

# 2020 Raise the Bar Rules

## Award Rules

- Points will be based on horse/rider combination.
- Riders must participate in 2 Raise the Bar Circuit shows on the same horse.
- Points will count from all shows attended.
- Riders must use the same name for each horse at each show. Riders should verify the show name of their horse so that points are correctly recorded. Same thing for the rider name.
- Awards: Grand & Reserve Champion Ribbons and special prizes for each age division. Awards for placing 1st thru 6th in each division. Professional Awards – One cumulative division award for each horse/rider combination (1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>) for divisions 18-2' and under and one cumulative division award for each professional horse/rider combination (1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>) for divisions 2' and above. Each of the two cumulative Professional Divisions will receive Grand & Reserve Champion Ribbons and special prizes for those top two placings. An Overall Rider Award for each age division will be given based on points earned in Equitation Classes (on the flat and over fences). Professionals are exempt from the overall rider award.
- At shows, for each class riders will be awarded 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> placings.
- Four Divisions - 14 & under, 15-19, 20 & Up, and Professional if warranted except for Leadline and Walk pole classes. Leadline will be limited to riders age 8 and under. Walk pole classes will be limited to riders age 12 years and under.
- Rider age is determined by the age of the rider on January 1st of that year (not dependent upon when they have a birthday). Riders will ride in the same age division all year. Each rider must have their date of birth recorded in the Raise the Bar database. It is the rider's responsibility to make sure the correct date is recorded. It is also the responsibility of the rider to enter the correct age division at the shows.
- Equitation Classes (Over Fences and on the Flat) will be offered at all shows and count towards the overall year end award points for each division except for the professional division.
- The Year End Awards will be given out at the Year End Awards Presentation during the January/February of the following year.
- Riders must make arrangements to pick up their Year End Awards by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Raise the Bar Circuit show the same year presented or it may be forfeited.

## General Rules

- Formal attire not required, but helmets and proper foot ware are required when mounted on any horse or pony at anytime at the show facility.
- Any mounted persons must have a signed show liability release form on file.
- Flat classes not to canter in poles or crossbars. At judge's discretion for 18'-2' hunter classes.
- Canter in pole classes will be penalized.
- Canter in crossbar over fences classes is not required, but not to be penalized.
- Running martingales (with proper stops) and standing martingales will be allowed in hunter classes over fences. Martingales of any type are not permitted in flat classes.
- For details on each individual show, visit each the RTB Facebook page or the facilities' website or phone or e-mail the facility contact.