

HOW TO AWARD HOTY POINTS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS

GR1113, GR1131.7 and HU148

GR1113.2b

2. No credit will be given in classes if less than three entries have shown and placed.

Exceptions:

b. At an “A” or “AA” rated hunter/jumper competition where it is required that the division be held over two days, if there are less than three exhibitors the second day, Zone and National Horse of the Year points will still apply.

What this rule means:

There is an exception to the rule where 3 are needed in a class to complete the course and be pinned. In this instance, on Day 2 in an A or AA competition where a section is held over 2 days, on the 2nd day, the classes can be counted for HOTY and Championship points with less than 3 entries.

GR1131.7

7. Number of entries. The number of entries is determined by the number of entries shown in the first performance class of the section. Sections may not be split if there are less than 40 entries. Sections may be split if there are 40 but less than 50 entries. Sections must be split if there are more than 49 entries. Competition management must post within 12 hours of the completion of the class, in a prominent place on the competition grounds, the number of entries shown in the first performance class of each rated Hunter section, signed by the officiating Judge.

What this rule means:

GR1131.7 says that the number of entries in the first performance class of a section will determine the number of entries for the Increment Chart. It follows, due to GR1113.2 (no credit will be given in classes if less than 3 entries have shown and placed) that if credit is not given for any class where there are less than 3 that complete the course, then the first class that does have 3 complete the course will be the one used for the Increment Chart. No class can receive points toward a HOTY award or Championship unless three entries show and place, other than under the GR1113.2b exception, where in A or AA shows, classes with less than 3 entries on day 2 will count for HOTY and Championship points.

HU148 General

1. Championships must be offered in “A” and “B” rated sections.

2. A Championship may not be offered in a section unless a minimum of two over fences classes and one Under Saddle class are held (Exception: Ladies Hunter Side Saddle). If a competition offers more than one Under Saddle class in any one section, only one will count towards the Championship. (Exception: classes divided as to weight, height, age or breeding.) The prize list must specify the class to count.

What this rule means:

Hunter sections must hold a minimum of two over fences classes and one under saddle class with at least three entries that show and place in order to award a champion and reserve.

- Exception (GR1113.2b): At an “A” or “AA” rated hunter/jumper competition where the section is held over two days and classes have less than 3 exhibitors on the 2nd day, a Champion and Reserve may still be awarded even if a minimum total of two over fences classes and an under saddle class did not have 3 entries.

Examples of different situations:

1) At an “AA” competition that has two over fences classes and one under saddle on day one and two over fences classes on day two:

Day One: one over fences class and one under saddle class have 3 entries place; in the other over fences class less than 3 complete the course.

Day Two: the remaining two over fences classes have less than 3 place

- HOTY points are awarded for the over fences class and the under saddle class that filled with 3 entries on day one. No HOTY points are awarded for the other over fences class on day one that did not have 3 complete the course.
- HOTY points are awarded for both of the over fences classes on day two that had less than 3 entries because of the GR1113.2.b exception.
- A Champion and Reserve will be awarded in this section because GR1113.2.b creates an exception that allows less than 3 entries in a class on the second day of a hunter section to constitute a class.

2) At an “A” competition where the section is held on one day with three over fences and one under saddle:

Day One: In the first class only two complete the course. All three entries place in the other two over fences classes and the hack.

- HOTY points are awarded for all classes except the first class where less than 3 completed the course. Because the first class did not have three show and place, the second over fences class will determine the point scale on the increment chart.
- The Champion and Reserve are awarded because three horses were placed in two of the over fences classes and the under saddle class.

3) At an “A” competition where the section is held on one day with three over fences and one under saddle:

Day One: In the first and second class only two complete the course. In the third over fences class and the under saddle class all three entries place.

- The Champion and Reserve will not be awarded because three horses were not placed in at least two over fences classes. Only one over fences class was complete along with the under saddle.
- HOTY points will count for the third over fences class and the under saddle class where at least three entries placed.