



2019 MTHJA Shows

Open Schooling Begins at 6:45 am

Schooling for 18" – 2'3" Classes Begins at 7:30 am

Show Starts at 8:00 am

Class Order

1. Lead Line
2. Walk Trot Hunter O/F (18" cross rails)
3. Walk Trot Hunter O/F (18" cross rails)
4. Walk Trot Equitation O/F (18" Cross Rails)
5. Walk Trot Hunter U/S
6. Walk Trot Equitation U/S
7. Green Rider Hunter O/F (18" Cross rails)
8. Green Rider Hunter O/F (18" Cross rails)
9. Green Rider Equitation O/F (18" cross rails)
10. Green Rider Hunter U/S
11. Green Rider Equitation U/S
12. Green Horse O/F (18" Cross rails)
13. Green Horse O/F (18" Cross rails)
14. Green Horse Hunter U/S
15. Beginner Rider Hunter O/F (18"-2')
16. Beginner Rider Hunter O/F (18"-2')
17. Beginner Rider Equitation O/F (18"-2')
18. Beginner Rider Hunter U/S
19. Beginner Rider Equitation U/S
20. Short Stirrup Hunter O/F (2')
21. Short Stirrup Hunter O/F (2')
22. Short Stirrup Equitation O/F (2')
23. Short Stirrup Hunter U/S
24. Short Stirrup Equitation U/S
25. Long Stirrup Hunter O/F (2')
26. Long Stirrup Hunter O/F (2')
27. Long Stirrup Equitation O/F (2')
28. Long Stirrup Hunter U/S
29. Long Stirrup Equitation U/S
30. Special Hunter O/F (2')
31. Special Hunter O/F (2')
32. Special Hunter U/S
33. TIP Very Green Thoroughbred O/F (2')
34. TIP Very Green Thoroughbred O/F (2')
35. TIP Very Green Thoroughbred U/S
36. Pre-Ch/Ad Hunter O/F (2'3")
37. Pre-Ch/Ad Hunter O/F (2'3")
38. Pre-Ch/Ad Hunter U/S

10 Minute Schooling Break for 2'6" – 3' Classes

39. TIP Special TB Hunter O/F (2'6")
40. TIP Special TB Hunter O/F (2'6")
41. TIP Special TB Hunter U/S
42. Modified Ch/Ad Hunter O/F (2'6"-2'9")
43. Modified Ch/Ad Hunter O/F (2'6"-2'9")
44. Modified Ch/Ad Hunter U/S
45. Ch/Ad Hunter O/F (2'9"-3')
46. Ch/Ad Hunter O/F (2'9"-3')
47. Ch/Ad Hunter U/S

15 Minute Schooling Break for Jumpers

48. Puddle Jumpers (2')- Table 2
49. Puddle Jumpers (2')- Power & Speed
50. Puddle Jumpers (2')- Speed Round
51. Small Sticks Jumpers (2'3")- Table 2
52. Small Sticks Jumpers (2'3")- Power & Speed
53. Small Sticks Jumpers (2'3")- Speed Round
54. Over the Moon Jumpers (2'6")- Table 2
55. Over the Moon Jumpers (2'6")- Power & Speed
56. Over the Moon Jumpers (2'6")- Speed Round
57. TIP Thoroughbred Hopeful Jumper (2'6")-Table 2
58. TIP Thoroughbred Hopeful Jumper (2'6")- Power & Speed
59. TIP Thoroughbred Hopeful Jumper (2'6")- Speed Round
60. Pegasus Jumpers (3')- Table 2
61. Pegasus Jumpers (3')- Power and Speed
62. Pegasus Jumpers (3')- Speed Round

Class Definitions

Lead Line – Open to riders ages 3 – 6, or any special needs rider who does not ride independently. May not cross over into any other riding class divisions. The rider is not to be fastened to the saddle in any way. Leader must be over age 18.

