



# Santa Barbara County Riding Club

## Rule Book

### 2022

The purpose of this Rule Book is to provide guidelines for the qualifications of Santa Barbara County Riding Club approved shows and to explain the point system for year-end awards. When a problem arises where interpreting the rules to the letter cannot solve, the solution to be adopted should follow as nearly as possible the spirit of the rules.

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## MEMBERSHIP

Categories of membership in this organization shall be:

1. **Amateur Membership** – those persons eighteen years of age and older
2. **Junior** – those persons seventeen years of age and under
3. **Trainer/Professional** – persons acting in the capacity of a trainer or a professional in the Equestrian Industry
4. **Family Membership** – comprises a husband/wife and/or juniors residing in the same home.
5. **Life Membership** – any member who, after being a member for three consecutive years and after written application, may be elected or rejected for life membership by a vote of the Board of Directors. The applicant shall be notified in writing of such decision by the president. If rejected, no reason for the board's decision shall be given.
6. **Life Family Membership** – any immediate family which, after being a member for three consecutive years and after written application, may be elected or rejected for life membership by a vote of the Board of Directors. Children will cease to be part of the Life Family membership upon reaching the age of eighteen. The applicant shall be notified in writing of such decision by the president. If rejected, no reason for the board's decision shall be given. Members under twelve years of age shall not vote at any general meeting. Memberships are non-transferable. The Board of Directors may expel any member for good cause, after such member receives written notice.
7. **Board Members** – those persons on the SBCRC Board of Directors.
8. **Sustaining Member** – any person aiding in the support of the organization through a special fee.

## DUES

Membership is for the calendar year (January through December). All members shall pay annual dues which shall be established by the Board of Directors:

Amateur/Junior Member	\$45
Trainer/Professional Member	\$45
Family Member	\$100
Life Member	\$450
Life Family	\$900
Board Member	\$45
Sustaining Member	\$100

To be eligible for year-end points, rider and trainer must all be members. Tabulation of points for each SBCRC member shall begin from the date membership fees are paid. No points will count prior to payment of membership fees.

## **SBCRC YEAR-END POINTED DIVISIONS**

### **HUNTER:**

- Low Child/ Adult Hunter
- Restricted Hunter
- Adult Amateur Hunter
- Children's 11-under Hunter
- Children's 12-17 Hunter
- Pony Hunter
- Short/Long/Rusty Stirrup Hunter
- 18" Hunter
- Cross-rails Hunter
- Green Rider Hunter
- Baby Green Hunters
- Training Hunter
- Low Hunter
- Performance Hunter

### **EQUITATION:**

- Low Child/ Adult Equitation
- Restricted Equitation
- Adult Amateur Equitation
- Children's 11-under Equitation
- Children's 12-17 Equitation
- Pony Equitation
- Short/Long/Rusty Stirrup Equitation
- 18" Equitation
- Cross-rails Equitation
- Green Rider Equitation

Walk/Trot

Walk/Trot Pole

## **JUMPERS:**

- .70m Wake-up Jumper Child/Adult
- .75m Hopeful Jumper Child/Adult
- .85m Pre-Child/Adult Jumper
- .90m Mod Child/Adult Jumper
- .95m Low Child/Adult Jumper
- 1.0m Low Child/Adult Jumper
- 1.0m Low Open Jumper
- 1.10m Child/Adult Jumper
- 1.10m Open Jumper
- 1.15m Open Jumper
- 1.20m Open Jumper

## **DIVISION RULES**

A Junior is any individual who has not reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday as of December 1 of the previous year. The age of an individual on December 1 will be maintained throughout the entire competition year. Persons born December 1 assume the greater age on that date. If a competition is in progress on any November 30 junior status at the start of the competition will be maintained throughout that competition. Juniors may not show stallions.

An Amateur is any individual who has reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday who has not received any compensation or payment in any form such as cash, goods, sponsorships, discounts, housing, board or training in exchange for riding, exercising, showing, training or schooling horses for others. Entries must be paid directly to the horse show from the amateur or by the amateur's family. An amateur can perform the following:

- serve as a camp counselor but not hired in the exclusive capacity as an equestrian instructor.
- teaching or training therapeutic or disabled riders for therapeutic purposes is allowed.
- accept a non-monetary token gift of appreciation valued less than \$1000 annually.
- accept remuneration as a social media influence or social media brand ambassador.
- assist in setting schooling fences without remuneration.
- accept remuneration for barn duties on or off competition grounds, including but not limited to grooming, tacking and untacking, bating, clipping, longing, braiding and stall and tack cleaning.

If a written complaint is filed with the board challenging the amateur status, the amateur shall submit verifiable proof of amateur status including but not limited to pay check stubs and bill of sale on horse the amateur is competing with. If the board deems such proof insufficient, the board may initiate suspension and return of awards and points.

