



The Board of Directors of the Associated Horse Shows is pleased to sponsor six different Hunter Derby events this year. These classes are only open to AHS Members and registered Horses/Ponies that have competed this season in at least three AHS horse shows prior to the day of the event. Horse or pony/rider combinations may only compete in one of the Derby classes at each show and must be entered and compete in an AHS division the day of the Derby.

The Derbies will be held at two heights, one at each event this year:

- 2' Derby with 2'3" options for those competing at 2'3" and under this year
- 2'6" Derby with 2'9" options for those competing at 2'6" and higher this year

These Hunter Derbies will run as two round classes. The first round is judged as a Hunter Classic with an emphasis on style and brilliance over a course of fences found typically in the hunt field. The second round is judged as a Handy Hunter with an emphasis placed on style, brilliance, and rideability. Only the top 8 competitors will be called back at the judges' discretion to ride in the second round. The Derby courses can include rollbacks, trot fences, long gallops, and option fences set at different heights with varying approaches. Two judges (one holding at least an "r" card) must judge these classes together, using numerical scores. Handy bonus points and height-option bonus points can be awarded for the second round, at the judges' discretion.

Each Derby will be awarded neck sashes through eighth place with prizes awarded to First-place exhibitors.

Please note that there will be a posted order of go for each of the Derbies, exhibitors failing to enter the ring within one minute of their call to compete will forfeit their trip. Scores from the prior round must be announced before the next exhibitor enters the ring.

For questions, please contact the AHS Board at board@associatedhorseshow.com