Walk Trot – MTHJA Division

- a. Ground poles and/ or small cross rails.
- b. Points will be awarded to the rider for all classes. A rider may compete more than one horse in the hunter classes, but points will only be awarded to the highest place entry per class.
- c. All points for year-end awards will be calculated using local show values for both local and USEF rated shows.
- d. Eligibility is an accumulation of a total of 400 combined points for all combined years of showing in the Walk -Trot Hunter and Equitation. Once the rider reaches the above total, they may only continue to compete in Walk Trot for the remainder of the current show year.



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- e. Cantering will be penalized
- f. May cross-enter into Green Rider Hunter and Equitation classes.
- g. May be asked to jump 4 to 8 jumps, on a simple course, up to the horse shows discretion
- h. One year-end award offered.
- i. Not eligible for Grand Champion year-end award.

Green Rider Division – MTHJA Division

- a. Cross rails or small verticals under 18 inches.
- b. Points will be awarded to the rider for all classes. A rider may compete more than one horse in the hunter classes, but points will only be awarded to the highest place entry per class.
- c. All points for year-end awards will be calculated using local show values for both local and USEF rated shows.
- d. Riders of any age who have not shown over a course of fences 2' or higher with the exception of the Beginner Rider division.
- e. Trotting is not penalized
- f. Eligibility is an accumulation of a total of 400 combined points for all years of showing in Green Rider. Once the rider reaches the above total, they may only continue to compete in Green Rider for the remainder of the current show year.
- g. May compete in walk trot hunter and equitation if eligible.
- h. Once a rider accumulates 400 combined points in Green Rider, the rider is no longer eligible to compete in walk trot hunter and walk trot equitation.
- i. Will be asked to canter in a group for under saddle class.
- j. Ineligible for any other MTHJA division except walk trot or beginner rider if eligible.

Green Horse Division –

- a. Cross rails or small verticals under 18 inches.
- b. Points will be awarded to the horse for all classes.
- c. Horses of any age who have not shown over a course of fences 2' or higher.
- d. Trotting is not penalized
- e. Eligibility is an accumulation of a total of 400 combined points for all years of showing in Green Horse. Once the horse reaches the above total, they may only continue to compete in Green Horse for the remainder of the current show year.
- f. May compete in walk trot hunter if eligible.
- g. Once a horse accumulates 400 combined points in Green Horse, the horse is no longer eligible to compete in walk trot hunter.
- h. Will be asked to canter in a group for under saddle class.
- i. Ineligible for any other division except walk trot hunter if eligible.

Beginner Rider Division – MTHJA division

- a. Fences 18" - 2'. No in and outs. No oxers.
- b. Riders of any age who have not shown over a course of fences 2' or higher.
- c. Trotting not penalized.
- d. A rider is no longer eligible for Beginner rider once they have competed in a Short Stirrup, Long Stirrup, Special Hunter, USHJA Zone Hunter, Age group Equitation class or any other class with heights 2' or above.
- e. Prior to 12/1/2015, a rider may have competed in short and/or long stirrup in no more than 3 shows and still be eligible for Beginner Rider. After 12/1/2015, all eligibility rules above apply.
- f. May only cross enter into Green Rider if eligible.
- g. Points will be awarded to the rider for all classes. A rider may compete more than one horse, but points will only be awarded to the highest place entry per class.
- h. All points for year-end awards will be calculated using local show values for both local and USEF rated shows.
- i. Not eligible for Grand Champion year-end award.

Short Stirrup- MTHJA Division

- a. Fence height- 2'. No in and outs.
- b. For riders 12 years old and younger.

