTH ASSOCIATIONS**

**Section 1.** Youth members of NSHA, V may form a Youth Association to be named Nevada State Horsemen’s Youth Association (NSHYA) followed by their number (e.g., NSHYA, V).

**Section 2. Youth director. A.** Members of the Youth Association shall elect an adult Youth Director, 21 years or older, and must be a senior member of NSHA, V in good standing. Elections for Youth Directors shall be held yearly by the youth members in good standing. **B.** Each Youth Director shall become a member of the Board of Directors immediately upon election. **C.** Written notice of such election and results shall be sent to the President within fifteen (15) days of the election via email. **D.** The members shall be notified at the next general meeting.

# NSHA, V COMPETITION RULES

## RULE 1

### SHOW APPROVALS

**Section 1. Reserved event dates.** A. All event dates will be requested one (1) year in advance to guarantee a requested event date. B. As much as NSHA, V requests event dates one (1) year in advance, there is a possibility the exact date requested is not the date granted.

**Section 2. Required judges & officials.** All NSHA, V approved horse shows must be officiated by Judges with the following requirements:

1. For an NSHA, V Open Breed Show: A. Judges must hold current Judges' cards with a minimum of two (2) different disciplines or breeds or both. B. A designated qualified member of the "Show Committee" in good standing may be appointed as a "Show Steward" to officiate the show. C. The "Show Steward's" decisions will be final.
2. No Judge may officiate for NSHA, V more than once during the competition year.

**Section 3. Multiple association approvals.** A. NSHA, V will follow specific Rules of NSHA, V as printed in this rule book. B. In the event a specific rule is not listed in this book of rules, NSHA, V will be guided by the current rules of the USEF. C. In the event a specific rule in question is not listed in the current rules of the USEF, NSHA, V will refer to the specific current rules of the Breed. All NSHA, V events will follow the rules of NSHA, V unless otherwise specified.

**Section 4. Event premium list contents.** A. All premium lists are required to have the following information in each premium list approved by NSHA, V:

1. Name, date and the location of the event.
2. Names of approving associations including the divisions approved, the rating of each division and which association's rules will prevail during the event.
3. Names of officials of the event as follows:

A. Judge or Judges and cards they hold, B. Show steward, if applicable, C. Show Manager, D. Show Committee, (minimum of three members), E. Veterinarian, with phone number, F. Farrier, with phone number, G. Medical Services and phone number.

4. Entry closing date, post entry closing date, if any, and all applicable fees for each.

5. Class specifications for all NSHA, V recognized classes offered not listed in the rule book and an asterisk (\*) or other distinguishable mark, next to the class listed, and a definition of such mark.

6. General information regarding the event, including a list of placings offered for each class.

7. The following statement: "The show management reserves the right to excuse any horse or rider from the ring for any cause deemed sufficient by Show Management including, but not limited to, abuse of a horse, unmanageable horse, profane language or unsportsmanlike conduct."

8. The following non-responsibility clause "**All horses exhibited in this event will be at the owner's risk. NSHA, V, other approved breed or national organizations, and (name of the facility where the event is being held) will not be responsible for any loss, damage or injury to horses exhibited, or for any article or property of any kind or nature that may be lost, destroyed or in any way damaged or for any and all types of personal injury incurred before, during or after the show. Signing the entry or entering online through the website binds you to all the rules of the show and affirms you have read, understand and agree to all information in the premium list.**"

9. Information on class specifications.

10. Basis of which High Point awards, if any, of the show will be determined, all classes that are to count for high point, the point system to be used and whether points are awarded to the horse or the rider.

11. Design and posting is the responsibility of the show committee.

12. A copy of the official NSHA, V membership application.

**Section 5. Out of state events.** NSHA, V will approve events held outside the state of Nevada provided all requirements are met.

**Section 6. Cancellation of event dates.** If a show must be cancelled due to a circumstance beyond human control, weather, earthquake, etc., every effort to notify all exhibitors of the cancellation will be made and a possible alternate date for reschedule.

**Section 7. Event results.** A. Upon conclusion of each NSHA, V approved event, the Show Secretary shall post all results of the show on the NSHA,

website along with the names of High Point winners of the show. B. The results of each show shall be posted on the NSHA, V website no longer than ten (10) days following the conclusion of the show.

**Section 8. Private events.** Private individuals, businesses or corporation will not be granted approval for an NSHA, V event.

**Section 9. Non-compliance of show rules.** Any non-compliance of the NSHA, V rules required for an event approval or an NSHA, V approved event, before, during or after the event, will result in a minimum of \$100.00 fine to be determined by the Board of Directors.

**Section 10. Show secretary packet information.** Upon approval of an NSHA, V event, the following information and materials will be sent to the Show Secretary: 1. Sample class sheets and instructions 2. Samples of Judges' score cards. 3. A current NSHA, V Rule book, supplements included, for Show Office Use. 4. Current NSHA, V membership applications. 5. Current addresses of all NSHA, V members, to date, on mailing labels.

## RULE 2 CONDUCT OF SHOWS

**Section 1. Governing rules.** All NSHA, V recognized classes shall be conducted in accordance with the NSHA, V rules or applicable rules of the USEF or National Breed organizations. Classes not recognized by NSHA, V may be conducted under the rules of any approving organization having jurisdiction or under local prevailing rules of the sponsoring organization.

**Section 2. Standards of dress.** In all classes, English, Hunter or Western discipline, the attire worn must be neat and clean and suitable for each discipline ridden. Any exhibitor may wear protective headgear ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) in any division or class without penalty from the judge.

**A. English:** Riders shall wear derby or soft hat, day coats with vests or standard Saddle Seat coat, shirt,

tie, Jodhpur pants and boots with a distinguishable heel. Spurs are optional but must be of unroweled type.

**B. Hunter: 1.** Riders shall wear hard hats of traditional style, hunt coats, breeches and boots with a distinguishable heel. Spurs are optional. **2.** Riders in all classes where jumping is required and when jumping anywhere on the show grounds must wear protective headgear. The Show Manager must bar a rider without protective headgear from entering the ring for classes in which protective headgear is required and may bar any entry or person from entering the ring if not suitably presented to appear before an audience. **3.** All Juniors riding in Hunter, Jumper and Hunter Seat Equitation sections must wear properly fitting protective headgear while riding in the designated schooling and exercise areas, the show ring and while jumping anywhere on the competition grounds. Harness must be secured and properly fitted. Any rider violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place. **4.** NSHA, V and USEF strongly encourages all riders to wear protective headgear passing or surpassing current applicable ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards with harness secured while riding anywhere on the competition grounds. It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian or trainer of the junior exhibitor to see to it that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use, and is properly fitted and in good condition and NSHA, V, the USEF, Show Committees and Licensed Officials are responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance.

**C. Western:** Riders shall wear a western style hat, long sleeved western shirt with or without a collar, a tie (optional) or scarf, trousers or pants, and boots that have a distinguishable heel. Spurs are optional. Belts must be worn on trousers or pants that have belt loops. Chaps are optional in all classes of Western discipline.

**Section 3. Proof of breed registry.** In classes that are restricted to a specific breed, all horses must be registered with the appropriate breed registry. Proof of the registry, as required by the breed organization, shall be examined by the show secretary prior to the horse entering any breed class.

**Section 4. Combined classes.** Classes with fewer than five (5) entries may be combined. Policies of sponsoring organizations for the automatic combining of classes must be clearly visible in close proximity to the class list in the show schedule.

**Section 5. Cancellation of classes.** NSHA, V points are awarded even if there is only one entry in a class. A class may be canceled by management if fewer than five (5) entries are entered and if verbal permission is received from each exhibitor entered. If classes are canceled, the entry fees shall be applied to a different class at the same show, of the exhibitor's choice, or to a future show or refunded.

**Section 6. Addition of classes.** The addition of classes may be added to a show schedule no less than 7 days to the day of the show.

**Section 7. Exhibitor numbers.** Show management shall provide a number for each horse entered in the show which must be worn in a conspicuous place clearly visible to the judge at all times when in competition. If an exhibitor chooses to display their number on the side of the saddle pad, there must be the same number displayed on both sides of the horse.

