



2017 Las Cruces Horseman's Association
 Hunter / Jumper Rules

- The contestant's age on Jan.1 will determine the qualifying age group for the year.
- LCHA will not be held responsible/liable for accidents or losses of any kind.
- When mounted, riders must wear protective helmets and boots/shoes with heels.
- Stallion shown under discretion of manager.
- A horse may be allowed to compete in three divisions if one of the divisions is Walk/Trot. Otherwise each horse is limited to two divisions.
- At the sole discretion of the judge and/or show management, any horse and/or rider may be excused from the ring if deemed dangerous to themselves or others.
- Horses that are obvious kickers must exhibit a red ribbon on their tails at all times or they will not be allowed to compete.
- Exhibitors will be given a one-minute gate.
- All entries, including all fees, must be made on LCHA forms and must be completed in their entirety.
- No refunds after closing date will be made except in the case of accident or injury.
- **TO QUALIFY FOR YEAR END AWARDS—RIDERS MUST BE A CURRENT MEMBER OF LCHA AT THE TIME OF THE SHOW, Rider/Horse combo must compete in 2 out of the 4 classes per division in at least 4 out of the 6 shows to be eligible for year-end awards. Must also complete your workhours or pay the work fee.**
- Points will be determined by the number of riders in a class. We will use a rolling point system for year-end awards. LCHA may determine a show to award double points at any point in the year. It will be announced before the start of the show.
- If a show is Double Point, two judges will be hired for the show. Each judge will give placings and points will be added together for final point total for each rider.

Single/Double Points Table

| # of Riders in Class | Points | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | 1 st Place | 2 nd Place | 3 rd Place | 4 th place | 5 th place | 6 th Place |
| 1 | 2 pts | | | | | |
| 2 | 3pts | 1pt | | | | |
| 3 | 4pts | 2pt | 1pt | | | |
| 4 | 5pts | 3pts | 2pts | 1pt | | |
| 5 | 7pts | 5pts | 3pts | 2pts | 1pt | |
| 6 | 7pts | 5pts | 4pts | 3pts | 2pts | 1pt |

- LCHA is not responsible for the decisions of any judge. Placings are final.
- Any protests must be made to the show manager before the next class is completed in order to be considered. Failure to respond in a timely manner will result in the waiving of any and all complaints that may have arisen. The show management has the final decision.
- Classes with fewer than three entries may be cancelled or combined.
- Regulation snaffles, pelhams and full bridles, all with cavesson nose bands, are recommended.
- A judge may penalize for non-conventional types of bits or nosebands. Martingales of any type are prohibited in Under Saddle classes. Standing martingales are allowed for all over fence classes. All other martingales may be considered unconventional. Boots, wraps and bandages are prohibited in hunter classes.
- Striding will not be adjusted for ponies, however, small and medium ponies will not be penalized for adding strides.
- Hunter classes will be judged on way of going, manners, and soundness with emphasis on suitability to rider
- Equitation classes will be judged on hands, seat, and general horsemanship, plus guidance and control
- Medal classes will be judged on hands, seat, and general horsemanship, plus guidance and control. Will be a slightly more difficult course (relevant to division)
- Handy hunter classes will be judged as a combo of hunter & equitation. May have a halt, back, or trot fence on course or any combination of above. May also have a natural jump such as a log, brush, etc...
- Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times