

CHAPTER JH JUNIOR AND CHILDREN'S HUNTER DIVISIONS

WHEN A SUBJECT IS NOT ADDRESSED IN THESE RULES, IT MUST BE ADDRESSED BY THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE AND THAT COMMITTEE'S INTERPRETATION WILL STAND AS THE RULE UNTIL THE NEXT YEAR WHEN AN APPROPRIATE RULE CHANGE WILL BE SUBMITTED.

SUBCHAPTER JH-1 DEFINITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY.

JH100 Eligibility to Compete

In order to compete in any Junior Hunter classes at licensed competitions as an exhibitor, rider, trainer, or his/her agent(s), a person must be a member of the United States Hunter Jumper Association, Inc., or pay a nonmember fee to the United States Hunter Jumper Association, Inc. Exception: Local Competitions, competitions restricted to a particular breed, and exceptions listed in GR901.9 and GR207.2.i.

JH101 Junior & Children's Hunters.

1. Riders must not have reached their 18th birthday (See GR126).
2. Stallions are prohibited.
3. Ponies may not be entered in Junior Hunter classes if Pony Hunter classes are offered at the same competition. If fence heights are changed to accommodate ponies in Children's Hunter classes, measurement cards in accordance with Chapter HP, Subchapters HP-9-HP-12 are required for all entries.
4. If the Junior Hunter division is split by size, for the purpose of over fence classes only, if an animal is being shown by more than one rider, each rider must be in the same age group of 15 & under or 16-17.
5. If an under saddle class is divided by age and a rider has two or more horses entered, all riders must be juniors but need not be eligible by age.
6. Horses cannot be entered in more than one age section of the same class.

JH102 Junior Hunters.

1. All horses showing in the Junior Hunter Division at Regular Competitions must have a Federation measurement card. A large Junior Hunter is a horse 16 hands and over. A small Junior Hunter is under 16 hands.
2. In "A" rated Junior Hunter divisions divided by age of rider only, no exhibitor may ride more than three (3) horses in the division. (For Hunter Classics refer to HU136.7).
3. In "A" rated Junior Hunter divisions offered by the size of horse, an exhibitor may not ride more than two (2) horses in any section. If sections offered by size of horse are combined, an exhibitor may not ride more than two (2) large and two (2) small junior hunters in the combined division. (For Hunter Classics refer to HU136.7).
4. In "A" rated Junior Hunter divisions divided by size of horse and age of rider an exhibitor may not ride more than two (2) horses in each section.
5. In "B" and "C" rated and Local Junior Hunter divisions, no exhibitor may ride more than three (3) horses in a class.

JH103 Children's Hunters.

Unless USHJA Zone Committees submit their specifications by Aug. 1, the following specifications will apply for the Children's Hunter Division:

1. Riders entered in Children's Hunter sections may not compete over fences in any other class at the same competition where fences exceed 3'3".
2. Horses and ponies entered in Children's Hunter classes may not cross enter into Junior Hunter or Pony Hunter sections at the same competition. Ponies shown in Children's Hunter Pony sections may not be shown by an adult at the same competition, except in breeding classes in-hand. Horses entered in Children's Hunter classes may be shown in the Amateur Owner Hunter section at the same competition if ridden by a member of the child's family.
3. Cross entry into other divisions is allowed unless otherwise stated in prize list.
4. All USHJA zone specifications submitted by August 1st and approved by USHJA and USEF shall be enforced by USEF if not followed.

JH104 General.

1. When divided, classes must be split as follows:
 - a. by age of rider as outlined in GR823,
 - b. by size of horse,
 - c. by every other number on the list of entries, or the method of dividing must be stated in the prize list.
2. If there are 50 or more entries in the division at the beginning of the first class it must be divided by (a-c) above and the prize money must be doubled. A section with less than 30 entries cannot be divided.
3. If there are 50 or more entries remaining in a section after it has been divided, the section must be redivided and the prize money must be doubled. Once a section has been redivided it may be divided further if management so desires.
4. It is recommended that when competitions anticipate 50 horses or more this section be divided by (a) or (b) above when prize list is prepared.

JH105 Rated Section Requirements.