**Section 8. Entry fees.** NSHA, V does not require a minimum or maximum fee for class entries or post entry fees.

**Section 9. Class awards.** NSHA, V requires that class prizes (Ribbons) be given to a minimum of five (5) places in each NSHA, V recognized class. Money premiums may be given as awards, in addition to ribbons, except in classes where exhibitors are judged, not the horses, and in Junior exhibitor classes. Trophies or some other acceptable award, are optional as awards to first place winners in shows.

**Section 10. Failure to award prizes.** A. Prize money, trophies, ribbons or any other awards offered in the premium list of an NSHA, V approved show or gymkhana, must be received by the person who has the right to them within thirty (30) days of the conclusion of the show or gymkhana.

**Section 11. Warm up elements.** In all classes where horses are required to be shown over or through a series of obstacles or elements, (jumps for the Hunter/Jumper riders), warm up elements and obstacles must be made available a minimum of one (1) hour prior to the start of the classes, be of like kind and placed in a location accessible to the arena or area where the actual class is being held.

**Section 12. Class patterns and courses.** In classes where patterns and courses are required as part of the class, pattern booklets may be obtained and printed from the NSHA, V website. The day of the show, patterns and courses must be posted a minimum of one (1) hour prior to the start of any pattern or course required class. Patterns must be posted in an area that is accessible to the rider while on the horse. Judges may alter or change courses or patterns at their discretion.

**Section 13. Safety.** It is the responsibility of the show management and the officials of the show to ensure the safest possible conditions for all events and to take prompt action whenever any unsafe situation develops.

### **RULE 3 DEFINITIONS**

**Section 1. Junior exhibitor.** A. A person that has not yet reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in which exhibiting. B. In specific Breed classes, Junior riders may be defined as not having yet reached their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the breed organization's year in which exhibiting. C. Junior exhibitor age division will be determined by their age of the current calendar year.

**Section 2. Senior exhibitor.** A person who is 18 years of age or older as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in which exhibiting.

**Section 3. Adult amateur exhibitor.** A. A person who after their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday has not in any way engaged in any activities which would make them a professional, including, but not limited to, accepting remuneration for riding, driving, showing, training, schooling, conducting clinics or seminars and giving riding instructions.

**Section 4. Horses.** An equine that is a minimum of 14.2 hands in height or taller. Height is to be measured at the highest part of the withers.

**Section 5. Ponies/Miniature/Horses/Burros/Mules / Equids.** **A.** Pony. An equine that is under 14.2 hands in height as measured at the highest part of the withers. **B.** Ponies may only be ridden by Junior riders in Junior exhibitor classes. Exceptions: Combined Training, Conemara, Dressage, Hunter, Jumper, Saddlebred, Welch Pony and Adult Hunter Seat Equitation classes. **C.** Animals under 14.2 hands in height may compete as horses in the following breeds: Arabian, Half or Anglo Arabian, Conemara, Morgan, Paso Fino, National Show Horse or Saddlebred or breeds offering such approval. **D.** The Miniature Horse, Pony, Burro and Mule division is only for equids 46" and under.

**Section 6. Standard western bit.** Defined as having a shank with a maximum length overall of 8 ½". The mouthpiece shall be a metal bar 5/16" to 3/4" in diameter as measured one inch from the shank. Nothing may protrude below the mouthpiece (bar). Rollers attached to the center of the mouthpiece are acceptable and may extend below the bar. Jointed mouthpieces are acceptable and may have one or two joints. Bits that have ports must be no higher than 3 ½" with rollers and covers acceptable. Jointed slip or gag bits, rigid donut mouthpieces and flat polo mouthpieces are prohibited. Reins used may be split with no more than one finger between, and no fingers between for closed reins, (romel). When romel reins are used, it is mandatory that a minimum of 16" between reins and romel be maintained. Failure to maintain 16" between hands on reins and romel or more than one finger between reins, must be severely penalized.

**Section 7. Western Snaffle Bit.** **A.** Defined as center jointed, single, rounded, unwrapped smooth mouthpiece 5/16" to ¾" in diameter, metal as measured from the ring side to one inch from the ring side with gradual decrease to the center of the snaffle. The rings may be from the minimum of 2" to a maximum of 4" outside diameter and may be loose type, egg butt, Dee or center mounted without cheeks. If a curb strap is used, it must be attached below the reins. Two hands may be used on the reins and both hands must be visible by the judge at all times. Horses of any age may be in a snaffle bit in

walk/jog/trot classes only. **B.** In lope/canter classes, only junior horses defined as five (5) years or younger may be in a snaffle bit.

**Section 8. Hackamore.** **A.** A Hackamore is a bosal rounded shape and constructed of braided rawhide or leather and must have a flexible nonmetallic core attached to a suitable headstall. Attached reins may be of hair, rope or leather. No other materials of any kind may be used in conjunction with a bosal hackamore with the exception of smooth black electrical tape is acceptable. Two hands may be used on the reins and both hands must be visible to the judge at all times. Only horses five (5) years of age or younger may be shown in a bosal hackamore. **B.** In Breed classes where junior horses are defined as five (5) years of age or younger, bosal hackamores may be used as defined by their rules.

**Section 9. Open class.** An open class is open to all horses of any age, size, sex or breed regardless of any awards previously won. There are no qualifications for the riders, drivers or handlers. (Exceptions see Rule 4, Section 2B Junior may not handle or ride stallions)

**Section 10. Restricted class.** A class that is titled for a specific age group of horses or riders, specific breeds or offers specifics for an animal's previous winnings, discipline shown or experience under saddle.

**Section 11. Green horse.** A green horse is a horse of any age that has not been shown in respective disciplines prior to December 1 of the previous year.

**Section 12. Tack.** **A. Western:** Exhibitors must be penalized for incomplete appointments but not unnecessarily disqualified. Entries shall be shown with a stock saddle but silver equipment will not count over a good working outfit. A Western side saddle shall be considered legal equipment. Tapaderos are prohibited. There shall be no discrimination against any western bridle with a standard western bit (Rule 3, Section 6) with a curb chain or leather curb strap. Both must be flat and a minimum of 1/2" in width. No other substance may be used in conjunction with or as part of the curb strap or chain. A light lip strap is permissible. Tie downs, martingales, cavessons or nose bands are prohibited. **B. English:** A flat English-type saddle

shall be used. An English side saddle shall be considered legal equipment. Bridle shall be light, show type with either single curb, single snaffle, curb and snaffle or Pelham bit. Martingales or tie downs are prohibited. **C. Hunter:** A Hunter type saddle shall be used. A Hunter side saddle shall be considered legal equipment. Bridles shall be regulation snaffles, Pelhams and full bridles all with cavesson nose bands. Martingales of any kind are prohibited in Under Saddle (flat) classes. A Judge may penalize non-conventional type of bits and nose bands.

## **RULE 4**

### **NSHA, V RECOGNIZED CLASSES AND SPECIFICATIONS**

**Section 1. Halter division.** **A.** Horses must be serviceably sound and shown in hand at the walk and trot. Judging of each horse will be based on conformation 25%, movement 25%, type 10%, quality 10%, substance 10%, presence 10% and manners 10%. Type of halter used must be suitable to the Breed shown. **B.** In shows where breed specific classes are offered, the rules of that breed will prevail over the class. **C.** The following breeds are recognized by NSHA, V:

**1.** Appaloosa, **2.** Arabian, **3.** Half or Anglo Arabian, **4.** Morgan, **5.** Paint, **6.** Pinto, **7.** Quarter Horse and **8.** Miniature Horses.

**D. Halter Show Champion.** When a Champion and a Reserve Champion are selected in any category, the Overall Halter Show Champion shall receive three (3) bonus points. The Overall Halter Show Reserve Champion shall receive one (1) bonus point.

**Section 2. Performance classes.** **A.** All horses in all performance classes, equitation and horsemanship classes must be serviceably sound and free of all lameness. **B.** In all classes offered by NSHA, V, Stallions cannot be shown by Junior exhibitors. **C.** Open Classes (See Rule 3, Section 9), are as follows:

**1. NSHA, V Costume Class Open.** Open to any horse or, pony, if ridden by a Junior rider. (See Rule 3, Sections 4 and 5). Manners and way of going to be considered. Judged on authenticity and originality of costume 50%, suitability, manners and

performance 50%. Horses shall be worked both ways of the ring at the walk, jog or trot and lope or canter or gaits appropriate to the breed being shown.