- c. Limited to riders who have never shown over fences 2'6 and higher in any hunter, equitation or jumper classes.
- d. Cross-entering by rider at the same show is not permitted into classes with fences exceeding 2', including all Children's Hunter Pony heights and age group equitation classes.
- e. May be combined with Long Stirrup if there are less than three (3) entries.
- f. Prior to September 1 of the current horse show year, riders may try up to two (2) horse shows or events, where the rider shows over fence heights of 2'6 and without penalty may request reinstatement to drop back down to the Short stirrup to finish the remainder of their eligibility. Please find the form for reinstatement on the MTHJA website and submit the form at least 2 weeks before you plan to return to the Short Stirrup division.
- g. A rider is only eligible for MTHJA year-end awards during their first two consecutive calendar years of showing in Short Stirrup Hunter classes. After two consecutive calendar years, a rider may continue to compete in Short Stirrup Hunter classes if they are eligible (12 years old or under, and have never shown over fences 2'6" or higher) but will no longer receive MTHJA points toward year end standings in the Short Stirrup Hunter division.

Long Stirrup - MTHJA division

- a. Fence height- 2'. No in and outs.
- b. For riders 13 years old and over.
- c. Cross-entering by rider at the same show is not permitted into classes with fences exceeding 2'3.
- d. Limited to riders who have never shown over fences 2'6 or higher.
- e. May be combined with Short Stirrup if there are less than three (3) entries.
- f. Prior to September 1 of the current horse show year, riders may try up to two (2) horse shows or events, where the rider shows over fence heights of 2'6 and without penalty may request reinstatement to drop back down to the Long stirrup to finish the remainder of their eligibility. Please find 2/26/2017 - HH the form for reinstatement on the MTHJA website and submit the form at least 2 weeks before you plan to return to the Long Stirrup division.

Special Hunter 2' – MTHJA Division

- a. Fence height :2' to 3'6"; spreads not to exceed fence height.
- b. Special/ USHJA Zone hunter is a horse or pony of any classification.
- c. Open to junior, amateur and/or professionals.
- d. One year-end award for ALL height sections combined.
- e. NOT eligible for GRAND YEAR-END award.

Pre-Children's Hunter Division – MTHJA Division

- a. Fence height- 2'3"; spreads not to exceed fence heights.
- b. Horses and ponies ridden by a junior exhibitor. Rider may not cross-enter into any class where fences are 3' or higher at the same horse show.
- c. May be combined with Pre-Adult if less than (3) entries.
- d. Points award to appropriate division for year-end awards.

Pre-Adult Hunter Division – MTHJA Division

- a. Fence height- 2'3" to 2'6"; spreads not to exceed fence heights.
- b. Open to Regular and Local horses and ponies ridden by an amateur exhibitor.
- c. Rider may not cross-enter into any class where fences are 3' or higher at the same horse show.
- d. May be combined with Pre-Children if less than (3) entries.
- e. Points awarded to appropriate division for year-end awards.

Modified Hunter Division – MTHJA division

Modified Children's/Junior Hunter

- a. Fence height- 2'6- 2'9; spreads not to exceed fence heights.
- b. Horses and ponies ridden by a junior exhibitor.



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c. May be combined with Modified Adult Hunter if there are less than three (3) entries.

d. Points earned in a combined Modified Children's/Adult class will count towards the appropriate year-end award.

Modified Adult/Amateur Hunter

a. Fence height- 2'6- 2'9; spreads not to exceed fence heights. b. May be combined with Modified Children's Hunter if there are less than three (3) entries.

c. Points earned in a combined Modified Children's/Adult class will count towards the appropriate year-end award.

Adult Amateur Hunter Division- MTHJA division

I. Adult Amateur Hunter a. Fence height-2'9" to 3'; spreads not to exceed fence height.

b. Riders 35 years old and younger.

c. Riders over 35 years old.

d. Separate awards will be made if at least three (3) horses obtain points in each classification.

e. May be combined with Children's Hunter if there are fewer than three (3) entries.