1. "A" Rated Sections. At least two sections must be offered in the prize list. Four (4) or five (5) classes are required in each section with a minimum of \$500 prize money offered in each section. Management may elect to offer four (4) classes. If four (4) classes are offered at a multiple day competition, no more than two (2) classes may be held on one day and no more than 50% of the prize money may be offered on one day.
 - a. Sections may be combined only if there are four (4) entries or less in either split section.
 - b. If divided by size, it must be divided under 16 hands and 16 hands and over. This height division is recommended in all sections.
 - c. "AA" rated Junior Hunter sections must offer a handy hunter class (see HU115.6)
 - d. "AA" rated Junior Hunter Divisions must be offered as four sections. Sections may be combined if there are less than 10 entries in any one section.
2. "B" Rated Sections. Three (3) or four (4) classes are required in each section with a minimum of \$100. in each section.
3. "C" rated Sections. No prize money is required. Children's Hunter Sections are "C" rated and count only toward the Zone Awards.

JH106 Combining with Amateur Owner

If the Amateur Owner and Junior Hunter sections are offered with a "B" or "C" rating, and there are less than three (3) entries in either section, they may be combined. In addition while the divisions can be combined if entries warrant in order for Horse of the Year points to count they must be offered separately in the prize list.

See Chapter HU, Subchapter HU-8.

JH107 Model Classes.

If a Model class is offered, it must be in addition to the minimum number of classes required for a section rating.

JH108 Entries.

If two or more sections are offered, horses cannot be entered in more than one section.

JH109 Combining Classes.

Except for Medal classes, Junior Hunter over fences classes and Equitation classes over fences may be combined and held concurrently if separate judges officiate. Flat classes cannot be combined.

JH110 Championships.

See HU137 through HU140 for general requirements.

1. Separate Championships must be offered when all classes are divided but cannot be offered unless they are divided.

2. The Champion and Reserve titles are awarded to the top two of the four horses which have acquired the most points performing over a regulation course in the Junior Hunter division. In addition to these points only these horses will receive half points for ribbons won in Model classes and full points for ribbons won in Under Saddle classes if otherwise qualified. The prize list must specify which classes will count.

JH111 Trophies.

Challenge Trophies. See HU149.

JH112 Formal Hunting Attire.

In classes restricted to junior exhibitors attire is the same as HU119, however, protective headgear must be worn in accordance with GR801. HU120 concerning hunt colors will be strictly enforced. Unless a junior wears scarlet, brown boot tops are prohibited.

SUBCHAPTER JH-4 COURSES.

JH113 General.

See Chapter HU, Subchapter HU-3.

JH114 Height.

1. In Junior Hunter sections obstacles must be 3'6" in all classes. Exception: No minimum height required at Local Competitions. (Exception: Fences may be 3" lower in Zones 11, 12, *and at "B" and "C" rated competitions.*) *EC 10/15/07 Effective immediately*
2. In Children's Hunter sections obstacles will be 2' for small ponies; 2'3" for medium ponies; 2'6" for large ponies and 2'9" to 3' for horses. Spreads must not exceed the height of obstacle. No minimum height required at Local Competitions.

SUBCHAPTER JH-5 JUDGING.

See Chapter HU, Subchapter HU-5.

JH115 Class Specifications.

See Chapter HU, Subchapter HU-6.

1. General.
 - a. Junior Hunter. In all classes manners will be emphasized and extreme speed will be penalized.
 - b. Conformation is not to exceed 25% in any class except a Model class. In Junior Working Hunter sections no more than 50% of the classes may be judged on conformation.
2. Children's Hunter. Unless Federation Zone Committees submit their Children's Hunter specifications by August 1, the following specifications will apply: Open to horses and ponies to be ridden by a junior exhibitor. See also JH101, JH102 and JH112.

SUBCHAPTER JH-6 USEF JUNIOR HUNTER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

JH116 Purpose.

This competition is designed to encourage and promote the basic training and development of Junior Hunters.

JH117 Eligibility.