**2. NSHA, V Informal Driving Open.** To be shown with a suitable two or four wheeled vehicle at the walk, regular trot and a road or extended trot with extreme speed to be penalized. Horses are to stand quietly and back readily. To be judged on manners, quality and performance. Headers may be used and must be properly dressed for the show ring.

**3. NSHA, V English Pleasure Open.** English or Hunter tack may be used. Horses to enter at a trot, tracking left and to be shown at the walk, trot, canter or gaits appropriate to the breed being shown both ways of the ring. The judge may request that horses be shown at an extended trot and hand gallop except in Junior Horse and Junior Exhibitor classes. At all gaits, reins are to maintain light contact on the mouth so the horse is under control at all times. Horse will stand quietly and back readily when asked. Formal attire not required. To be judged on performance and manners 60%; type, quality, substance and conformation 30%; and appointments 10%. (See Rule 3, Section 12)

**4. NSHA, V Working English Pleasure Open.** To be judged in three phases, same rider each phase. Each phase is to be judged separately and to count equally, (one third of the total score). **Phase 1.** Horses will be shown collectively on the rail as an English pleasure horse. **Phase 2.** Horse will be required to show over or through three (3) natural obstacles. **Phase 3.** Horses will be tested for handiness by cantering a figure eight to demonstrate two (2) simple lead changes, perform a smooth collected stop from a hand gallop, side pass to the right and back an imaginary ell. Phases 2 and 3 may be shown consecutively.

**5. NSHA, V Versatility Class Open.** The same horse shall be shown in English and Western, or Hunter and Western tack in the same class. To be judged as a pleasure class in both disciplines. (See Rule 4, Section 2, Paragraphs 3 and 7.) The same person shall ride both disciplines and change tack without leaving the arena. No more than two grooms may assist with the tack change. The order of which discipline shall be ridden first will be determined by the show committee.

**6. NSHA, V Matched Pairs Open.** May be shown in Western, Hunter or English attire. To be shown at the walk, jog/trot and lope/canter or gaits appropriate to the breed being shown both ways of the ring. To be judged on performance 50% and similarity of color, markings, movement, and attire 50%.

**7. NSHA, V Western Pleasure Open.** Horses to be shown at the walk, jog, lope or gaits appropriate to the breed being shown both ways of the ring on a reasonably loose rein without undue restraint. To be judged on performance 60%, conformation 30% and appointments 10%.

**8. NSHA, V Trail Horse Open.** Horses to be shown over or through a minimum of six (6) obstacles at the walk, jog/trot, lope/canter or gaits appropriate to the breed being shown on a reasonably loose rein without undue restraint. Riders may walk the course on foot prior to the class starting. To be judged on performance and way of going with emphasis on manners 70%, appointments, equipment and neatness 20% and conformation 10%. Mandatory dimensions of Trail obstacles are as follows:

**Walk overs:** Single Pole: maximum height 16"; multiples: maximum height 10"; minimum width between poles 20". No rolling poles.

**Jumps:** Mounted: maximum height 24"; Lead over: maximum height 18"; minimum width between standards of a jump 4'; Combinations: 12' for one stride, 6' for a no stride, Box jumps and "L" jumps poles must be a minimum of 12' long.

**Cavaletti:** Jog overs: 3' to 3'6" apart, space is measured between poles. Lope overs: 6' to 7' apart; 7' is preferable for most horses.

**Back throughs:** On the ground: Minimum of 28" between; Elevated: minimum 30" between; Barrels: minimum 32" between.

**Side passes:** Single pole: up to 24" high; Slots: never closer than 24' wide. Space is measured between poles. **Tires.** If there is a space between

tires, it should be equal to the outside diameter of the tire.

**Serpentines:** (Jog Arounds). Pylons 6' apart, base to base minimum no guardrails. If guardrails are used they must be a minimum of 3' to either side of the pylons. Pylons 3' apart base to base minimum must use guardrails a minimum of 6' to maximum of 8' to either side of the pylons. If tall standards are used dimensions may be looser.

**Gate:** Approximately 60" high with the latch available at that height.

**Any other maneuvers:** figure horse's wheel base from front hooves to hind hooves at 5 feet.

**9. NSHA, V Working Western Pleasure.** To be judged in three (3) phases, with the same rider each phase, and each phase is to be judged equally (one third of the total score). **Phase 1.** Horses will be shown collectively on the rail as in a Western Pleasure class. **Phase 2.** Horses will be judged over and through three (3) natural obstacles. Riders may be required to carry or drag an object. **Phase 3.** Horses will be tested for handiness by loping a figure eight, demonstrating two changes of leads, flying or simple changes, perform a smooth collected stop from a hand gallop, off-set in both directions and back readily. Phases 2 and 3 may be shown consecutively.

**10. NSHA, V Ranch Riding Open.** Horses to be judged in accordance with the current rules of the AQHA as to no banding, no hoof black, no fake tails. Horse may cross enter into a Pleasure class or a Walk/Trot Pleasure Class at the same show regardless of division. (Youth, Amateur or Open) Rider may not cross enter into Walk Trot restricted class at the same show. Walk Trot Ranch classes to be judged the same as all other Ranch classes.

**11. NSHA, V Reining Horse Open.** Horses to be judged in accordance with the current rules of the AQHA and/or the NRHA with patterns chosen from either rule book.

**12. NSHA, V Western Riding Horse Open.** To be judged on performance with emphasis on manners 70%; appointments, equipment and neatness 10%; and conformation 20%. Horses are to be shown in

standard Western equipment.

**13. NSHA, V Bareback Equitation Open.** Riders to be judged on seat and hands, performance of horse and suitability of horse and rider. Horses to work both ways of the ring at the walk, jog/trot, lope/canter or gaits appropriate to the breed being shown always on the correct lead. English or Hunter riders must post the trot. Proper Hunter, English or Western attire must be worn.

**Section 3. NSHA, V recognized breed classes.**

**A.** The classes that are recognized by NSHA, V for specific breeds as listed on Rule 4, Section 1, Paragraph C are as follows:

1. Breed English Pleasure and/or Country Pleasure
2. Breed Hunter Pleasure or Hunter Under Saddle
3. Breed Western Pleasure
4. Breed Trail Horse or Miniature Horse Obstacle Halter
5. Breed Costume
6. Breed Pleasure Driving

**B.** For each Breed class offered, refer to Rule 2, Section 3 for prevailing rules for each breed.

**Section 4. NSHA, V restrictive classes.** The following are NSHA, V recognized classes:

**1. NSHA, V English Pleasure Saddle Type.** Exhibitor must use Saddle type tack, bridle and attire as described in Rule 3, Section 12 and Rule 2, Section 2. Same class specifications as in Rule 4, Section 2, Paragraph 3. If this class is offered, then NSHA, V English Pleasure Hunter Type must also be offered.

**2. NSHA, V English Pleasure Hunter Type.** Exhibitor must use Hunter type tack, bridle and attire as described in Rule 3, Section 12 and Rule 2, Section 2. Same class specifications as in Rule 4, Section 2, Paragraph 3. If this class is offered, then NSHA, V English Pleasure Saddle Type must be offered.

**3. NSHA, V English Pleasure Junior Horse.** Open to any horse of any breed or sex, five (5) years of age or younger. Certifiable proof of age must be presented when requested by Show Management. Same specifications as Rule 4, Section 2, Paragraph 3. If this class is offered, then NSHA, V English Pleasure Senior Horse must be offered.

**4. NSHA, V English Pleasure Senior Horse.** Open to any horse of any breed or sex, six (6) years of age or older. Certifiable proof of age must be presented when requested by Show Management. Same specification as Rule 4, Section 2, Paragraph 3. If this class is offered, then NSHA, V English Pleasure Junior Horse must be offered.

**5. NSHA, V Park Horse.** Tack and attire shall be English type as defined in Rule 2, Section 2 and Rule 3 Section 12, Paragraph B. To be shown at an animated walk, a collected trot and a smooth, even canter both ways of the ring. To be judged on performance 75%, conformation and neatness of attire 25%. Entries must be shown with a full mane and tail. No breast plates, tie downs or martingales permitted. Horses must be shown in full bridle.

**6. NSHA, V Western Pleasure Junior Horse.** Open to any horse five (5) years of age or younger. Certifiable proof of age must be presented when requested by Show Management. Same specifications as Rule 4, Section 2, Paragraph 7. If this class is offered, then NSHA, V Western Pleasure Senior Horse must be offered.