Martingales - Classes offered at 1.30m or below have no martingale restrictions when used in a conventional manner. Classes offered above 1.30m (and all classes restricted to young horses) only running martingales used in the conventional manner. Running martingale used in the conventional manner: Only one martingale stopper per rein is allowed. The stopper must be positioned between the ring of the martingale and the attachment of the rein to the bit, hackamore or bridle. Exception: Irish martingales are permitted in all classes. Martingales are not permitted in any flat class.

Whips - Competitors are prohibited from using a whip that is longer than 30" (75cm) while in the process of jumping or schooling over fences. A rider may not carry more than one whip. Whips that are weighted at the end are prohibited at any time.

Curbs - When using a curb with any leverage bit, it must be constructed of loose links, joints, and/or lie smooth against the jaw of the horse and be free of twists, sharp objects or anything inhumane. A curb may be wrapped or inserted into a cover for the comfort of the horse. A curb may not be used in conjunction with wire, metal, rawhide, metal "keepers", or any other substance except for attachment of curb to the bit.

Draw Reins/German Martingales - Draw reins and German Martingales may only be used when schooling or in classes with no prize money that are offered at 1.20m or below. Ponies may not be ridden by a Junior in draw reins or German martingales at any time. No other head set devices (chambon, etc.) are permitted in any class. Draw Reins and German Martingales are not permitted in age restricted classes.

Tied Stirrups - Any rider competing with their stirrup, stirrup leather or foot tied and/or secured in any manner, will automatically be eliminated from that class. Riding anywhere on the competition grounds with stirrup, stirrup leather or foot tied or otherwise secured is cause for disqualification, by the steward or show manager, of that rider from the subsequent class in which the rider is entered.

Bits/Bridles - Regulation snaffles, Pelhams, and full bridles, all with cavesson-type nosebands are recommended. A judge, at his/her discretion, may penalize a horse with non-conventional type of bit and/or noseband.

All professionals and non-professionals riding at a SBCRC show must wear securely fastened protective headgear which meets or exceeds ASTM/SET standards and carries the SEI tag. Any rider violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until such a headgear is properly in place.

Hunter and Equitation riders shall wear hunt coat, breeches and boots or jodhpurs and jodhpur boots for appropriate age group. Jumper riders may wear same attire as Hunter and Equitation riders or shirt with collar, breeches and boots.

Mules may not be shown at SBCRC.

In the case of a tie, horse or rider with the most points over fences will be given the championship. If a tie still exists, horse or rider with the most blue ribbons will be given the championship. As a last resort, a flip of the coin will decide.

## **DEFINITIONS OF DIVISIONS**

Any SBCRC Horse show, which receives a rating from a separate governing body, such as SFHJA or USHJA shall conform to the applicable rules then in effect for the rated classes and sanctioned by such governing body. Management reserves the right to refuse, accept conditionally, or cancel entries, awards or prizes, and/or adjust the time schedule, combine, scratch or move classes as necessary, without claims or damage.

### **HUNTER DIVISION**

All horses must be serviceably sound. The traditional manner of jogging for soundness in rated hunter divisions (i.e. Performance Hunters, Junior Hunters, etc.) has been modified. Soundness will be shown under saddle by trotting a circle on a long rein at the end of each over fences round.

Performance of a working hunter is based on an even hunting pace, manners, and way of going. Hunters under saddle are to be shown at a walk, trot and canter, both ways of the ring. Light contact with horse's mouth is required. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive, and moving freely. They should not be eliminated for slight errors. Horse may be asked to hand gallop collectively, one way of the ring, at the discretion of judge. Not more than eight will be asked to hand gallop at the same time. Horses are not to gallop in baby green hunter classes.

A hunter course shall be any course which management deems a fair test of a hunter. Fences shall simulate obstacles found in the hunting field, such as natural post and rail, brush, stone wall, white board fence or gate, chicken coop, aiken, hedge, oxer, etc. Oxers are not to be square.

In SBCRC Hunter classes, points won on the flat will not count for Show Champion or Year-end Awards, unless the hunter competes in at least one class over fences (must jump at least one jump on course) in the same division, per show entered.

If jumping order is established, it must be posted at least one half hour before class.

## **GENERAL FAULTS**

When an obstacle is composed of several elements in the same vertical plane, a fault at the top element is the only one penalized. In combinations (in and out) the faults committed at each obstacle are considered separately. In case of a refusal or run-out at one element of a combination, entry must re-jump all elements.

Judge shall penalize unsafe jumping and bad form over fences, whether fences are touched or untouched.

## **EQUITATION DIVISION**

Rider should have a workmanlike appearance, seat and hands light and supple, conveying the impression of complete control. Hands should be over and in front of horse's withers; knuckles thirty degrees inside the vertical; and hands slightly apart, making a straight line from horse's mouth to rider's elbow. Eyes should be up and shoulders back. Toes should be at an angle best suited to rider's conformation; ankles flexed in; heels down; calf of leg in contact with horse and slightly behind girth. Iron should be on ball and foot. At the walk and slow trot, body should be vertical; posting trot inclined forward; canter halfway between the posting trot and the walk; galloping and jumping same inclination as the posting trot.

