

OHJA Levy FAQ

Please find below some answers to some frequently asked questions re the OHJA Levy.

1. How much is the OHJA Levy?
 - A small fee of \$4 will be charged on each entry fee at Gold Show venues.
2. Why am I suddenly being charged this extra \$4?
 - OHJA's funding comes only from membership fees and the Jump Canada levy from Equestrian Canada.
 - As a result of Equestrian Canada not providing funding to any provincial associations with Jump Canada levy funds in 2020 or 2021, OHJA funding was drastically reduced.
 - After research and deliberation, the OHJA Board of Directors concluded that a small \$4 fee was the only way that we could sustain our programs and points calculation.
3. Will I always be charged an OHJA levy?
 - The hope is that this is temporary fee for 2021.
 - The OHJA is awaiting further information from Equestrian Canada regarding how Jump Canada levy funds will be allocated in the future.
 - The OHJA is also reviewing alternative sources of income to help build funding for future years.
4. What will these levy funds be put towards?
 - The OHJA levy funds will 100% be put back into programs that support OHJA members.
 - These programs include hunter classes, jumper programs, equitation classes, points tabulation, Ingate magazines, awards, webinars, course walks, clinics, etc.
5. Why am I only learning about this new levy cost now – a few weeks before horse show season is expected to begin?
 - We understand that this news is sudden, but unfortunately, we only received notification from Equestrian Canada in mid-May.
6. Why isn't Equestrian Canada/Jump Canada providing levy funds in 2021?
 - We encourage you to reach out to Equestrian Canada with questions like that.
7. Are horse show organizers aware of this levy being charged?
 - Yes, all horse show venues are aware of this levy cost and will be collecting funds on behalf of the OHJA.
8. Horse showing is becoming increasingly expensive. Why are you increasing costs even more?
 - We understand that this is a small additional cost. We kept this levy cost as small as we could. Our hope is that this levy is only temporary.
 - The OHJA can guarantee that all funds collected will 100% be put back into programs for OHJA members; without this small fee, OHJA programs were at risk.
9. Why didn't the OHJA just increase membership costs?
 - The OHJA waived 2021 membership fees to those who had joined in 2020 as a result of no programs being run in 2020 due to COVID-19.
 - We were only made aware of Equestrian Canada's decision not to provide this critical funding in mid May.
 - We're working on other revenue streams, so that we can keep costs for members low.
10. Do other provincial hunter jumper associations charge a levy?
 - Yes, some other provincial associations do charge a levy. If you would like to learn more, we encourage you to check out the individual websites for the other provincial hunter jumper associations.