

Dear SWVHJA Board,

Many of us members of SWVHJA love the Virginia Horse Center and try to support it by competing at events held there. In some of the more recent horse shows, the SWVHJA special adult hunter division has not been offered. The Pre-Adult division has been offered instead. (I believe the same can be said for special children/pre-child)

I'm writing with hopes we can have a discussion to explore whether there might be a way for us to bridge the gap between these divisions so that the Pre-Adult can be a recognized alternative if the Special Adult division isn't held? Or

Could SWVHJA leadership work with VHC show management to encourage those horse shows to offer our Special Child and Adult divisions? I will note that those divisions often have some of the largest entries at our local shows. Or

Should SWVHJA consider migrating to the Pre-Adult and Pre-Child division in lieu of our Special Adult and Child divisions? (I see that VHSA and the Maryland HSA both use Pre-Adult and Child - this would create consistency with USEF and probably most easily remedy this however it appears there are some differences in the specifications vs our special child/adult divisions.)

This is a topic which would be helpful to discuss during our annual meeting so as to get input from others.

I would be happy to do some work or assist in any way helpful in looking into this further.

Thank you for your consideration!

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