In Equitation classes, only the rider is being judged; therefore, any horse suitable for a particular style of riding, and capable of performing required class routine, is acceptable. Unsoundness shall not penalize a rider, unless sufficiently severe to impair required performance. Boots and conservatively colored bandages are permissible.

In SBCRC Equitation classes, points won on the flat will not count for Show Champion or Year-end Awards, unless the rider competes in at least one class over fences (must jump at least one jump on course) in the same division, per show entered.

Performance begins when horse enters the ring or is given the signal to proceed after entering the ring. Except for refusals, jumping faults of the horse are not to be considered, unless they result from rider's inability.

The following are tests which the judge may ask to be performed:

1. Halt (4 to 6 seconds) or halt and back.
2. Hand gallop.
3. Figure eight at trot, demonstrating change of diagonals.
4. Figure eight at canter on correct lead, demonstrating simple change of lead.
5. Work collectively or individually at a walk, trot and/or canter.
6. Jump low obstacles at a trot as well as at a canter. The maximum height and spread for a trot jump is 3' for horses, 2' for ponies in classes restricted to ponies.
7. Jump obstacles on figure eight course.
8. Question(s) regarding basic horsemanship, tack and equipment and conformation.
9. Ride without stirrups, riders must be allowed option to cross stirrups.
10. Jump low obstacles at a walk as well as at a canter. The maximum height and spread for a walk jump is 2'.
11. Dismount and mount. Individually.
12. Turn on the forehand done through the walk or the halt.



13. Figure eight at canter on correct lead demonstrating flying change of lead.
14. Execute serpentine at a trot and/or canter on correct lead demonstrating simple or flying changes of lead.
15. Change leads on a line demonstrating a simple or flying change of lead.
17. Canter on counter lead.
18. Turn on the haunches from the walk.
19. Demonstration ride of approximately one minute. Rider must advise judge beforehand what ride he plans to demonstrate.

## HUNTER/EQUITATION

**\$200 USHJA Outreach Hunt & Go Derby:** One round competition of at least 10 fences at 2'6" in height with 3 options set at 2'9". The course will consist of hunter classic and handy style lines, turns and jumps. Judge will use open numerical scoring. After judges score is given, 1 point will be added for each high option fence jumped successfully for a maximum of 3 additional points added. Same Horse/Rider combination may not cross enter into the SBCRC Hunter Derby. If less than 5 entries class will be run for 50% less prize money. Needs 3 entries to run. Prize divided: 1<sup>st</sup> 50%, 2<sup>nd</sup> 30%, 3<sup>rd</sup> 20% : Entry Fee \$45

**\$500 SBCRC Hunt & Go Derby :** Two round hunter derby. First round "classic" course of at least 10 fences at 3' with 3 options set at 3'3". Top 12 return for second round in reverse order of score. The second round or "handy round" will consist of at least 8 jumps, handy style lines, turns and jumps with 3 options set at 3'3". Judge will use open numerical scoring. After judge's score is given, 1 point will be added for each high option fence jumped successfully for a maximum of 3 additional points added. Same Horse/Rider combination may not cross enter into the USHJA Hunter Derby. If less than 5 entries class will be run for 50% less prize money, needs 3 to run. Prize divided: 1st 30%, 2nd 25%, 3rd 20%. 4th 15% 5th 10%. Entry Fee \$50.

**\$500 Hunter Prix:** Two round classic fences 3' riders are not limited to number of horses they may ride. Horses must have entered shown and completed the course in two classes over fences at the same show. If less than 5 entries class will be run for 50% less prize money. Needs 3 entries to run. Prize divided: 1<sup>st</sup> 50%, 2<sup>nd</sup> 30%, 3<sup>rd</sup> 20% : Entry Fee \$45. Entry Fee \$50

**Horse and Hound Derby:** Open to all riders. Teams of two, one rider /horse combination and one dog handler/dog combination. First phase is to be a handy hunter course of no more than 8 jumps 2'3 in height, no combinations. Second phase will be timed dog agility. Time starts when dismounted horse rider tags dog handler. Three faults for refusal and four faults for a dropped rail for either dog or horse, faults will be subtracted from final score. Final score will be dog agility time subtracted from a total score of 100 added to the first round score minus any faults, highest score wins. Entry Fee \$50.

**Open Equitation Classic:** To be judged over an equitation type course of a minimum of eight fences 2'9" – 3' in height, and may include one combination. The top four riders (if available) in the class must be asked to work off. A minimum of two entries must be judged over the course, in order to have ribbons and awards.