A horse must win a Championship or Reserve Championship in an "A" Rated Junior Hunter Division and/or be in the top 10 in their zone in any of the four Junior Hunter sections between July 2 and July 1. Sections held after July 1 will count toward next year's competition. The horse must be registered with the Federation at the time of the win for the Championship or Reserve Championship to count. Horses that are champion at the previous year's competition may return without qualifying. The owner of record of the horse must be a member in good standing of the Federation, i.e.; horses must be shown in accordance with GR1102 and GR1108 in order to be eligible to qualify.

JH118 Phases.

1. General.
 - a. The competition will be conducted in three separate phases: Under Saddle to count 20%, Handy Hunter to count, **40%**, and a single Classic Round to count **40%**.
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 - b. To determine the winner, scores must be calculated based on the total of the combination of all three phases after the percentages of each phase have been calculated.
 - c. Under Saddle. To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the Ring. Horses are to hand gallop one direction, halt and back. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. Judged on performance and soundness. Manners and suitability to be emphasized. *See JH119 for judging procedure. BOD 1/13/08 Effective 4/1/08*
 - d. Handy Hunter. Obstacles should simulate those found in trappy hunt country. The course must have at least two changes of direction and at least one combination. Horses are required to trot over one fence on the course, may be asked to lead over one obstacle or open a gate while mounted. Emphasis should be placed on turns and promptness.
 - e. Classic Round. The course must maintain at least ten obstacles, have two changes of direction and at least one combination. There shall be one single oxer on the course that shall be ridden at the gallop. Emphasis shall be placed on "brilliance" for this class.
 - f. In the Under Saddle Phase, horses shall be judged in-groups of eight or less. Each horse shall be judged and given a score based on its performance in the group.
 - g. In the Handy Hunter and Classic Round each entry will be given a numerical score based on its performance.
 - h. The same junior exhibitor is required to show an entry in all phases of the competition. The competition will be split into Small and Large Sections and each section will also be split by age. The same junior exhibitor may show one small and one large entry.
 - i. Ties will be broken based on the score of the judge that is designated as judge number one for each phase of competition. If a tie still exists for the overall standings, the score from the Classic Phase will break such tie.

JH119 Judging Procedure.

Three judges will judge each phase simultaneously but independently of each other. Each judge will give every entry a score for each phase. Prior to the Handy Hunter and Classic Round, each entry's score in the previous phase shall be totaled and announced. During the over fence phase, the Open Numerical Scoring System is used. After each entry completes the course each judge's score for the round is immediately shown or announced. The total overall score for each entry is then calculated as soon as it has completed the last phase. *BOD 1/13/08 Effective 4/1/08*

JH120 Points.

All points are based on values below. In classes that have less than 10 entries, the point values will be one-half of what is listed below.

	Under Saddle	Handy Hunter	Classic
First	100	150	250
Second	90	135	225
Third	80	120	200
Fourth	70	105	175
Fifth	60	90	150
Sixth	50	75	125
Seventh	40	60	100
Eighth	30	45	75
Ninth	20	30	50
Tenth	10	15	25

OVERALL (all sections)

Champion	500	2.0 times the classic
Reserve	300	1.2 times the classic
Third	200	
Fourth	150	
Fifth	100	

Sixth	90
Seventh	80
Eighth	70
Ninth	60
Tenth	50

JH121 Competition Special Requirements.

1. General.
 - a. Horses are required to be stabled on the competition grounds a minimum of 12 hours before the start of the competition.
 - b. Commencing 12 hours prior to the start of the competition and continuing until through competing, only the competition rider may ride his/her entry. These riders must wear their competition number at all times anywhere on the grounds whenever mounted.
 - c. Failure to comply with these rules will result in elimination if deemed appropriate by an appeals jury which will be compiled of one of the competition's Federation Stewards, a member of the Federation staff, and the competition manager.
 - d. The USEF Junior Hunter National Championships will be split up into two Championships. One on the eastern side of the U.S. and one on the western side of the U.S. Qualified horses may compete in either Championship but must declare which one they will be competing in as they are only allowed to compete in one or the other but not both in any one year. Qualification and points will be the same for both eastern and western championships.

JH122 Grant Fund.

One or more grants will be awarded to one or more riders who qualify to compete at the USEF Junior Hunter National Championships, based on a completed application, including a one to two page essay, at the full discretion of the selection committee. The Grant Fund application form must be included in the prize list of the competition.