**7. NSHA, V Western Pleasure Senior Horse.** Open to any horse six (6) years of age or older. Certifiable proof of age must be presented when requested by Show Management. Same specifications as Rule 4, Section 2, Paragraph 7. If this class is offered, then NSHA, V Western Pleasure Junior Horse must be offered.

**8. NSHA, V First Year Green English Pleasure.** Open to horses as defined in Rule 3, Section 11. Same specifications as Rule 4, Section 2, Paragraph 3. (Does not count for any high point awards.)

**9. NSHA, V First Year Green Western Pleasure.** Open to horses as defined in Rule 3, Section 11. Same specifications as Rule 4, Section 2, Paragraph 7. (Does not count for any high point awards.)

**10. NSHA, V Hackamore/Snaffle Bit Western Pleasure.** Open to horses as described in Rule 3, Sections 7 and 8. Horses must not have been shown in a full bridle prior to riding in a

Hackamore/Snaffle bit class. Same specifications as Rule 4, Section 2, Paragraph 7. (Does not count for any high point awards.)

**11. NSHA, V Trail Junior Horse.** Open to horses five (5) years of age or younger. To be judged the same as Rule 4, Section 2, Paragraph 8. Open to horses as described in Rule 4, Section 4, Paragraph 6. (Does not count for any high point awards, except Junior Horse Performance Horse.)

**12. Handicapped Rider Trail.** Lead line Optional. However, if a lead line is used the lead must be attached to a halter worn under the bridle in both western and English disciplines. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!** To be shown over obstacles at the discretion of show management. Hard hats must be worn. English or western tack and attire is acceptable. Two assistants or side walkers may be present in the ring at the time of showing.

**13. NSHA, V Miniature Horse Obstacle Halter.** Open only to registered miniature horses. (Rule 2, Section 3.) Handlers may walk courses on foot prior to the starting of the class. Horses are to be judged over obstacles at a walk and a jog. No horse may enter the course until the judge is ready.

**14. Miniature Horse Driving.** Open to Miniature Horses 38" or under in height. One header per hitch is permitted in the arena during line up. Whips are mandatory. Martingales may be used. Horses to enter the ring at a collected trot and are to be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, collected trot and a working trot or road trot. Horses are required to stand quietly and rein back smoothly. Restricted to horses three (3) years of age or older.

**Section 5. Senior Division – 18 and Over.** The following classes are NSHA, V recognized classes only for exhibitors 18 years of age and older.

**1. NSHA, V English Pleasure – Senior to Ride.** Open to horses as described in Rule 4, Section 2, Paragraph 3.

**2. NSHA, V English Pleasure – Ladies to Ride.** Open to horses as described in Rule 4, Section 2, Paragraph 3. Limited to Ladies 18 years of age and older as described in Rule 3, Section 2. Cannot be

counted toward high point awards if NSHA, V English Pleasure Senior to Ride is counted.

**3. NSHA, V English Pleasure – Gentlemen to Ride.** Open to horses as described in Rule 4, Section 2, Paragraph 3. Limited to Gentlemen 18 years of age and older as described in Rule 3, Section 2. Cannot be counted toward high point awards if NSHA, V English Pleasure Senior to Ride is counted.

**4. NSHA, V Saddle Seat Horsemanship 18 and Over.** Emphasis shall be placed on horse and rider working together. Execution and correct form of both horse and rider while maintaining a pleasurable ride is the main criteria for this class. Riders must perform a pattern as described in Rule 2, Section 11. Tests 1-14 may be used. May be combined with Hunt Seat Horsemanship using only tests of like kind from each division.

1. Pick up reins (in line up only).
2. Circle at the trot.
3. Performance on rail.
4. Performance around ring.
5. Feet disengaged from stirrups. Feet engaged. (Only in line up).
6. Change of diagonals down center of ring or on the rail.
7. Execute a serpentine at the trot. A series of left and right half circles off the center of imaginary line where correct diagonal must be shown.
8. Back for not more than 8 steps.
9. Figure eight at the trot, demonstrating change of diagonals. If starting at the center of the eight, it must be commenced from the halt.
10. Execute a serpentine or a figure eight at the canter, demonstrating simple lead changes.
11. Circle at the canter on the correct lead.
12. Change leads down center of arena or on the rail demonstrating simple changes of leads.
13. Ride without stirrups for a brief period of time at the trotting phase. Stirrups are only to be engaged at the walk or halt.
14. Exchange horses. Saddles may be exchanged. Attendants for each horse will

be permitted in the ring only to facilitate the change.

**5. NSHA, V Hunt Seat Horsemanship 18 and Over.** Emphasis shall be placed on horse and rider working together. Execution and correct form of both horse and rider, while maintaining a pleasurable ride is the main criteria for this class. Riders must perform a pattern as a described in Rule 2, Section 11. Tests 1-14 may be used. May be combined with Saddle Seat Horsemanship using only tests of like kind from each division.

1. Halt, 4 to 6 seconds and/or back.
2. Hand gallop.
3. Execute a serpentine or a figure eight at the trot demonstrating changes of diagonals.
4. Execute a serpentine or figure eight at the canter demonstrating simple or flying changes of leads.
5. Work collectively at the walk, trot and canter.
6. Pull up and halt, 4 to 6 seconds.
7. Question(s) regarding basic horsemanship, tack and equipment and conformation.
8. Ride without stirrups or drop and pick up stirrups.
9. Dismount and mount individually.
10. Execute a turn on the forehand.
11. Canter a straight line demonstrating simple or flying changes of leads.
12. Execute a turn on the haunches.
13. Canter on counter lead.
14. Change horses.

**6. NSHA, V Stock Seat Horsemanship 18 and Over.**

Emphasis shall be placed on horse and rider working together. Execution and correct form of both horse and rider, while maintaining a pleasurable ride are the main criteria for this class. Riders must perform a pattern as described in Rule 2, Section 11. Tests 1-11 may be used.

1. Back.
2. Individual performance on the rail.
3. Figure eight at the jog.
4. Lope and stop.
5. Figure eight at the lope demonstrating simple changes of leads. (Simple change is described as bringing the horse back into a

walk or jog and restarted into a lope on the opposite lead.)

6. Figure eight at the lope demonstrating flying changes of leads.
7. Change leads down center of ring demonstrating simple or flying changes of leads.
8. Ride a serpentine demonstrating simple or flying changes of leads with each change of direction.
9. Demonstrate a sliding stop.
10. Execute 360 degree turns. (spins)
11. Execute rollbacks.

**7. NSHA, V Western Pleasure Senior to Ride.** Open to horses as described in Rule 4, Section 2, Paragraph 7.

**8. NSHA, V Western Pleasure – Ladies to Ride.** Open to horses as described in Rule 4, Section 2, Paragraph 7. Limited to Ladies 18 years of age and older as described in Rule 3, Section 2. Cannot be counted toward high point awards if NSHA, V Western Pleasure Senior to Ride is counted.

**9. NSHA, V Western Pleasure – Gentlemen to Ride.** Open to horses as described in Rule 4, Section 2, Paragraph 7. Limited to Gentlemen 18 years of age and older as described in Rule 3, Section 2. Cannot be counted toward high point awards if NSHA, V Western Pleasure Senior to Ride is counted.

**10. NSHA, V Showmanship 18 and Over.** According to the specifications of individual breeds, exhibitors in this class will follow the applicable breed or breed type rules of their breed of horse. Instructions or pattern, if any, for the class routine to be followed, will be posted or dictated by the judge, ring steward or show management.

**11. NSHA, V Bareback Equitation 18 and Over.** Same specifications as Rule 4, Section 2, Paragraph 13.

**Section 6. Adult Amateur Division.** The following classes are NSHA, V recognized for Adult Amateurs age 18 and over as described in Rule 3, Section 3.

**1. NSHA, V English Pleasure Adult Amateur.** Same specification as Rule 4, Section 2, Paragraph 3.

**2. NSHA, V Western Pleasure Adult Amateur.** Same specification as Rule 4, Section 2, Paragraph 7.

**3. NSHA, V Showmanship Adult Amateur to Handle.** Same specification as Rule 4, Section 5, Paragraph 10.

**4. NSHA, V Saddle Seat Horsemanship Adult Amateur.** Same specification as Rule 4, Section 5, Paragraph 4.

**5. NSHA, V Hunt Seat Horsemanship Adult Amateur.** Same specification as Rule 4, Section 5, Paragraph 5.

**6. NSHA, V Stock Seat Horsemanship Adult Amateur.** Same specification as Rule 4, Section 5, Paragraph 6.

**Section 7. Junior Division – 17 and Under.**

**A.** The following classes are NSHA, V recognized only for exhibitors 17 years of age or younger as described in Rule 3. Section 1. **B.** Stallions are barred from all classes, including gymkhana, which specify Juniors to drive, ride or show in hand. Exception: In breed classes where their use is authorized under current USEF or applicable breed organization rules.