**Training Hunters:** Fences at 2'6". This division will qualify for year-end awards.

**Baby-Green Hunters:** Fences at 2'6". This division will qualify for year-end awards. The horse may not have jumped 3' or higher. Horses are eligible to show in this division for two years. Classes held both days.

**Low Hunters:** Fences to be 2'9". This division has no entry restrictions.

**Performance Hunters:** Open to riders of any age or status. To be shown over a hunter type course at 3'3". Must jog for soundness.

**Low Child/Adult** : Jr/Am Riders. Fence height 2'9". To be eligible for this division a rider may not have ever shown in a class with fences set at 3'3" or higher.

**USHJA Restricted**: Jr/Am Riders. Fences to be 2'6". To be eligible a rider may not compete in classes where fences are set higher than 2'9" during the current show year.

**Amateur 18 & over**: Fences to be 2'9"-3'. To be shown over a course of a minimum of eight fences. Combinations may be included. May be combined with another division of comparable jump height. Riders may not cross enter into any class at the same show with fences exceeding 3'3" except Adult Jumpers, Jr/Am Mod Jumpers, Equitation and Medal Classes.

**Children's 12-17**: To be shown over a course with a min of 8 at fences 2'9" to 3'. May be combined. Riders may not cross enter into any class at the same show with fences exceeding 3'3" except Adult Jumpers, Jr/Am Mod Jumpers, Equitation and Medal Classes.

**Children's 11 & under**: Open to junior riders 11 & under. Fences 2'6".

**Pony Division**: Fences to be 2'-2'3". Open to junior riders 17 & under in age. Rider shall be emphasized in all classes. Ponies shall jump a course of a minimum of eight fences, no higher than 2'-2'3" in height, depending on the needs of the class. Ponies may enter like classes where eligible.

**USHJA Outreach Short/Long/Rusty Stirrup** : Fences set at 2'. Open to Jr/Am riders who have not shown over fences exceeding 2'3" during the current competition year. Riders may not compete in any class where fences exceed 2'3" at the same show. No Combinations or oxers.

**USHJA Outreach Green Rider Jr/Am**: Fences 2'3" open to Jr/Am. Riders may not have jumped fences 2'9" or higher at any show.

**USHJA Outreach Cross Rails**: Open to Jr/Am riders may not compete in any class where fences may be set at 2' or higher at any show. To be judged on the horsemanship of the rider (seat, hands, legs and control of mount), and safety shall be emphasized. Courses limited to eight jumps or less.

**USHJA Outreach Walk/Trot and Walk/Trot Hunter/Equitation over poles**: To be eligible for this division, a rider must not have competed in a walk/trot/canter flat class. Once they have competed in a walk/trot/canter class, they may not return to this division. To be judged on the horsemanship of the rider (seat, hands, legs and control of mount), correct diagonal and 2-point over poles. Safety shall be emphasized.

**Mrs. Horace Rupp Flat Class**: Open to Jr/Am riders. This is a hunt seat equitation class judged 40% on the horse's performance and conformation, 40% on the riders equitation and 20% on neatness. To be shown on the flat with the judge's top group to work off at judge's discretion. Horses and ponies shall not wear boots. The year-end high point winner will receive a perpetual trophy. Trainer and Rider must be SBCRC members and show in the class at least two times to count for year – end award. Points to follow the rider for year-end award.

## JUMPERS

**.70m Wake Up Open Jumpers:** Fences to be .70m in height. Table IV sec. 1 - Optimum time.

**.70m USHJA Outreach Wake Up Jumpers Child/Adult:** Fences to be .70m. Open to horse/rider combinations who have not shown over fences exceeding .95m in height during the current competition year. Table IV sec. 1 - Optimum time

**.75m Hopeful Open Jumpers:** Fences to be .75m in height

**.75m USHJA Outreach Hopeful Jumpers Child/Adult:** Fences to be .75m. Open to horse/rider combinations who have not shown over fences exceeding .95m in height during the current competition year.

**.80m Jumper Open Classic :** Entry fee to be \$75.00. If less than 5 entries class will be run for less prize money. Prize divided: 1st 50%, 2nd 30%, 3rd 20%. If less than 5 entries class will be run for 50% less prize money. Needs 3 entries to run.

**.85m Open Jumpers:** Fences to be .85m in height.

**.85m USHJA Outreach Pre-Child/Adult Jumpers:** Fences to be .85m. Open to horse/rider combinations who have not shown over fences exceeding 1m in height during the current competition year.