JH123 Zone or Regional Championships.

1. General.
 - a. The Chairman of each Zone may request permission of the Federation to hold a Zone or Regional Championship section for the riders of each Zone who have won a Champion or Reserve at an "A" rated Junior Hunter division within the previous competition year.
 - b. Two or more Zone Chairmen may request permission to hold a Regional Championship section including several zones.
 - c. Application must be made to the Federation office at least sixty days in advance of the holding of the section.
 - d. The location of these sections is subject to the approval of the Federation Junior Hunter Committee.
2. The Championships are conducted under the same regulations as the USEF Junior Hunter National Championship. (Exception: All points awarded are based on "AA" point values as per GR1129.4)

SUBCHAPTER JH-7 JUNIOR HUNTER MEASUREMENT.

JH124 General.

1. Management shall not permit an animal to be shown in any Junior Hunter performance class at a Federation Member Competition unless the person presenting the animal is in possession of a) **the original or a copy of** a measurement card issued by the Federation bearing the date of August 15, 1991 or thereafter; or b) certified card applied for prior to December 1, 1987; or c) a copy of a valid measurement form. If an owner or his/her agent requests a reprint of a measurement card from the USEF office after the original measurement card has been issued, there will be a \$10 fee for service charged to the requestor. At Regular Competitions, management may not give out an exhibitor's number for an animal showing in a Junior Hunter class before the above requirements have been complied with, and charges of rule violations for hearing and determination pursuant to Chapters GR6 and GR7 shall result for failure of compliance with this Rule. *BOD 1/14/07 Effective 12/1/07*

2. All animals presented for measurement of any kind are subject to drug testing.

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3. Animals in competition in any Junior Hunter class are subject to measurement. Measurements will be conducted in accordance with JH127.3 and .4.

4. Measurements must be performed by a steward with the official competition veterinarian in attendance, both of whom shall sign the measurement form. Written reports of every measurement or attempt to measure must be sent to the Federation's Lexington, KY office together with the Steward's Report, or the steward will be subject to charges and penalties per Chapters GR6 and GR7. The steward shall be either a steward officiating at the competition or a steward authorized in writing to conduct the measurement by the Federation CEO or Executive Director. If the official competition veterinarian is not present at the competition, or not available when on call (see GR1210.3) the measurement may be conducted by a steward and a judge officiating at the competition, or another steward officiating at the competition; however, the measurement will be for the purposes of that competition only and no measurement card will be issued. Measurement forms will be sent to the Federation, but will not be given to the owner.

5. Stewards who perform measurements and other competition officials present who measure animals at a competition are responsible for their true measurement and must use the Federation approved measurement stick (see JH128). The names of the measuring stewards will be printed on the measurement card and they and other measuring officials will be subject to charges of rule violations for hearing and determination pursuant to Chapters GR6 and GR7 if it is subsequently determined that a measurement is incorrect.

6. Measurements are solely for the internal use of the Federation, its Licensed Competitions and its licensed officials in connection with competing for prizes, and do not constitute any representation or warranty regarding measurement information; accordingly, the Federation, its Licensed Competitions and its licensed officials make no representation and shall have no liability whatsoever for measurement errors.

7. Measurements must take place at a Licensed Competition in which the animal is entered to compete. Once the horse has been measured the measurement is effective whether or not the horse does in fact compete; whether or not the horse competes, it is also subject to drug testing.

8. Once a foal year has been submitted to the Federation office, the original date cannot be changed without a copy of the animal's breed registration papers or a signed statement from a veterinarian certifying the animal's age.

JH125 Required Measurements and Re-measurements.

1. An animal must be measured each competition year until it reaches the age of six. Animals five years and under will be issued a Temporary Measurement card designating the year measured. Animals six years and older will be issued a Standard Measurement card which does not have to be renewed. With the exception of animals under six years old, once an animal is issued a measurement card, a new card will not be issued unless the height of the animal is protested and upheld, or unless an appeal is made and the remeasurement results in the animal moving to section *other* than that indicated on its current measurement card. *BOD 6/24/08 Effective immediately*

2. All animals that have been assigned a card prior to August 15, 1991 must be remeasured (except animals with Certified measurement cards applied for prior to December 1, 1987). If the owner, either member or non-member, is in possession of a measurement card issued prior to August 15, 1991, there will be no fee for initial remeasurement.