**C.** The following is a permitted breakdown of Junior Exhibitor classes by age group.

1. 10 and Under
2. 11 through 13
3. 13 and Under
4. 14 through 17
5. 17 and Under

**D.** Junior Exhibitor classes listed as 17 and Under, must be broken into divisions if there are a minimum of five (5) entries within the class in any specific age group. **E.** When Junior Exhibitor classes are divided into age groups, the same horse may be ridden by two riders, within different age divisions for Gymkhana, Horsemanship and Showmanship.

**1. NSHA, V Saddle Seat Horsemanship.** Same specifications as Rule 4, Section 5, Paragraph 4. Ages 10 and Under–Tests 1-7; Ages 11 through 13–Tests 1-12; Ages 14-17–Tests 1-14.

**2. NSHA, V Hunt Seat Horsemanship.** Same specifications as Rule 4, Section 5, Paragraph 5. Ages 13 and Under–Tests 1-8; Ages 14 through 17–Tests 1-14.

**3. NSHA, V Stock Seat Horsemanship.** Same specifications as Rule 4, Section 5, Paragraph 6. Ages 10 and Under–Tests 1-3; Ages 11 through 17–Tests 1-11.

**4. NSHA, V Showmanship.** Same specifications as Rule 4, Section 5, Paragraph 10.

**5. NSHA, V English Pleasure.** Same specifications as Rule 4, Section 2, Paragraph 3.

**6. NSHA, V Western Pleasure.** Same specifications as Rule 4, Section 2, Paragraph 7.

**7. NSHA, V Bareback Equitation.** Same specifications as Rule 4, Section 2, Paragraph 13.

**8. NSHA, V Trail Horse.** Same specification as Rule 4, Section 2, Paragraph 8.

**9. Lead line Classes.** Lead line required for Riders 6 & Under and Riders 10 & Under. The lead must be attached to a halter worn under the bridle in both English and western disciplines. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!** Western or English attire required, whichever is appropriate to the class, tack to match. Horses to enter the ring at the walk. To be shown at the walk both ways of the ring. Chaps are not required. Side walkers permitted. **A.** Lead line riders cannot cross enter into any other riding classes.

**10. NSHA V Walk/Trot Classes.** Lead line Optional in any youth walk/trot class. However, if a lead line is used the lead must be attached to the halter worn under the bridle in both English and Western disciplines. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!** Western or English attire required, whichever is appropriate to the class, tack must match. Horses to enter the ring at the walk and jog/trot both ways of the ring. Rider and horse combination may not cross enter into three gaited classes. Chaps are not required. No side walkers.

**Section 8. NSHA, V Recognized Performance Classes For Specific Breeds.**

**A.** The Breeds as listed in Rule 4, Section 1, Paragraph C, will each receive points for Year-end high point awards in the following classes:

1. (Breed) English Pleasure and/or Country Pleasure/Saddle Type
2. (Breed) Hunter Pleasure and/or Hunter Under Saddle
3. (Breed) Western Pleasure
4. (Breed) Trail Horse
5. (Breed) Costume
6. (Breed) Pleasure Driving

**B. Registered Breed Performance Classes.**

NSHA, V will not maintain separate point tallies for Senior and Junior horses in NSHA, V recognized breed classes other than regularly scheduled NSHA, V Junior Horse and Senior Horse classes. In breed shows not offering a Junior/Senior horse split, the points will be combined into the breed's appropriate open NSHA, V class.

**Section 9. Hunter/Jumper Division.**

**1. Eligibility.** **A.** Hunter classes are open to horses of any age, height, sex or breed. Ponies may be ridden by Junior exhibitors. **B.** Jumper classes are open to horses of any age, height, sex or breed. Junior exhibitors may not show stallions.

**C.** Unsoundness will not be penalized unless it is sufficiently severe to be considered an act of cruelty, in which case the show management must bar the entry from further participation.

**2. Tack and attire.** Hunter attire, which includes breeches, coat, neck piece, English boots and helmet must be worn by all riders. Under the discretion of show management, coats may be optional due to weather. All Junior riders must wear approved safety headgear as stated in Rule 2, Section 2, and Paragraph B. Hunter. Tack must be suitable for all Hunter/Jumper classes.

**3. NSHA, V Baby Green Hunters.** Open to horses of any age in his/her first or second year of showing in over fences classes with the exception of classes requiring horse to jump under three (3) feet to demonstrate obedience, e.g., Trail, Working English Pleasure, etc.

**A. NSHA, V Baby Green Hunters Over Fences.**

To be shown over a course of eight (8) fences not to exceed 2'6" in height. To be judged on performance and soundness. All Horses being considered for an award may be jogged for soundness. This is NOT a warm up class.

**B. NSHA, V Baby Green Hunters Under Saddle.**

To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. Horses may be asked to hand gallop one way of the ring. To be judged on performance, soundness and manners.

**4. NSHA, V Low Working Hunters.**

**A. Low Working Hunter Over Fences.**

To be shown over a course of eight (8) fences not to exceed 3'0" in height. To be judged on performance, soundness and suitability as a Hunter. All horses being considered for an award may be jogged for soundness.

**B. NSHA, V Low Working Hunters Under Saddle.**

Same specifications as Rule 4, Section 9, Paragraph 3B.

**C. NSHA, V Handy Hunters.**

To be shown over a course of at least eight (8) fences not to exceed 3'0" in height. Obstacles must simulate those found in trappy hunting country. To be judged on performance, soundness and suitability as a hunter. All horses being considered for awards may be jogged for soundness.

**5. NSHA, V Open Hunter Over Fences.**

With the exception of height not to exceed 3'6", class specifications are as stated in Rule 4, Section 9, Paragraph 4A.

**6. NSHA, V Adult Amateur Hunters.**

To be ridden by an adult amateur no longer eligible to compete as a Junior exhibitor.

**A. NSHA, V Working Hunter Over Fences.**

Same specifications as Rule 4, Section 9, Paragraph 4A with the exception of height not to exceed 3'6".

**B. NSHA, V Adult Amateur Hunter Under Saddle.**

Same specifications as Rule 4, Section 9, Paragraph 3B.

## 7. Equitation.

**A. NSHA, V Adult Equitation Over Fences.** To be shown over a course of at least (8) fences not to exceed 3'0" in height. Riders should have a workmanlike appearance, seat and hands light and supple, conveying the impression of complete control. To be judged on rider position, seat, hands and suitability of horse and rider.

**B. NSHA, V Adult Equitation Flat.** To be shown at the walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Extended gaits may be called for. To be judged on rider position, seat and hands, and suitability of horse and rider.

**C. NSHA, V Junior Equitation Over Fences.** Same specifications as Rule 4, Section 9, Paragraph 7A, except fence height is not to exceed 2'9".

**D. NSHA, V Junior Equitation Flat.** Same specifications as Rule 4, Section 9, Paragraph 7B.

**8. NSHA, V Hunter Hack Open.** To be shown at the walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Horses may be asked to hand gallop in one direction of the ring. Horses are required to jump two (2) jumps not to exceed 2'6" in height. To be judged on performance, soundness and manners.

## 9. NSHA, V Jumper Class Specifications.

**A. NSHA, V Pre-training Jumpers I.** To be shown over a course of at least eight (8) fences not to exceed 2'6" in height.

**B. NSHA, V Pre-training Jumpers II.** Same specifications as Rule 4, Section 9, Paragraph 9A, except height is to be 2'9" not to exceed 3'0".

**C. NSHA, V Training Jumpers.** Same specifications as Rule 4, Section 9, Paragraph 9A, except height is to be 3'3" and not to exceed 4'0".

## Section 10. Dressage Division.

**1. NSHA, V English Dressage Introduction.** Horses to be judged in accordance with the current rules of the USEF, USDF and FEI, respectfully, with tests chosen from the USEF Dressage Chapter.