Childrens Hunter Division- MTHJA Division

a. Fence height- 2'9" to 3'; spreads not to exceed fence heights.

b. May be combined with Adult Amateur Hunter if there are fewer than three (3) entries.

c. Open to horses and ponies. To be ridden by a Junior Exhibitor. Neither horses nor riders may cross-enter into the Junior Hunter, but may show one (1) additional horse in the 3'3 Junior Hunter section at the same show. Riders may not cross-enter into any classes in which fences exceed 3'3" at the same show, except Medal classes, age group Equitation classes, Children's Jumper classes and National Hunter Derbies with 3'5 options. Ponies may not compete in the Children's section if also entered in the Pony division at the same show.

d. Entries need not be jogged for soundness.

e. See USEF/USHJA HU111 and zone 4 rules.

f. Separate awards will be offered in both the 14 and under and the 15 and older if at least three (3) horses obtain points in each age section.

Jumper Classes – MTHJA Low Jumper Divisions

Open to all eligible horses and riders. Riders must jump their 1st fence within 45 seconds of entering the arena to avoid disqualification. Faults determined as follows: Rail Down = 4 faults; Refusal/ Run out of Fence = 4 faults; Each second over the allowed time = 1 fault; More than 2 Refusals/ Run Outs = disqualification.

Table 2- Must jump first part of course clean to continue to jump off. There will be a brief pause between First part of course and jump off. Start jump off when whistle is blown. Jump off is timed. Fastest jump off with fewest faults wins.

Power and speed- first part of course is run at the pace the rider chooses, after the jump designated as speed jump, that portion of the course is timed. No break between first part of course and speed portion. Fastest speed portion, and fewest faults wins.

Speed Round- . Riders must jump their 1st fence within 45 seconds of entering the arena to avoid disqualification. The fastest time with the fewest faults wins.

Thoroughbred Incentive Program (TIP) Classes

If you are riding a Jockey Club Registered Thoroughbred you can apply for TIP number and be a part of the incentive program for Thoroughbreds. They offer customized ribbons and year end awards!

They have a TIP championship show in September that you can qualify for.

TIP divisions will have special awards. We will also be giving high point awards for the following:

-Green OTTB High point- highest placing TB at competition that raced in the last 2 years

-Junior Rider high point Award- TB/rider combo accumulating the most points with a rider 18 or under.

-High Hunter high point- 2'6" and above – Award to the TB accumulating the most points at the above stated height.

-Low Hunter High point- under 2'6"- Award to the TB accumulating the most points at the above stated height.

-High Jumper high point- 2'6" and above- Award to the TB accumulating the most points at the above stated height.

-Low Jumper high point- under 2'6"- Award to the TB accumulating the most points at the above stated height.

TIP Divisions- Qualify for Championship show!

-Very Green TB Hunter- 2'

-Special TB hunter 2'6"

-Hopeful Jumper 2'6"

Costs:

\$10 Entry Fee per class

\$15 Office Fee

\$25 Late Fee if not registered by 5pm Friday before the show day.

The Fine Print (Show Rules):

- Ribbons awarded for 1st-6th place.
- Each division will be awarded Champion/Reserve Champion. In the case of a tie, the higher placed fences round will be the tie breaker.
- Classes will not be run with fewer than 3 entries
- The decision of the Judge is final.
- **NO DOGS ALLOWED**
- Limited Stalls available- email cristin.jordan@meridianequine.com
- ALL exhibitors must wear ASTM approved helmets while mounted
- Martingales are not permitted in under saddle classes, equitation flat classes, or the flat phase of the Medal classes.
- Unconventional hunter tack or equipment will only be permitted at the judge's discretion.
- Proof of Negative Coggins required.
- Attire can be casual (Polo Shirt and breeches/boots)
- Not all divisions are MTHJA divisions. Please ask questions if you need clarification on MTHJA Divisions. Open Divisions and MTHJA Divisions Cannot be combined under any circumstances.
- The Meridian Equine Hunter Show Series is operated in accordance with the current rules of the MTHJA. To be eligible for year-end awards, the exhibitor, the owner and the horse or pony must be registered with the Association. Applications are available from the Show Secretary.

Exhibitors assume all risk and agree to hold harmless Meridian Equine Education center, all personnel and volunteers

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