3. In the event an animal has been measured on August 15, 1991 or thereafter and the person presenting the animal does not have the measurement card or valid measurement form in his or her immediate possession, the animal must be remeasured for the purposes of competing in that particular competition only. Measurement forms are sent to the Federation office, but are not to be given to the owner. If an owner fails to present a valid measurement card or form **or if management cannot confirm the measurement electronically with the Federation** at more than one (1) competition during the competition year an additional measurement fee of \$250 will be charged by the Federation for each subsequent remeasurement necessary. *BOD 1/14/07 Effective 12/1/07*

JH126 Membership Requirements and Fees.

Before any animal is measured the person presenting the animal must have in his possession either the owner's membership number or a signed statement signifying that membership has been applied for.

JH127 Completing the Measurement Form.

1. The measurement form must be filled out completely in duplicate before measurement takes place. Measurement cards will not be issued if the form is not completely filled out and legible. Exhibitors are cautioned to make sure their measurement forms are filled out accurately and completely. It must include the name and date of the competition, the height of the animal, height of heel (in horses five years of age and under), name, color and markings or absence thereof, sex, year foaled which must be verified by the official competition veterinarian at time of measurement. The name and address of the owner and his/her Federation membership number, if applicable, must be given. The form must be signed by the person furnishing the above information immediately before the animal is measured and then signed by the competition officials appointed to measure. The person providing the information that appears on the measurement form must be 18 years or older and is responsible for the accuracy of such information and care should be taken that all is in order before signing. When this individual signs the form he/she is certifying that all information is complete and correct. Charges of rule violation for hearing and determination pursuant to Chapters GR6 and GR7 shall result for failure of compliance with this Rule. No changes can be made to such information once the form is signed. Any alterations, scratch outs, or rewrites to any part of the height or height of fore heels must be clearly indicated and initialed by the measuring officials. If a measurement form is signed by a person under the age of 18 and submitted to the Federation office, the measurement will be invalid.

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2. Before an animal is measured for a measurement card, the animal must be jogged for soundness on a firm, level surface with the official competition veterinarian in attendance and show no evidence of lameness. If found to be lame by the official competition veterinarian, said animal cannot show at that competition and no measurement may be conducted. If an animal whose height has been protested is found to be lame by the official competition veterinarian, the measurement card will be held by the Federation and the owners must request an appeal measurement in order to reinstate the card.

3. Federation officials are not to perform "courtesy", "trial", or repeat measurements. Once a horse is presented for measurement, the owner/agent must accept the resulting measurement.

4. The official completing the form must designate on the form that the owner is a current member or that the membership has been applied for (see JH126). The white copy is given to the owner or trainer and the yellow copy, along with the proper fee, is returned to the Federation office.

5. The owner will retain the white copy which, when properly signed by the two officials who have made the measurement, is valid for 45 days from the time the animal is measured, regardless of age.

SUBCHAPTER JH-9**MEASURING.****JH128 Measurement Device.**

Federation Approved Measurement Stick. A Federation approved measurement stick is a straight, stiff, unbendable stick that is equipped with a plumb bob or spirit level to make sure the standard is perpendicular to the ground and that the cross-piece or arm is parallel with the ground surface, and must be shod with metal. All Federation approved measurement sticks will be numbered, carry the Federation logo and the legend "Federation approved".

JH129 Measurement Surface.

1. The measurement surface must be level and under no circumstances should animals be measured on dirt or gravel. A level concrete slab or other paved surface is required.

2. If the steward determines that a suitable surface is not available at a competition, animals without a measurement card issued on August 15, 1991 or thereafter, or a valid measurement form may nonetheless be measured for the purpose of competing in that competi-

tion only, and no measurement form shall be given to the owner or returned to the Federation and no fee shall be charged.

3. All Licensed Competitions having Junior Hunter classes are responsible for providing an Federation Approved Measurement stick and a suitable surface for measurements or a sheet of plywood in good condition, and for failure to do so charges of rule violation shall result for hearing and determination pursuant to Chapters GR6 and GR7.