**2. NSHA, V English Dressage Training Level.** Horses to be judged in accordance with the current rules of the USEF, USDF and FEI, respectfully, with tests chosen from the USEF Dressage Chapter.

**3. NSHA, V Western Dressage Introduction.** Horses to be judged in accordance with the current rules of the USEF with tests from the Western Dressage Association of America (WDAA), the branch of USEF that designs the tests.

**4. NSHA, V Western Dressage Basic.** Horses to be judged in accordance with the current rules of the USEF with tests from the Western Dressage Association of America (WDAA), the branch of USEF that designs the tests.

## RULE 5 GYMKHANA DIVISION

**Section 1. Rules governing gymkhanas.** NSHA, V recognized gymkhana classes shall be governed solely by the rules of NSHA, V. Junior exhibitors may not ride stallions.

**Section 2. NSHA, V recognized classes.** The following classes are recognized by NSHA, V:

1. Cloverleaf Barrel Race
2. Keyhole Race
3. Figure Eight Stake Race
4. Pole Bending
5. Quadrangle Stake Race

**Section 3. Eligibility of horses.** Gymkhana classes are open to horses of any breed, combination of breeds, age, sex and height. Ponies may be ridden by Junior exhibitors only. No horse or pony shall be ridden by more than one rider in the same class except in Junior exhibitor classes that are divided into age groups; (See Rule 4, Section 7) then, the same horse or pony may be shown by a different exhibitor in each age group. Junior exhibitors may not ride stallions.

**Section 4. Attire.** Clothing shall be clean and neat Western attire. Long or ¼ sleeved shirt, button down or snap with yoke, pants, belt, boots and a Western hat must be worn. Hard hats are acceptable. Chaps and spurs are optional. Shirts

shall be tucked in so the belt is visible at the beginning of each ride.

**Section 5. Equipment.** Standard Western equipment shall be used. Equipment shall be appropriate, neat and humane and of normal construction. Stirrup leathers must be present and of usable length and not tied. Tie downs are optional. Other than normal equipment, use of any material or items that is considered inhumane or abnormal by show management may result in disqualification.

**Section 6. Exhibitor numbers** See Rule 2, Section 7.

**Section 7. Timers and Judges.** A. Show management must have two (2) stop-watches available to be used for timing events. Electric Timers are permitted, but must be backed by two (2) stop-watches B. A minimum of one (1) judge is required for all events and must be placed in a position where contestants may be properly judged.

C. Additional judges are permitted in classes that require more than one (1) judge to properly judge an event, but no more than three (3) judges are permitted in the ring while an event is in progress.

D. Any person 18 years of age or older may officiate as a gymkhana judge provided he/she has knowledge of the NSHA, V Gymkhana Rules.

E. The arena must be kept clear of all persons except judges, timers and contestants when an event is in progress.

**Section 8. Ring equipment.** All arena gates will remain closed during contestant runs. A. All obstacles used for each event shall be a minimum of twenty (20) feet from any fence of the arena. B. Poles for events requiring poles shall be 1. serviceably sound, 2. be six (6) to seven (7) feet in length and be 1 1/4" to 2" in diameter, 3. be painted a color easily distinguishable from the arena background and 4. not have flags on them.

**Section 9. Start and finish lines.** A. All Starting lines shall also be the Finish lines. B. Either a standing or a running start may be used at the option of the contestant. C. Contestants must enter the arena gate within one (1) minute of being called for competition, and will have an additional thirty (30) seconds to cross the starting line. D. Judges may

call for a start if they think that the contestant is delaying unnecessarily.

**Section 10. Re-runs.** Re-runs will only be allowed if a malfunction of the timing equipment has occurred. If the timing equipment is not repairable, the re-run and succeeding runs will be timed with a stopwatch.

**Section 11. Disqualifications.** The following actions will result in a disqualification:

1. Spurring or striking the horse in any way in front of the cinch.

2. Excessive use of whips or spurs if continued after warning.

3. Horse out of control or unruly.

4. Loss of course, which includes negotiating obstacles in other than specified order or in the wrong direction.

5. Stepping on or over any portion of the keyhole.

**Section 12. Class specifications.**

**1. NSHA, V Cloverleaf Barrel Race.** The cloverleaf pattern is the only approved pattern for this event. Starting lines will be subject to ground rules, but the starting line and location of each barrel shall be permanently marked for the entire performance. The barrels must be located a minimum of twenty (20) feet from the arena fence. If the size of the arena permits, the front barrels shall be sixty (60) feet from the start/finish line and must not be less than ninety (90) feet apart. The distance from the two front barrels to the back barrel must not be less than one hundred five (105) feet. The time will begin when the horse's nose passes the starting line. The contestants may start on either the right barrel or the left barrel. When starting on the right barrel, there will be one right turn and two left turns. When starting on the left barrel, there will be one left turn and two right turns. Knocking down barrels while on course will result in a five (5) second time penalty added to the final time for each barrel knocked down.

**2. NSHA, V Figure Eight Stake Race.** Four (4) stakes are used. Two (2) stakes are set one hundred twenty five (125) feet apart at opposite ends of the course (one (1) pole on each side of the start/finish line 62.5 feet from the start/finish line) and two (2) stakes are set twenty feet apart in the center of the

course to make the start/finish line. Timers will stand outside of the two center poles. Contestants shall start the run when the judges and timers have signaled they are ready. Horses shall pass between the two center stakes, (poles) make a turn in either direction around the stake at one end of the course, run to the opposite end of the course to the second stake, make a turn in the opposite direction of the first turn and run back to the two stakes in the center of the course and again pass between them to complete the run and stop the time. Rounding both stakes in the same direction disqualifies the entry. Knocking down a pole while on course will result in a five (5) second time penalty added to the final time for each pole knocked down.

**3. NSHA, V Keyhole Race.** The keyhole shall be a circle twenty (20) feet in diameter with an opening four (4) feet wide facing the start/finish line and connected to a pair of lines four (4) feet apart running parallel and ten (10) feet in length. The center of the keyhole shall be one hundred (100) feet from the start finish line. Two (2) stakes (poles) placed thirty (30) feet apart will mark the start/ finish line. A Judge and no more than two (2) assistants must be observers at the keyhole. The entry is disqualified if any part of the horses hooves step on or over the boundary lines of the keyhole. The judge's decision is final. Results (time ran) shall not be announced until the judge has signaled a valid ride or a no time. No time penalties will be applied.

**4. NSHA, V Pole Bending.** Six (6) poles (stakes) shall be used. The six (6) poles shall be placed twenty one (21) feet apart in a straight line. The first pole shall be twenty one (21) feet from the start/finish line. The location of the poles and the start/finish line shall remain the same for all contestants. The rider shall run down either side of the six poles, turn around the last pole, serpentine side to side between the poles returning to the first pole, turn around the first pole and serpentine side to side between the poles returning to the last pole, turn around the last pole and return, in a straight line, to the start/finish line. Knocking down any of the poles while on course will result in a five (5) second time penalty added to the final time for each pole knocked down.

**5. NSHA, V Quadrangle Stake Race.** Six (6) stakes (poles) shall be used. The course is laid out with four (4) stakes forming a seventy five (75) foot square and two (2) additional stakes placed twenty (20) feet apart in the center of the square constitute a start/finish line. Timing begins when the nose of the horse passes between the two center stakes. The first two turns must be in the same direction, either right or left, the rider passes through the two center stakes and makes two more turns in the opposite direction from the first two turns and returns to the start/finish line between the two center stakes. Knocking down any of the poles while on course will result in a 5 second time penalty added to the final time for each pole knocked down.

**Section 13. Penalties.** In all the courses as described in Section 12 of this division, time penalties will be added to the times of contestants for obstacles or elements knocked down while on course. Penalties shall be in seconds and amount of each penalty shall be stated in the published prize list.

## **RULE 6**

### **HORSE SHOW AND GYMKHANA POINTS**

**Section 1. Basis for points awarded.** **A.** Points are awarded to all NSHA, V members in good standing based upon participation in horse shows and gymkhanas during each show year. Membership and nomination fees, for each show year, must be paid and recorded, prior to points being awarded. Points are not retroactive! **B.** NSHA, V points are only awarded to NSHA, V members in classes that are recognized by NSHA, V (See Rules 4 and 5) and have been approved for points and year end awards by the Board of Directors. **C.** It is recommended to pay fees and nominate for Year end awards by 1/31 of each show year.

