

7. Recognized Shows:

- A. The annual show ~~year season~~ shall start December 1 and continue through the Final Show (“Finals”) - which will be no later than the 2nd weekend of October - with the ~~approval of the Executive Board~~ **boards approval**. Stewards for the NIHJA Finals ~~Horse Show~~ will be comprised of a group of three (3) NIHJA Board Members, no USEF Steward required. The weekend prior to the final show date will be an off-weekend.
- B. Horseshow dates will be finalized at a lottery to be held after the Annual Meeting. Horseshow Managers, or their authorized representatives, who are eligible may participate in the Annual Horseshow Lottery (“Lottery”) may participate. All Horseshow dates determined by the Lottery will be allotted to the Horseshow Manager and not designated to or associated with a particular facility.
1. Horseshow Manager eligibility: In order to qualify to be a Horseshow Manager and participate in the Lottery, an individual must have been a Horse Manager for a NIHJA show in the previous year with at least 40 participating NIHJA member riders; or an active participant in NIHJA for the immediate past five (5) years as Trainer or Rider and has participated in at least four (4) shows in each of those years; or a recognized Trainer on a recognized circuit including but not limited, to USHJA “A” or “B” Circuit.
 2. At the time of the lottery draw, each Horseshow Manager must designate another person to be the Show Manager on premises for the duration of his or her horseshow, in the event the Horseshow Manager cannot be present.
 3. Only one (1) person per can select a show date(s) for a Horseshow Manager.
 4. Once the NIHJA Horseshow dates have been drawn by the Horseshow Managers, these dates are not property right and date(s) cannot be sold, given away or transferred. Should the need arise, Horseshow Managers may request to trade existing dates in the same season with another Horseshow Manager, pursuant to the approval of the Executive Board.
 5. Should a Horseshow Manger become unable, due to illness or death, to proceed with his or her show, that show maybe taken over by a family member to be designated in the NIHJA Horseshow Agreement but must adhere to all horseshow requirements in Appendix A.

~~To participate in the show date lottery, you must be the authorized represent, or be the management of that show for the entire length of the horse show. The show must be billed under that show management name. Show Managers must be present throughout the entire horse show. Only one (1) person per applicant can select a show date.~~

C. There shall be no co-recognition with other Hunter and Jumper associations. ~~with the exception of USEF and USHJA.~~

D. Fees for NIHJA recognition are as stated in Section 3C.

E. ~~Horseshow Managers Show Management requesting dates at the Annual Meeting must meet the following requirements. Show Management eligible for the first drawing in the Lottery at the Annual Meeting must be a member in good standing in the current year and have held a recognized NIHJA show with at least 40 NIHJA member riders.~~ **who held a recognized NIHJA show the previous year but failed to meet the 40 NIHJA member rider minimum for that year will not result in the loss of Lottery draw eligibility, however,** failure to meet the 40 NIHJA member rider minimum for two consecutive years will result in a loss of ~~first round~~ draw eligibility. **In the event that there be available dates remaining after all eligible Horseshow Managers have drawn, then the Horseshow Manager who failed to meet minimum rider requirements for their show two consecutive years may draw for the remaining date(s).** If a **Horseshow Manager Show Management will** cannot meet the 40 NIHJA member rider minimum and chooses to cancel the show, the deadline to cancel the show without penalty will be the Monday prior to the competition at 5pm. The NIHJA President, ~~NIHJA Association~~ Secretary/**Treasurer** and all trainers of received entries and stall reservations must receive notification of cancellation by that time. **The Horseshow Manager Show Management** will incur a fine of \$250 if this rule is violated. Exceptions will be considered by the **NIHJA Executive** Board in cases of extreme circumstances.

Competition Calendar- The ~~current 2024 NIHJA Board~~ **Executive Board** will suggest the ~~2025~~ the **next year's** calendar of available show dates and mail the suggested dates to ~~2024~~ show managers with the Annual Meeting agenda.