JH130 Position of Animal.

1. The animal must stand squarely on all four feet in such a position that the front legs are vertical to the ground and the back of the hocks are in a vertical line with the point of the animal's quarters. The poll must be in the same horizontal plane as the withers and no lower and the head should be in a normal position. A maximum of two handlers may present the animal for measurement and they must not interfere with the animal in any way that will prevent it from standing in this position nor may they have any direct physical contact with the animal that could influence the measurement, except that a handler may cover the animal's eyes.

2. The animal may be presented for measurement with or without shoes regardless of how it is shown.

3. The current owner of any animal measured prior to the 2003 competition year that received a standard measurement card may request a one time re-measurement. This request will be granted if the animal was measured with shoes on and the current owner wants a measurement without shoes or the animal was measured without shoes and the current owner wants a measurement with shoes. This one time allowance will be made available provided the measurement is conducted on or before the last day of the 2006 competition year. Requests must be made in writing and sent to the measurement representative at the USEF office. Animals will only be allowed to be re-measured if the owner is in possession of written permission from the USEF office.

JH131 Method of Measurement.

With the animal in the aforementioned position, measure the vertical distance from the highest point of the withers to the ground. The cross-piece, arm or bar of the measuring device must be placed over the highest point of the withers and no measurement taken at any other part of the animal's body will count. Additional pressure must not be applied to the cross-piece, arm or bar.

JH132 Method of Measuring Heel.

The height of heel is determined by measuring from the skin line on the lower side of the coronary band to the ground, with the ruler perpendicular to the ground. (See General Rules illustration).

SUBCHAPTER JH-10 PROTESTING.

JH133 Height.

1. An owner or trainer may protest the height of only one animal competing in a class in which he is also competing. The CEO or Executive Director of the Federation may at his/her discretion cause a protest measurement to be undertaken of any animal or animals competing in a Junior Hunter class at a Licensed Competition.

2. A protest questioning the height of an animal showing in a Junior Hunter class shall be filed in accordance with GR603, except that the measurement shall be conducted pursuant to JH126-JH134 rather than GR511-513, and the protest must be filed with the steward and must be filed at least one hour prior to the end of the competition day on which the animal is showing in a Junior Hunter class.

3. The animal is required to be presented for measurement within one hour of the completion of the animal's last class on the day of the protest.

4. The animal may be presented for a protest measurement with or without shoes regardless of how shown.

5. Animals Five Years of Age or Under.

a. If it is determined that the heel height of an animal five years of age or under is within 1/4" of what is indicated on its measurement card or valid measurement form, said animal may continue to show at the height indicated and no measurement will take place.

- b. If it is determined that the heel height of the animal is not within 1/4" of what is indicated on its measurement card or valid measurement form, the Show Committee must have the same officials who made said determination (i.e., heel height) measure the animal. (see JH136.3 and .4).
- c. If the protest measurement **is not within** the height limit for the section in which the animal was shown the owner forfeits entry fees and winnings for the entire competition and the animal is barred from competing for the balance of the competition year. All points accumulated for Horse of the Year Awards are nullified.

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6. **Animals Six Years of Age or Over.**
 - a. If the protest measurement is not within the heights for the section in which the animal is shown the owner forfeits entry fees and winnings for the entire competition and the animal is barred from competing for the balance of the competition year. All points accumulated for Horse of the Year Awards are nullified.
7. If a competition's steward is unable to notify an exhibitor of a protest before the exhibitor leaves the competition grounds, the protest will become void, and the steward will refund the protest fee. If a competition's steward notifies an exhibitor of a protest of an animal's height, and the exhibitor leaves the grounds before the measurement can be conducted, the protest will be filed with the Federation and an official protest measurement will be set up at the owner's expense, before the animal is eligible to compete again. In addition, charges for rule violations may be filed against the owner and trainer by the Federation CEO or Executive Director per GR604.

JH134 Results of Protesting.