**Section 2. NSHA, V nominations and fees.** To qualify for Year end Awards, exhibitors and horses must be nominated. Nominations may be made at any time during the show year. However, points will not be awarded to horses or riders until nomination fees have been paid. (See the Membership Application for current costs of nomination fees.) In classes that riders are judged, a nomination fee is required for the rider and in

classes that horses are judged, a nomination fee is required for the horse.

**Section 3. Horse and/or rider points.** **A.** All points are awarded to the horse in both Horse Shows and Gymkhanas unless otherwise specified by class name or in the premium list. (See Rules 4 and 5, All Sections).

**Section 4. Horse ownership and leases.** **A.** To be qualified to earn points in NSHA, V horse shows and Gymkhanas, horses shown must be owned by NSHA, V members in good standing. Riders of horses do not need to be NSHA, V members for horse to earn points. **B.** Horses that are leased by an NSHA, V member in good standing may also earn points under the lease. For record keeping purposes, the leased horse will be considered "Owned" by the lessee. A copy of the written lease, signed by both the lessor and lessee must be presented to the show secretary by the close of entries, prior to showing in each show or gymkhana. (See Rule 6, Section 2).

**C.** The Show Secretary will maintain copies of the lease on each horse on file for the show year only. New paperwork must be submitted each year.

**Section 5. Transfer of ownership** **A.** Ownership of a horse may be transferred during the show year without affecting the horse's points. Any award earned will be presented to the recorded owner, during the time the horse was last shown and earned points. **B.** Horses that have been transferred to a new owner, may continue to earn points for the balance of the show year, provided the new owner becomes a member of the NSHA, V and nomination fees are paid for the current show year. (See Rule 6, Section 2).

**Section 6. Points awarded.** **A.** Year End Points will be awarded to all NSHA, V Horse Shows and Gymkhanas. **B.** Refer to the following point chart for determination of points awarded in each class based on numbers of entries in each class.

**"B" APPROVED SHOWS (Single Points):**

# of Entries	1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>	4 <sup>TH</sup>	5 <sup>TH</sup>
1	1				
2	2	1			
3	3	2	1		
4	4	3	2	1	
5	5	4	3	2	1
6	6	5	4	3	2

7	7	6	5	4	3
8	8	7	6	5	4
9	9	8	7	6	5
10	10	9	8	7	6
11	11	10	9	8	7
12	12	11	10	9	8
13	13	12	11	10	9
14	14	13	12	11	10
15	15	14	13	12	11

**C.** For show in which Show High Points, Trophies or Buckles are awarded points earned for each class are determined simply by placing. **D.** Refer to the following point chart for determination of points awarded.

**"B" APPROVED SHOWS (Single Points):**

1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>	4 <sup>TH</sup>	5 <sup>TH</sup>
5	4	3	2	1

**Section 7. Tabulation of points.** **A.** Points earned and awarded to members of NSHA, V toward Trophies and Awards presented at the Year End Awards Banquet, shall be tabulated and maintained by the Show Secretary. Show results (See Rule 1, Section 7) and class sheets from NSHA, V approved shows, shall be the sole basis upon which the point scores are computed and the winners are determined.

**B.** NSHA, V will use every care to accurately compile point scores, but shall not be responsible beyond the point of accuracy, computing and compiling of points based on the information furnished by Judges cards. **C.** NSHA, V and the Show Secretary of NSHA, V cannot be held responsible for exhibitors and members that, when submitting entries to NSHA, V shows, fail to use the correct names of horses and riders consistently during the current show year (See Rule 1, Section 7).

**Section 8. Errors in points.** In as much as extreme care is taken during the tabulation of points, errors do sometimes occur. Any member who believes there is any error in the point standings, must notify the Point Secretary within ten (10) days of the date of the publication. Failure to notify within the ten (10) day time period will result in the point standings remaining as published. Email time stamps shall be proof of time line

**RULE 7  
YEAR END TROPHIES AND AWARDS**

**Section 1. Donations to NSHA, V.** Trophies and Awards for presentation at the Year End Awards Banquet may be donated by any individual, club, group, organization or association.

**Section 2. Right of donors.** A. Any and all donors may select a trophy to be presented for any class or category of their choice provided approval is granted by the Board of Directors prior to the start of the show year. The donor may not place any restrictions on the trophy or award donated other than as provided in NSHA, V rules.

**Section 3. Eligibility to receive awards.** A. The NSHA, V Board of Directors will present awards and trophies only to NSHA, V members in good standing that have paid all the necessary nomination fees (Rule 6, Section 2). Horses that have had a transfer of ownership, that have been nominated for the current show year, need not have to pay a second nomination fee. The nomination remains with the horse. (See Rule 6, Section 5).

B. Eligibility for individual class awards for all NSHA, V recognized classes requires horses to be shown, and riders or handlers to show a minimum of three (3) shows in the same class a minimum of three (3) times for points in that specific class to count. This requirement applies to ALL individual class awards. C. All High Point Awards, Class Awards and Overall High Point Awards and requirements for such awards are determined by the Show Committee subject to the approval of Board of Directors.

**Section 4. Overall awards.** A. All Overall High Point Awards are specific to “Horse” awards and “Exhibitor” awards. Classes for horses, in which the horse is judged may not be considered for awards in which the exhibitors are judged and visa-versa.

B. All Overall High Point Award Trophies are Perpetual Trophies. The winner of each of the Overall High Point Awards keeps the Trophy in their possession for a period of one Membership Year. (See Article III, Section 7, Paragraph A) Overall High Point Awards and specifications for each are as follows with all applicable points to count:

**1. High Point All Around Performance Horse.** All Open unrestricted performance classes to count (Rule 4, Section 2, Paragraphs 1-12); Senior

(Rule 4, Section 5, Paragraphs 1 and 7) and Junior (Rule 3, Section 7, Paragraphs E5 and E6).

**2. High Point Performance Horse – Senior Horse.** All Open unrestricted performance classes to count (Rule 4, Section 2, Paragraphs 1-12); and all Senior horse classes (Rule 4, Section 4, Paragraphs 4 and 7).

**3. High Point Performance Horse – Junior Horse.** All Open unrestricted performance classes to count (Rule 4, Section 2, Paragraphs 1-12;) and all Junior Horse classes, (Rule 4, Section 4, Paragraphs 3, 6 and 11).

**4. High Point Performance Horse – Senior to Ride.** All Open unrestricted performance classes to count (Rule 4, Section 2, Paragraphs 1-12); and all Senior Division performance classes (Rule 4, Section 5, Paragraphs 1-10).

**5. High Point Performance Horse – Junior to Ride.** All Junior Division performance classes to count (Rule 4, Section 7, Paragraphs E5, E6 and E8). Each of the following categories are awarded separately:

A. 10 and Under

B. 11 through 13

C. 14 through 17

**6. High Point English Horse.** All classes of English or Hunter discipline (Rule 4, Section 4, Paragraphs 1-5); Open (Rule 4, Section 2, Paragraphs 2, 3, and 4); Senior (Rule 4, Section 2, Paragraphs 1-5); Senior (Rule 4, Section 5, Paragraph 1); or Junior (Rule 4, Section 7, Paragraph E5) exhibitor performance classes to count.

**7. High Point English Rider.** All classes of English or Hunter discipline (Rule 4, Section 4, Paragraphs 1-5); Open (Rule 4, Section 2, Paragraph 2, 3, and 4); Senior (Rule 4, Section 5, Paragraph 1); or Junior (Rule 4, Section 7, Paragraph E5) exhibitor performance classes to count AND all Horsemanship classes, by age group, are to count: Senior (Rule 4, Section 5, Paragraphs 4 and 5); Adult Amateur (Rule 4, Section 6, Paragraphs 4 and 5); and Junior (Rule 4, Section 7, Paragraphs E1 and E2). Exhibitors may

ride more than one horse, but the owners of each horse must be members of NSHA, V to receive points and awards.

**8. High Point Western Horse.** All classes of Western discipline, (Rule 4, Section 4, Paragraphs 6 and 7); Open (Rule 4, Section 2, Paragraphs 7-12) Senior (Rule 4, Section 5, Paragraph 7) or Junior (Rule 4, Section 7, Paragraph E6) performance classes to count.