**.90m Open Jumpers:** Fences to be .90m in height.

**.90m USHJA Outreach Modified Child/Adult Jumpers:** Fences to be .90m. Open to Jr/Am riders.

**.95m USHJA Outreach Low Child/Adult Jumpers & Open Jumpers:** Fences to be .95m. Open to Jr/Am riders

**1.0m USHJA Outreach Low Child/AA & Open Jumpers:** Fences to be 1.0m. Open to Jr/Am riders

**1.10m Child/Adult & Open Jumpers:** Fences to be 1.10m. Open to Jr/Am riders

**1.0m Open Jumper Derby:** Entry fee to be \$75.00. Fences to be set at 1.0m. The course will include natural obstacles not normally seen in a typical show jumping class such as logs, water, hedges and other jumps. If less than 5 entries class will be run for 50% less prize money. Prize divided: 1<sup>st</sup> 30%, 2<sup>nd</sup> 25%, 3<sup>rd</sup> 20%. 4<sup>th</sup> 15% 5<sup>th</sup> 10%. In order to be eligible horse must have been entered in at least one other class at the same show. Horse must show in, and break timers but does not need to complete.

**1.10m Open Jumper Stake:** Entry fee to be \$75.00. Fences to be set at 1.10m. If less than 5 entries class will be run for 50% less prize money. Prize divided: 1<sup>st</sup> 30%, 2<sup>nd</sup> 25%, 3<sup>rd</sup> 20%. 4<sup>th</sup> 15% 5<sup>th</sup> 10%. In order to be eligible horse must have been entered in at least one other class at the same show. Horse must show in, and break timers but does not need to complete.

**Gambler's Choice:** Entry fee to be \$75.00. Fences set at 1.0m. Each obstacle carries from 10-120 points according to its difficulty. Combination obstacles are not allowed. The obstacles must be built so that they can be jumped in both directions. Points allocated to the obstacles may be repeated at the discretion of the course designer. The competitor is credited with the number of points carried by each obstacle that has been jumped correctly. Each competitor has 50-90 seconds. During this time obstacles may be jumped in either direction in any order. Each obstacle may be jumped twice. The starting line may be crossed in either direction. The competitor with the highest number of points wins. In the event of a tie the fastest time will

decide. Class needs 5 entries to run. If less than 5 entries class will be run for less prize money. Prize divided: 1st 50%, 2nd 30%, 3rd 20%. If less than 5 entries class will be run for 50% less prize money. Needs 3 entries to run.

**Rotating Rider Costume Class.** Teams of two compete over a course of 10 jumps where riders and horses jump a course set at .75m in height. Entry fee \$50/team. Each horse/rider combination must jump 5 jumps. Jumps must be jumped in order according to posted course. This class will be timed and faults are acquired when rails are knocked down. Winner is determined by fastest time and least amount of faults. Teams are encouraged to wear costumes and can pick their own music to ride to. Music must be turned in by 10am Saturday to the show office.

## **SBCRC MEDAL CLASSES**

The Santa Barbara County Riding Club offers three medal classes for its approved horse shows. Upon receipt of notification that an SBCRC Medal class will be held, the SBCRC shall provide a medal for each class. You must be a member of SBCRC to ride in a SBCRC medal class.

**SBCRC Hunt Seat Medal:** This class is open to junior and amateur riders who are members of SBCRC. To be judged over an equitation type course of a minimum of eight fences 2'9" in height, and may include one combination. The top four riders (if available) in the class must be asked to work off. A minimum of two entries must be judged over the course, in order to qualify for the finals. In order to qualify for the year-end medal finals a rider must ride in but not required to complete at least one class during the qualifying period. A rider may continue to ride in the class for the year-end high point award. The winner of the finals each year shall be ineligible for any future medal class in the same division. Points are awarded the same as regular SBCRC classes.

**SBCRC Green Rider Medal:** This class is open to junior and amateur members of SBCRC who qualify over fences in the medal class. To be shown over a course of up to eight fences not exceeding 2'3" in height, with no combinations. At the judge's discretion, the top four riders in the class may be asked to work off, using one or more of tests 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6 (trot and canter only) or any other tests that the judge deems suitable for the level of riders in the class. A minimum of two entries must be judged over the course, in order for the winner to qualify for the finals. In order to qualify for the year-end medal finals a rider must ride in but not required to complete at least one class during the qualifying period. A rider may continue to ride in the class for the year-end high point award. The winner of the finals each year shall be ineligible for

any future medal class in the same division. Points are awarded the same as regular SBCRC classes.

**Betsy Woods Horsemanship Medal:** A two phase event designed to test a rider's ability to demonstrate proper horsemanship as it relates to work on the flat and over fences. The point values will be combined in the ratio of 60% for jumping and 40% on the flat. Riders in the flat phase may be asked to ride at the walk, rising trot, rising trot demonstrating a lengthening of stride, sitting trot, canter, hand gallop and counter canter. No Martingales are permitted in the flat phase and only traditional hunter type bits may be used (gags, leverage bits and hackamores are prohibited). The jumping phase will take place over an equitation type course of a minimum of 8 obstacles set at 2'6". The course may include a bending line, roll back to a single jump, a hand gallop to a single jump and a trot fence. The course must have at least two changes in direction. Combinations are not allowed. The course should be ridden in a direct and prompt fashion. The jumping phase will be scored using the open numerical system. Riders who have not won a hunter, jumper or equitation class at 3' or over may compete in this class. In order to qualify for the year-end medal finals a rider must ride in but not required to complete at least one class during the qualifying period. A rider may continue to ride in the class for the year-end high point award. The winner of the finals each year shall be ineligible for any future medal class in the same division. Points are awarded the same as regular SBCRC classes.

