



THANK YOU FOR JOINING WASHINGTON STATE HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION

Washington State Hunter Jumper Association was established over fifty years ago to bring together a small group of horsemen and women who shared a common interest in the sport of Hunters and Jumpers. Over the years, WSHJA has continued to evolve to meet the changing needs of its membership. Today, WSHJA is over 350 members strong and growing. To meet the needs of a large and diverse membership, WSHJA has developed two awards systems to track points accrued from Hunter/Jumper competitions throughout the state and the country. Each year, its members are recognized with an annual celebratory year-end awards banquet. In addition WSHJA offers scholarships to qualified riders to help cover some of the costs of traveling across the country to National championships. And of course, WSHJA continues to produce some of the highest quality hunter/jumper shows in the state.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT WSHJA MEMBERSHIP

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF BEING A MEMBER?

As a member of WSHJA, you will receive:

- The opportunity to participate in the WSHJA Annual Awards Program at either a National or State level, earning points accruing towards year end championships. Includes an invitation to the 2010 Annual Awards Banquet.
- Exclusive invitations to educational events, including judges' clinics, trainer symposiums, and a range of lectures by locally and nationally renowned experts in a range of equestrian related fields.
- Access to a community of horse loving individuals who share your interest and passion for the hunter/jumper sport.
- Free subscription to Flying Changes magazine.

REGULAR MEMBERS also receive:

- Access to WSHJA Scholarships to financially aid in attending Regional and National out-of-state Equitation, Hunter, and Jumper Finals
- Voting privileges at general membership meetings

WHAT TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP SHOULD I SIGN UP FOR?

If you are a Washington State resident who owns or leases a horse or pony you should join as a REGULAR MEMBER. This entitles you to register your horse in either the State or National Awards program and receive full membership, voting and scholarship privileges.

WSHJA also offers an ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP. Associate membership is for out-of-state residents who may register themselves and their horses for the award programs but are not entitled to voting or scholarship rights.

I AM LEASING A HORSE. WHAT KIND OF MEMBERSHIP DO I NEED AND HOW DO I RECORD THE HORSE?

In order to receive full membership benefits, you should join as a REGULAR MEMBER, register the horse under your name as lessee, and include a copy of the lease agreement with your membership application. Make sure that you and the horse are recorded with the points program you wish to compete under (State or National).

MY FAMILY MEMBER OWNS THE HORSE I AM RIDING. WHAT DO I DO?

You would need to become a member to receive your equitation points. Your family member would need to become a member also in order to record the horse for points. Make sure that the horse is recorded with the points program you wish to compete under (State or National).

WHAT IS A FARM MEMBERSHIP?

A Farm Membership is a lifetime business membership for farms, stables and trainers. Farm memberships do not include voting or scholarship rights, however, a business may record horses for points. If a trainer would like full benefits, they must join as a REGULAR MEMBER.

WHAT IS A SINGLE SHOW MEMBERSHIP?

A Single Show Membership is only available at WSHJA presented shows and only good for that one show. It provides rights to enter yourself and your horses at that show. It includes no other WSHJA membership benefits and NO points are accumulated or recorded.

WHAT ARE THE NATIONAL AND STATE POINTS PROGRAMS?

WSHJA offers both a National and State point program in order to provide year-end award recognition to all of our diverse membership. The NATIONAL PROGRAM tabulates points towards recognized year end awards at all USEF NATIONWIDE and/or Equine Canada Regular Member shows. The STATE PROGRAM counts points accrued at USEF Regular and USEF Local member shows in the State of Washington only. Complete lists of the NATIONAL PROGRAM and the STATE PROGRAM High Score Awards are located in the WSHJA By-Laws.

WHICH POINTS PROGRAM SHOULD I JOIN?

In order to decide which points program is best you, ask yourself where you will do most of your showing this season.

- If you plan on competing out-of-state, you should sign up for the NATIONAL PROGRAM. The NATIONAL PROGRAM will count points from shows both in and out of Washington, including Canada. The horse must compete in at least TWO USEF Washington State horse shows to be eligible for year-end hunter or jumper awards. For equitation awards, the rider must compete in at least TWO USEF shows in Washington to be eligible for year-end awards.
- If you plan on competing primarily within Washington, then sign up for the STATE PROGRAM. Keep in mind that any points earned outside the state of Washington will NOT count towards a year-end award under the WSHJA STATE PROGRAM.

WHAT SHOWS COUNT FOR NATIONAL POINTS?

For the NATIONAL PROGRAM, any points acquired at a USEF or Equine Canada Regular Member show counts towards WSHJA year end awards. Points are tabulated based on the rating of the division, the amount of prize money offered, and the number of entries per class. A "Regular" competition is licensed as such through the USEF and receives a rating based on divisions and sections offered. Points from Equine Canada shows must follow USEF rules for A, B, or C ratings in order to be tabulated and a prize list is required.

Examples of a few of the NATIONAL PROGRAM shows that members have previously attended are:

- WSHJA shows; Monroe, WA such as the Spring National Series
- Oregon High Desert shows; Bend, OR
- Thunderbird Show Park shows; Langley, BC, Canada
- Team NW shows; Wilsonville, OR
- HITS shows; Thermal, CA; Tucson, AZ
- LEG shows; Burbank, CA; Menlo Park, CA; Parker, CO

WHAT SHOWS COUNT FOR STATE POINTS?

STATE PROGRAM points are acquired at USEF Regular and USEF Local member shows within Washington. Both of these types of shows are licensed by the USEF, but divisions at a "Local" competition are non-rated. A "Regular" competition receives a rating based on divisions and sections offered. "Local" member shows will not have rated hunter divisions, but may offer equitation and jumper classes.

Examples of a few of the STATE PROGRAM shows that members have previously attended are:

- WSHJA shows; Monroe, WA
- Pacific NW H/J; Monroe, WA
- Octoberfest shows; Auburn, WA
- LWSC Rated shows; Kirkland, WA
- Bainbridge Island Classic; Bainbridge Island, WA

"Schooling" shows, "Fun" shows, and Washington State Horseman (WSH) shows DO NOT count toward the State Program since they are not licensed by USEF.

CAN I SWITCH POINTS PROGRAMS?

Yes you can, but there are some restrictions. An equitation rider or a horse is allowed one change per year between the National and the State Programs. The Points Chair must be contacted in writing of such a change. Applicable points are transferable between programs ONLY for changes made prior to June 1st each show year.

DO I NEED TO BE A MEMBER TO GET INVOLVED WITH WSHJA?

No, you do not need to be a member to get involved. We welcome anyone who would like to volunteer their time or skills to help the Washington State Hunter Jumper Association's member community!