



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE MARSHALL & STERLING INSURANCE LEAGUE?

The Marshall & Sterling Insurance League was first designed to encourage and enhance the competition level of Children’s and Adult riders by providing the opportunity to compete at our prestigious National Finals. For over three decades, the Marshall & Sterling Insurance League has stayed at the forefront of hunter/jumper competition, having grown from 10 member shows and approximately 100 riders in 1991, to over 1,100 horse shows and nearly 2,000 riders today.

SO, WHAT DIVISIONS COUNT?

The League will offer finals for the following divisions:

Hunters	Jumpers	Equitation
Children’s Hunter Horse Children’s Hunter S/M Pony Children’s Hunter Large Pony Adult Amateur Hunter MOVEX™ Hunter Bit O’ Straw Hunter Classic *HITS Hunter 1 (2’0”) *HITS Hunter 2 (2’6”)	Children’s Jumper Adult Amateur Jumper *Low Child/Adult Jumper *Modified Child/Adult Jumpers	M&S Junior Medal (3’6”) Children’s Horse Medal (3’) Adult Medal (3’) M&S Children’s S/M Pony Medal M&S Children’s Large Pony Medal M&S 2’6” Children’s Medal M&S 2’6” Adult Medal M&S Junior/Amateur Horsemanship

**HITS Exclusives – Offered at HITS horse shows only.*

WHEN AND WHERE ARE THE FINALS HELD?

National Finals

The National Finals will be held September 15-19, 2021. The location for National Finals is HITS-on-the-Hudson, Saugerties, New York.

Midwest Regional Finals

HITS Chicago will host the M&S Midwest Regional Finals for Children’s and Adult Hunters and Jumpers, as well as all eight Medal divisions. This event will take place at Lamplight Equestrian Center, Wayne, Illinois during the Showplace Fall Classic I on September 15-19, 2021

Indoor Finals

Great New York State Fair Expo Center will host the M&S Indoor Finals for all M&S Divisions. This event will take place in Syracuse, New York on October 27-31 2021.



WHAT ARE THE DATES OF THE 2021 SEASON?

The competition dates for 2021 are August 24, 2020 – August 29, 2021

HOW DO EXHIBITORS GET RANKED IN THE NATIONAL STANDINGS?

Hunters and Jumpers:

Horses will be ranked based on points earned in their division during the season. A horse's points will be recorded only if the rider of record is a current League Member. A horse may accrue points in any division for which it is eligible, and may accrue points in multiple divisions, with multiple riders, provided the rider of record is a current League Member.

Equitation:

Points follow the rider. Riders must be members in order for their points to count.

HOW ARE POINTS CALCULATED?

Points will be awarded to sixth place in each division in the same manner as Hunter Championships (i.e.; 10, 6, 4, 2, 1, ½). Points will be awarded on this scale regardless of the number of entries in the class. Points will be awarded according to the ribbon won. Bonus Points will be awarded to the Champion (10 pts.) and Reserve Champion (6 pts.) in each Hunter division, except the M&S Bit O' Straw. Only horses shown by Member Riders will have their points recorded.

DO ALL EXHIBITORS NEED TO BECOME MEMBERS OF THE LEAGUE?

Riders must be members of the Marshall & Sterling League in order for points to count. Points will not be retroactive. Non-members may compete, but will not earn points.

HOW DOES A HORSE SHOW BECOME A MEMBER OF THE MARSHALL & STERLING INSURANCE LEAGUE?

Show managers must apply to the Marshall & Sterling Insurance League office to become a member horse show. Application must be made at least 30 days before each show. Applications are available through our office or may be downloaded from our website at HitsShows.com.

Multiple-day horse shows (three days or more) may apply to hold all of the Marshall & Sterling Insurance League divisions. One- and Two-day shows that have held only the medal classes in the past will now be eligible to offer all divisions if they choose, and should contact our office for information and an updated contract.

Note: The League reserves the right to limit the number of shows, in the same category, in a geographic area with the same or overlapping dates.



WHAT ARE THE FEES ASSOCIATED WITH BECOMING A MEMBER HORSE SHOW?

Three-Day+ Shows: Show Dues for shows three days or more is a flat fee of \$200.

One and Two-Day Shows: Show Dues is \$5 per entry in each point class, with a maximum fee of \$200.

WHAT CLASSES CAN BE OFFERED?

All horse shows may offer the following:

Hunters/Jumpers

MOVEX™ Hunter (3'5") – <i>New Sponsor</i> Children's Hunter Horse Classic Children's Hunter S/M Pony Classic Children's Hunter Large Pony Classic	Adult Hunter Classic – <i>Sponsored by SmartPak™</i> Bit O' Straw Classic Children's Jumper Classic Adult Jumper Classic
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Equitation

Child Horse Medal (3') – <i>Sponsored by Pyranha™</i> Adult Medal (3') – <i>Sponsored by Dover Saddlery™</i> M&S Child S/M Pony Medal (2') M&S Child Large Pony Medal (2'6")	M&S Junior Medal (3'6") M&S 2'6" Child Medal M&S 2'6" Adult Medal M&S Junior/Amateur Horsemanship
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WHAT RESULTS DO I NEED TO SEND IN?

The horse show must submit class results showing places 1-6 if available for the classics and medals listed above. If the MOVEX™ Hunter division is offered, one class must be designated as the Marshall & Sterling Point Class and results for that class and a champ report must be submitted. Payment is due with results.

Please also submit a Championship Report showing the Champion and Reserve Champion in each Hunter division with the exception of Bit O' Straw.

The League will be responsible for determining membership of riders for the purpose of recording points – the *horse show does not need to separate members from non-members.*

Results must be postmarked within 20 days and must include Horse, Owner, Rider, Addresses, and Prize Money Won, where applicable. If classes are combined (i.e., Children's/Adult), results must indicate in which section points are to be recorded.



WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF BEING A MEMBER HORSE SHOW?

Hunter/Jumper exhibitors are goal oriented. The opportunity to compete at an exclusive Finals' event will drive an increase in exhibitor participation at member horse shows.

Member horse shows will be listed on the Marshall & Sterling website as a League-Sanctioned Member Event on our "Upcoming Show Schedule".

Member horse shows will have access to an updated mailing list of League members upon request.

WHAT ARE THE MEMBER HORSE SHOW'S RESPONSIBILITIES?

Follow the League specifications and rules.

List all Sponsored divisions correctly, i.e. M&S SmartPak™ Adult Hunter Classic. Read title Sponsor PA Announcements during their sponsored class.

Furnish to the League Office a prize list upon availability.

Submit results and payment within **twenty (20)** days of the conclusion of the event.

Return completed exhibitor membership applications to the League office.

Publish two (2) black & white or color advertisements in the horse show prize list and/or program. One ad is for the League Partner, M&S Insurance Company, the other is the M&S League rider application.

Provide the League with a minimum of two (2) public address announcements during each day of the event.

WHERE CAN I FIND FURTHER INFORMATION?

Complete Marshall & Sterling Insurance League specifications and rules are available on our web site at HitsShows.com. Or, you may contact the League Office at 845-246-8833 or via email to patti@hitsshows.com.