### **High Point SBCRC Medal Year-End Award**

The high point leader will receive the Suzix Steedman Excellence in Equitation Perpetual Trophy presented at the annual awards banquet. Rider and Trainer must be a member

## **SBCRC MEDAL FINAL SPECS**

**SBCRC Jr/Am Medal Final:** At least three qualified riders are required to ride in the medal final in order for it run. The SBCRC Medal Finals will consist of two rounds over a two foot nine inches (2'9") course of equitation type fences. The first-round order will be drawn; the second round will be determined by rider score, low score to high. All riders will show in both rounds. If there is more than one judge, the judges will sit separately during the first two rounds. Each round will count fifty percent (50%). Judges' scores from each round will be averaged then averages will be added. A minimum of three riders will return to work off. The judges will sit together during the work off. The work-off scores will not be announced. The final placing's will be at the sole discretion of the Judges.

**Betsy Woods Horsemanship Medal Final:** At least three qualified riders are required to ride in the medal final in order for it run. The Betsy Woods Medal Finals will consist of two phases. The first phase is over an equitation type course of two foot six inches (2'6"). The first phase order will be drawn and count 60% of total score; the second phase will be a flat phase and count 40% of total score. No martingales in flat phase. All riders will show in both rounds. If there is more than one judge, the judges will sit separately during the first two phases. A minimum of three riders will return to work off over

fences. The judges will sit together during the work off. The work-off scores will not be announced. The final placing's will be at the sole discretion of the Judges.

**SBCRC Green Rider Medal Final:** At least three qualified riders are required to ride in the medal final in order for it run. The SBCRC Green Rider Medal Finals will consist of one round over a two foot three inches (2'3") beginner level equitation type course. The order will be drawn. A minimum of three riders will return to work off. The work-off scores will not be announced. The final placing's will be at the sole discretion of the Judges.

## **SBCRC SPECIAL YEAR-END AWARDS**

**Walter Cordero Award:** shall be given to the high-point junior rider in Children's Hunter and Equitation Divisions (one horse/one rider combination). The recipient shall be announced at the SBCRC year-end awards banquet. This award consists of a perpetual trophy and a \$200 scholarship, to be used specifically in furthering the recipient's riding career. Presentation shall be made at the Year-end awards banquet.

**President's Award:** shall be given to the high-point amateur rider in Adult Amateur Hunters and Equitation Divisions (one horse/one rider combination). The recipient shall be announced at the SBCRC year-end awards banquet and be presented with a perpetual trophy.

**King of Spades Adult Trophy:** to be presented to the high-point adult jumper rider/horse combination. This award consists of a perpetual trophy presented at the year-end banquet.

**Junior Green Rider High Point Trophy:** to be presented to high-point junior green rider/horse combination. This award consists of a perpetual trophy presented at the year-end banquet.

**Suzix Steedman Excellence in Equitation Perpetual Trophy:** To be awarded to the rider with the most points at end of the year in any of the SBCRC medal classes. Point accumulation tabulated according to the SBCRC point schedule. Rider and Trainer must be a member.

**Lynn Fieger Sportsmanship Award:** junior SBCRC members shall be nominated by the board on the basis of their exhibited sportsmanship, and final selection shall be made by the Fieger

family. The recipient shall be announced at the SBCRC year-ends awards banquet. This award consists of a perpetual trophy to be presented at the year-end awards banquet.

**Louise Caccese Sportsmanship Award:** shall be given to the young rider or amateur adult who best personifies the high standards and virtues of integrity, sportsmanship, honor, courage, team spirit, good temper and unselfishness. Their trainers shall nominate SBCRC junior/amateur members by submitting to the board, why they feel this nominee is deserving of this award. The board shall determine the final recipient. To be eligible for this award, all members must have exhibited in the Cross Rail Division in at least 50% SBCRC shows that the Cross Rail Division is offered. The recipient shall be announced at the SBCRC year-end awards banquet and be presented with a perpetual trophy.

**Santa Barbara Amateur Achievement Award:** dedicated to the spirit of amateur horsemanship. This award shall be given to an amateur member who has shown significant improvement over the preceding year, while exhibiting a sense of fair play and enthusiasm for the sport. The board shall determine the recipient. To be eligible for this award a member must have exhibited in the English Division in at least one show sponsored by the SBCRC. The recipient shall be announced at the SBCRC year-end awards banquet and be presented with a perpetual trophy.

**Obern-Hoeffliger Recognition Award:** The Board of Directors will recognize a special individual who shows outstanding support of SBCRC. The recipient shall be announced at the SBCRC year-end awards banquet and be presented with a perpetual trophy. Final selection to be made by the Obern-Hoeffliger family.