**9. High Point Western Rider.** All classes of Western discipline (Rule 4, Section 4, Paragraphs 6 and 7); Open (Rule 4, Section 2, Paragraphs 7-12); Senior (Rule 4, Section 5, Paragraph 7); or Junior (Rule 4, Section 7, Paragraph E6) performance classes to count AND all horsemanship classes by age group to count. Senior (Rule 4, Section 5, Paragraph 6); Adult Amateur (Rule 4, Section 6, Paragraph 6); and Junior (Rule 4 Section 7, Paragraph E3). Exhibitors may ride more than one horse, but the owners of each horse must be members of NSHA, V to receive points and awards.

**10. High Point Adult Amateur Senior Ride.** One horse, one rider only to count. All Adult Amateur classes to count as specified in Rule 4, Section 6, Paragraphs 1-6.

**11. High Point Breed Awards.** Breed awards are presented to specific recognized breeds as specified in Rule 4, Section 1, Paragraph C. All Open (Rule 4, Section 2, Paragraphs 1-5 and 7-12 and Specific Breed (Rule 4, Section 3) classes to count.

**12. High Point Gymkhana Horse - Junior Rider.** All NSHA, V recognized classes in the Junior age division to count.

**13. High Point Gymkhana Horse - Senior to Ride.** All NSHA, V recognized classes in the Senior age division to count.

**Section 5. Memorial trophies.** For all Memorial Trophies, a horse or rider must have shown and earned points in three (3) NSHA, V shows in each qualifying class. **1. Leslie Coulthard Memorial Trophy.** Presented to the high point Junior rider ages 14 through 17. Winner must be a NSHA, V member and win points in at least three (3) of the following classes: English Horsemanship

(mandatory), Western Pleasure 14 through 17, English Pleasure 14 through 17, Stock Seat Horsemanship 14 through 17, English Pleasure Open, and Western Pleasure Open.

#### **Section 6. Determination of awards presented.**

**A.** The recognized classes listed in Rules 4, 5, and 7 and the Overall Awards listed in Rule 7, Sections 4 and 5 are presented annually at the Year End Awards Banquet. **B.** The “Active” rating of these classes and awards are determined annually by the Board of Directors prior to the beginning of the next show year. **C.** The definition of an “Active” class is a class in which an NSHA, V nominated member or horse has been shown a minimum of three (3) times or by guarantee of sponsorship for the class at a minimum of 100% of the cost of the class.

**D.** Determination of “active” will be based on the previous year’s results by the Board of Directors and members of the Show Committee. This determination will be made at a Board of Directors meeting held prior to the beginning of the next show year. **E.** If NSHA, V does not offer Year End class awards for all the classes offered in shows, whether the classes are recognized by NSHA, V or not, a statement of which classes will be offered for Year End Awards must be made prior to the first show of the current fiscal year and posted on the website for members review.

### **RULE 8**

#### **PROTESTS, CHARGES AND HEARINGS**

**Section 1. Protests.** **A.** A protest may be made in writing to either the Show Secretary, Show Manager, or Show Committee member by an exhibitor, agent, trainer, owner or the parent of a Junior (minor) exhibitor for any alleged violation of the rules of NSHA, V. **B.** All protests must be accompanied by a protest fee of \$100. **C.** The Board of Directors will make the determination as to whether or not the alleged violations of the Rules of NSHA, V were violated. **D.** Once there is a determination of violations of the Rules of NSHA, V the Board of Directors will at that time appoint a three (3) member Grievance Committee to review all the evidence and make a determination of the violation. Current seated members of the Board of Directors or any person or persons charged with any alleged violations of the Rules of NSHA, V cannot be a member of the Grievance Committee.

**Section 2. Charges** **A.** A charge may be made by a member of the Board of Directors, Show Committee member or an official of the show, against any person or persons for any alleged violations of the rules of NSHA, V. **B.** No fee is required. **C.** The Board of Directors will refer all evidence of the alleged violation to the Grievance Committee to make the determination as to whether or not the alleged charge has merit and the Rules of NSHA, V were violated. **D.** If the Board of Directors finds merit to the charge of a Rule infraction, correction of the infraction will be determined by the Grievance Committee.

**Section 3. Filing and content of protests and charges** **A.** All protests and charges must be filed in the following manner and be accompanied with the following information:

1. All information must be in writing.
2. Shall contain the full name and address of the accused.
3. List the approximate time and the date the alleged violation occurred.
4. Shall contain explicit details and information about the alleged violation.
5. Provide testimony of the alleged violation by a sworn statement or in person at a hearing and/or provide witnesses of the alleged violation and/or provide any other evidence which would aid in substantiation of the alleged violation.
6. Signed by the person filing the protest or charge, title, if an officer or official, complete address and day and night time phone numbers.

**B.** The completed information, with fee enclosed, shall be sent to the Board of Directors. **C.** All information must be received, date certifiable, by the Board of Directors within seven (7) days of the alleged infraction. The Board of Directors shall forward all information to the Grievance Committee to make a determination whether or not to take any action. **D.** All decisions of the Grievance Committee may be appealed to the Board of Directors. Rule 8, Section 10. All decisions of the Board of Directors are final!

**Section 4. Duties of the show management** Upon receipt of a protest or charge, the Show Secretary, Show Manager or Show Committee members

present shall verify the date of the postmark, if any, or if hand delivered, verify date of receipt and forward a copy of all information received to the Board of Directors within seven (7) days of receipt.

**Section 5. Non-protestable decisions** The following items are not protestable: **1.** The soundness of a horse when determined by a licensed veterinarian or the Judge. **2.** Any decisions of the Judges, except, if a violation of conduct has occurred.

**Section 6. Hearings** **A.** Any person or persons or competition against whom a protest or charge is filed shall be entitled to a hearing before the Grievance Committee following notification of the accused. **B.** Notice of the hearing shall contain a brief statement of the facts constituting the alleged violation and specify the time and place at which the hearing is to be held. **C.** All persons involved may attend the hearing, at their option, and may present witnesses and evidence in their behalf. Attendance can include internet/cellular live feed.

**D.** Following the hearing, the Grievance Committee shall: **1.** Review the evidence, **2.** Decide the final verdict and **3.** Impose any fines, penalties or both, appropriate to the violation(s) described. **E.** Upon conclusion of hearings for protests filed against a competition or an official of a show, if Grievance Committee finds in favor of the person filing the protest, then the \$100.00 fee will be refunded to that person pursuant to Rule 8, Section 10, Paragraph B. **F.** The Grievance Committee shall consist of a Senior member in good standing, the Show Committee Chairperson and the Show Manager in the absence of appointed members. Rule 8, Section 1, Paragraph D.

**Section 7. Violations and penalties** **A.** A violation is described as any act prejudicial and not beneficial to the interests of NSHA, V to include but not limited to: Violations of the rules and/or By-Laws of the Association; Offensive remarks stated toward any official of the show; Assault of a person and/or cruelty to a horse; Failure to pay indebtedness to the Association and any other act that would be considered prejudicial and not beneficial to the Association. **B.** Upon a person or a competition found to be guilty of a violation of the Rules and/or the By-Laws of the Association shall be subject to

penalty including, but not limited to the following:  
Censure, Suspension, Expulsion and/or Fines.

**Section 8. Appeals.** **A.** Any party may appeal any and all decisions of the Grievance Committee to the Board of Directors within thirty (30) days of the decision of the Grievance Committee. Such appeal, shall be accompanied by a deposit of \$50.00. **B.** Upon appeal the Board of Directors, in a closed door session, shall review the record and evidence submitted to the Grievance Committee and may affirm, alter, amend or repeal the findings and decisions of the Grievance Committee and the penalties imposed, and may impose penalties it deems appropriate.

**Section 9. Enforcement of penalties.** The Board of Directors, acting as an Enforcement Committee of grievance procedures and penalties, and the Officers of NSHA, V shall enforce all penalties imposed upon an individual or individuals or a competition that has been found guilty of a violation or violations of the Rules and/or the By-Laws of the Association.

**Section 10. Disposition of protest fees and appeal deposits.** **A.** Upon receipt of a protest fee or an appeal deposit, the Grievance Committee shall submit the monies to the Treasurer for deposit into the Association funds. **B.** Scheduling of hearings shall commence upon verification of monetary transfers. **C.** If a protest or charge is upheld upon appeal, the appeal deposit of \$50.00 shall be paid over to the protesting or charging parties.