The Show **year** will be divided into two (2) separate horse show draw seasons:

- 1) A winter season ending on April 15
- 2) A summer season ending with NIHJA Finals.

3) There shall be no more than 16 Horseshows plus Finals in a Show year, with no more than 11 Horseshows in the summer season. in any given show season. The Show ~~year season~~ will be divided into two (2) separate horse show draws, **one for each season:**

~~Management Horseshow Show Mangers that has been continually fined for contract infractions will not be able to draw from the first lottery winter or summer draws. A second lottery draw for winter or summer will be open to all Show Management desiring to host a show.~~ A Show facility will be limited to host only two (2) shows per season, unless due to an emergency type situation (closure or quarantine of a facility, loss of use of facility, safety concerns at a facility) and the approval of the **NIHJA Executive** Board a third (3rd) show may be hosted at the facility.

The NIHJA Finals have no restrictions on facilities and may be the third (3rd) show at any facility meeting the requirements of our Association and with the capabilities to host the event. A majority vote of the Executive Board can make exceptions to show date availability. ~~"Good Standing" is determined at the discretion of the Executive~~

~~Board. Any dates after the Annual Meeting will be awarded to the residual requests kept from the lottery.~~

F. Show Managers ~~ments~~ will be limited to no more than two (2) draws for recognized shows per season. All Show Managers ~~ment~~ must inform the NIHJA President and Executive Board by December 1 of the location of their NIHJA show. If the location of the declared facility ~~requires to be to be changeds~~, the ~~NIHJA board~~ **the Executive Board** must approve **the change of facility** and requires 30 days ~~change~~ notice prior **to that horse show.**

~~G. Simultaneous NIHJA recognized shows are permitted provided they are greater than 50 miles apart. Simultaneous recognized shows within the 50 mile limit may be permitted provided the Show Management's of both shows agree.~~

~~H~~G. Cancellations, change of show dates and new show dates will be permitted provided the new show date does not conflict with any NIHJA rules and the Show Management sends notice by postcard or letter via first class mail or email to all current members at least thirty (30) days prior to the invalid show date. Failure to do so will result in loss of recognition at future shows for the remainder of that show season and for the following show season, forfeiture of any fees paid, and further disciplinary or punitive action as the Executive Board may see fit. Horse shows can not be traded, sold or transferred. Any cancellations will be awarded to the next party on the waiting list.

~~H~~H. At a recognized show, the decision of the show steward(s) is final and supersedes all others made by the Show Management. Two (2) NIHJA Board Members will be appointed official stewards at a NIHJA Horse Show, however if one of the appointed Stewards is not available another NIHJA Board Member present at that Show may be appointed an acting steward.

During a NIHJA competition should a competitor, trainer or parent wish to approach the judge a NIHJA Steward must be contacted and be present.

~~I~~I. Mandatory and Optional Divisions, see Section 8K.

~~K~~J. Either two (2) day or three (3) day shows are allowed. A two (2) day show must be held on Saturday and Sunday, a three (3) day show must be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, however an exception may be made to accommodate a show date that falls on a major holiday (i.e. Easter Sunday). There are to be no more than two recognized shows in any month when there are four (4) Saturdays or four (4) Sundays in that month, and no more than three recognized shows in a month when there are five (5) Saturdays or five (5) Sundays in that month. When the Finals are in September, there may be three (3) shows. There may not be more than two (2) shows in any three week period. The Finals may be four (4) full days. The final horse show must have a minimum of 2 rings. The five (5) NIHJA Medal Finals requires two (2) "R" Judges.

~~L~~**K.** The NIHJA Board reserves the right to refuse show dates to applicants who do not meet the Show Standards listed in Appendix A. Applicants must meet all standards sixty (60) days prior to the Horse Show date.

~~M~~**L.** All recognized shows must conform to the NIHJA standards for recognized shows (Appendix A) and sign the appropriate **Horses**Show Agreement.

~~N~~**M.** A \$50.00 penalty for each violation of a NIHJA Show Standard, NIHJA rule or USEF rule may be assessed by the Executive Board.