**Betsy Woods Memorial Trophy:** To be awarded to any member of SBCRC who has made a significant display of excellence in horsemanship. This person would epitomize the art, ability, skill and gentle manner of a true horseman as did Betsy Woods. In order to be considered, nominations need to be made in writing to the board with a brief description of the qualities exemplified by nominee which would make them deserving of this honor.

**Mrs. Horace Rupp Flat Class:** Open to Jr/Am riders. This is a hunt seat equitation class judged 40% on the horse's performance and conformation, 40% on the riders equitation and 20% on neatness. To be shown on the flat with the judge's top group to work off at judge's discretion. Horses and ponies shall not wear boots. The year-end high point winner will receive a perpetual trophy. Trainer and Rider must be SBCRC members and show in the class at least two times to count for year – end award. Points to follow the rider for year-end award.

## **POINTS AND YEAR-END AWARDS**

Show Champion to be determined by 10, 6, 4, 2, 1, .5. Ties to be broken by points in over fences classes.

Riders must compete in at least 51% of the SBCRC Hosted shows in that year to be eligible for year end points. Riders must compete in the same division at two shows in order to be eligible for year end points. Rider and Trainer must be members of SBCRC for points to count.

Championships are awarded to the horse and/or rider combinations accumulating the most points. Points are tabulated for annual year-end awards in all SBCRC approved divisions. Ribbons and awards shall be presented to the champion and reserve champion.

A division can be run with only one entry. Single entry will receive the appropriate points to go toward year-end awards. However, in order for a show championship and reserve championship to be awarded a division must have 2 entries.

High point Equitation/Medal awards are earned solely by the rider.  
High point Hunter awards are earned solely by the horse.  
High point Jumper awards are earned solely by the horse.

In the SBCRC Hunter and Equitation divisions, for any given show, points won on the flat will not count for year-end awards, unless the horse or rider competes (horse to have jumped at least one jump) in at least one class over fences in the same division.

Tabulation of points for each SBCRC member shall begin from the date membership fees are paid. **No points will count prior to payment of membership fees.** If a member's check is returned to show management, points for that show will not count until all indebtedness to said show has been cleared.

**The rider and trainer of the horse must be members of SBCRC to accrue points.** A lease, by the rider, for a minimum of three months shall be construed as valid ownership. SBCRC may, at the discretion of the board, require proof of a lease to be placed on file with the club. An agent may sign entry forms to enter a horse into a class. Such agent's membership will not transfer to owner, lease holder or rider of horse for the purpose of accruing points.

In order to accrue **full points**, three exhibitors must be entered, shown, and judged in the class.

Points shall be awarded as follows:  
Three or more in class: 10, 6, 4, 2, 1, .5  
Two or less in a class: 5, 4

Points for combined classes shall be awarded by placing the total number of riders in the class. **Point protests must be lodged, in writing, not later than two weeks from the date on which the points are published online at sbcrc.com.**



## **MISCELLANEOUS SHOW RULES**

1. Show management must have a current SBCRC Rule Book available to exhibitors.
2. When an exhibitor and/or his family and/or trainer's family or another representative acting on behalf of exhibitor is guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct, SBCRC may suspend rights of said exhibitor, family, or trainer to participate in future shows, for a period deemed appropriate.
3. Cruelty to and abuse of a horse by any person at an SBCRC competition which are deemed excessive by a judge or board member in the competition ring or anywhere on the competition grounds is forbidden. Such action(s) could include, but are not limited to excessive use of whip, spurs, tacked nose-bands and poling. The Board may bar violators from further participation for the remainder of the competition.
4. Show protests must be made in writing, signed, and addressed to the secretary of the show. A \$50 cash fee must accompany PROTESTS. The show committee, show manager,

or show secretary must receive protests within 48 hours of the alleged violation. A judge's decision may not be protested.