1. The measurement card, Certified card or valid measurement form of any animal that is found ineligible for the height section in which the animal was shown must be surrendered to the competition steward who must forward it to the Federation office with his report. If the owner is not in possession of the original measurement card at the time of the protest it is the owner's responsibility to surrender all measurement cards to the Federation Kentucky office within five (5) days of the protest.
2. The name of any animal barred from showing due to its height exceeding the limit for the animal's section is listed in Equestrian.
3. The decision of competition officials is final unless an appeal is filed with the Federation.

SUBCHAPTER JH-11 MEASUREMENT APPEAL.

JH135 Conditions.

An owner or trainer who questions the accuracy of an initial measurement or an owner or trainer of an animal declared ineligible for a division or section on account of height may appeal a measurement. Pending the appeal of an initial measurement, the animal continues to be eligible to compete as initially measured. With respect to animals declared ineligible as a result of a protest measurement, the animal is barred from competing in the particular height division or section for which he was declared ineligible until the measurement is performed. There shall be only one appeal per each initial measurement, and only one appeal per each protest measurement.

JH136 Procedures.

1. The appeal must be made to the Federation office in writing within seven (7) days of the measurement and must be accompanied by a fee of \$100. The Federation reserves the right at their discretion to grant an appeal measurement. The request for an appeal measurement due to extenuating circumstances must be made in writing to the Federation office accompanied by a fee of \$100.
2. All expenses including veterinary fees must be paid to the Federation by the appellant; the appellant may be required to deposit a sum in addition to the above fee as an advance on anticipated costs prior to the measurement; with respect to any appeal prior to the appeal measurement both the owner and trainer may be required to sign a waiver and consent on a form prepared by and acceptable to the Federation agreeing to the arrangements for the appeal measurement, agreeing to the administration of Lasix to the animal to aid in the collection of a urine sample for laboratory tests for Federation forbidden substances,

agreeing that the appeal measurement shall be final and unappealable to a court of law, and agreeing that the owner and trainer of the animal each release and hold the Federation, and its officers, directors and licensed officials harmless from any claim whatsoever regarding the appeal measurement and respecting any measurements of the animal made prior to the appeal measurement.

3. The Federation will select a location and time for the appeal measurement as convenient as possible. The owner or trainer must deliver the animal to the location at his own expense within 45 days of filing the appeal.

4. The measurement must be performed by at least two persons appointed by the Federation which shall include one veterinarian who is a member of the American Association of Equine Practitioners and one Registered steward. The officials whose measurement is being appealed cannot be part of the team conducting the measurement appeal.

5. Any animal submitted for an appeal measurement must show no evidence of lameness. If found to be lame by the examining veterinarian, the animal cannot be measured or remeasured for thirty (30) days and the appellant forfeits his deposit of \$100 and any veterinary expenses incurred. Each animal submitted for an appeal measurement must be tested for drugs and medications in accordance with GR405.

6. Appeal of initial measurement.

a. With respect to appeals of initial measurements, if the appeal is denied the initially issued card remains in effect, and if the appeal is upheld, upon surrender of the initially issued card (if any) a new card will be issued based upon the appeal measurement; such cards remain subject to protest per Subchapter JH-11 of this rule.

b. With respect to appeals of protest measurements, if the appeal is upheld, a Temporary Provisional Measurement card is issued to animals five years of age and under and a Standard Provisional Measurement card is issued to animals six years of age or over. The Temporary and Standard Provisional Measurement cards cannot be protested for the remainder of the competition year. The animal will receive credit for all points accumulated including all points, prize money and trophies won at the competition where protested.

7. With respect to appeals of protest measurements, if the appeal is not upheld or the appellant fails to submit the animal within 45 days, the animal remains barred from showing for the balance of the competition year. All points accumulated for Horse of the Year Awards are nullified.

8. At the end of the competition year all outstanding Temporary and Standard Provisional Measurement cards are nullified. Animals five years of age or under must be presented for a new measurement in accordance with JH125. Animals six years of age or over will be issued, upon surrender to the Federation of the animal's Standard Provisional Measurement card, a Standard Measurement card which will indicate the same height as the Standard Provisional Card.

SUBCHAPTER JH-12 OFFICIAL MEASUREMENT.

JH137 Official Measurement.

For measurement requirements, see JH127-JH137. No Official Measurements will be granted for Junior Hunters.