5. Show management must follow exact class specifications for approved classes.
6. Refunds will be made only with a veterinary or doctor's certificate, minus the office fee of \$25, unless specifically stated otherwise in the premium.
7. Any exhibitor whose entry fee payment check is returned by the bank for any reason shall lose all points for said show until indebtedness has been cleared.
8. All courses and orders in classes must be posted one half hour prior to classes for which information is intended.
9. Adds/Scratches: SBCRC shows have a schooling day before the shows begin. Adds may be made at no extra charge until 5 PM Friday. Scratches will receive full credit providing they are scratched by 5 PM on Friday. After 5 PM, Friday, a post entry penalty of \$5 per class will be charged for added classes. If classes are scratched through the horse show office and prior to the start of the class, a full refund will be given. Any check returned by the bank will be charged a \$50.00 penalty.
10. SBCRC maintains a mailing list of all members. Such mailing list will not be sold to any individual, business or organization. Such mailing list may be shared with entities to use for mailings that may be of interest to SBCRC members.
11. As a condition of participation in SBCRC shows, all riders, owners, lessees, trainers, managers, agents, coaches, handlers and spectators agree to hold the officers, directors, and employees harmless for any actions taken. All participants agree that they participate voluntarily in the competition fully aware that horse sports and the competition involve inherent dangerous risk of serious injury or death. By participating they expressly assume any and all risks of injury or loss and they agree to indemnify and hold SBCRC harmless from and against all claims including for any injury or loss suffered during or in connection with the competition whether or not such claim, injury or loss, resulted directly or indirectly from the negligent acts or omissions of the officers, directors, or employees of the SBCRC.
12. Medication of horses is regulated and tested by the State of California and the USEF. All current guidelines must be followed. Penalties for violating medication requirements shall follow accepted procedure, in accordance with USEF and the California Department of Food and Agriculture, Animal Health Branch.

## **GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES**

A complaint must be made in writing to The Secretary of Shows, P.O Box 54 Goleta, Ca 93116. The Board of Directors will review and act on all complaints and will make a decision accordingly. A \$50 cash fee must accompany PROTESTS. The Board then has the power to impose an appropriate penalty. Written notification of the Board's decision and proposed penalty, if any, will be sent to the respondent informing him/her of the nature of the complaint. The complainant will also receive a copy of this notification. The written notification shall inform the respondent of his/her right to appeal the Board's decision and proposed penalty at the next SBCRC board meeting. The complainant may also appear at this board meeting. If the

respondent does not appear at the scheduled board meeting the Board's decision becomes final. If the respondent does appear at the scheduled board meeting, the Board of Directors will hear the respondent's appeal and shall then make its final decision out of the presence of complainant and respondent regarding the complaint and notify both parties of its decision in writing.

## OFFICIALS

**Managers and Secretaries:** All shows must have an adult manager and secretary. Manager and secretary must be familiar with the rules of the SBCRC. Any issue arising at a show should be brought to the attention of the following officials in the stated order: President, Vice-President.

**Judges:** The horse show judge must be a USEF/USHJA or SFHJA approved judge residing outside Santa Barbara County. Names of unregistered judges must be submitted to the SBCRC Horse Show Committee for board approval. Any judge may officiate at only one regular and one limited member show per calendar year. Restrictions of judges are specified in the USEF Rule Book, Rule X.

**Course Designers:** While formal approval is not required, course designer should be acceptable to the SBCRC Horse Show Committee. Course designer needs to be familiar with SBCRC rules, to facilitate running the show and be a member of USHJA.

## SBCRC Approved Shows

Each show must conform to the following requirements to achieve sanctioning by the Santa Barbara County Riding Club (SBCRC).

**a. Location:** SBCRC approves shows located within a one hundred and fifty mile radius of Santa Barbara County

**b. Medal Class Fee:** SBCRC sanctioned shows must collect five dollars (\$5.00) per rider in the Medal classes and submit payment along with the official SBCRC Results Form within ten (10) day period after the show is held.

**g. Minimum Point Class Requirement:** In addition to the three medal classes, at least ten (10) divisions sanctioned by SBCRC, consisting of two or more over fences classes and one flat, must be held.

**i. Membership Form:** The SBCRC membership application must appear in the prize list, on website and/or printed in the show office at all approved shows. A manager who fails to provide access to the membership form will be fined twenty-five dollars (25.00) for such error.

**j. SBCRC Approval and Mileage:** Only one show is permitted per weekend within 75 miles of each other. If an existing sanctioned show conflicts with a new show, the existing show manager must give approval to the new show manager before sanctioning can be given to the new event. A manager may hold SBCRC sanctioned "medals-only" sanctioned show. There are no restrictions for shows within our designated area but are 75 miles or more apart.

**k. Show Dates:** Show Dates issued to managers with seniority will be comparable to those dates of the previous year provided that the established shows date application are received in the SBCRC office by January 1st of each year. The SBCRC shall not be obliged to award an available date to anybody, even if no other manager applies for such open date.

**l. Show Changes:** If a show manager wishes to request a change in venue for an approved show already listed on the SBCRC calendar for the current year, such request must be made in writing and received by the SBCRC at least thirty(30) days prior to the show date. Requests, which are not made in compliance with these terms, will not be considered.

**m. Warm-Up:** A warm-up area must be large enough for a number of horses to warm-up at the same time. At least two jumps, a vertical and a spread fence, must be set for schooling.

**n. Show Year:** No shows will be held before the third week in January. The show year will end November 30 of every year.

**p. Insurance Coverage:** All show managers must provide the SBCRC show coordinator with a copy of the show insurance and must indicate the SBCRC as an additional insured prior to the commencement of the show.

**t. "Medals-Only" Sanctioning:** "Medals-only" sanctioning, will be approved without additional restrictions.