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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 HU-1 DEFINITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY.**HU100 ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE - RIDER OR HANDLER.**

In order to compete in any Hunter, Hunter Breeding, Pony Hunter Breeding, Junior Hunter, or Pony Hunter classes at licensed competitions as an exhibitor, rider, trainer, or his/her agent(s), a person must be an Active 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.

HU101 ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE - HORSE & PONY.**1. USHJA Horse Registrations.**

a. All horses competing in Federation non-breed restricted licensed competitions with hunter, hunter breeding, jumper and hunter seat equitation classes (except those activities enumerated in GR901.9, items 1-9) must be properly identified and must obtain a Registration Number from USHJA. A registration number for each horse must be entered on all entry forms for licensed competitions. Only one Registration Number will be issued per horse, and must remain with the horse throughout its career. Anyone knowingly applying for a duplicate Registration Number for an individual horse may be subject to disciplinary action. The Federation and/or USHJA as applicable must be notified of any change of ownership and/or competition name of the horse. Owners are requested to notify the Federation and/or USHJA as applicable of corrections to previously submitted information, e.g., names, addresses, breed registration, pedigree, or markings.

b. Applications for Registration Numbers can be completed online at www.ushja.org or www.usef.org using the Horse Registration application form. The Horse application form is also available from the USHJA or Federation office, or it can be downloaded from the USHJA or Federation website or from competition management. Competition management is responsible for notifying exhibitors of this requirement in their prize list.

2. The Hunter Division is open to horses, stallions, mares or geldings. (For rules pertaining to exhibitors who are 18 years of age or older riding ponies, see HU110.11.)

3. The Hunter Breeding Section is open to horses only.

a. Horses shown as a Thoroughbred must possess either their Jockey Club certificate of registration, the acceptance of their Jockey Club application for registration or a Jockey Club tattoo. Proof of registration must be submitted at time of entry.

b. For competition purposes only in Hunter Breeding classes, an unregistered Thoroughbred is a horse that is the progeny of a registered Thoroughbred stallion and a registered Thoroughbred mare, but does not possess Jockey Club registered papers or tattoo. See also GR907.1.

c. Once a filly or mare has been shown in a Federation recognized registered/unregistered Thoroughbred Division, any of her progeny sired by a registered Thoroughbred stallion must be shown in a registered/unregistered Thoroughbred Division.

4. Pony Hunter Breeding classes are open to ponies.

5. Stallions are prohibited from all Pony Hunter classes except breeding classes.

6. Stallions are prohibited from all Junior and Children's' Hunter classes.

HU102 HORSE WELFARE.

1. The following acts are prohibited:

a. Riding an exhausted horse.

b. Excessive pressuring of a tired horse.

c. Riding or lungeing an obviously lame horse.

d. Excessive use of a whip on any horse in a stall, aisle, schooling area, competition ring or elsewhere on the competition grounds. The use of a whip must be for a good reason, done at the appropriate time, in the proper place and with appropriate restraint. Excessive whipping

will not be tolerated.

- e. Any striking of the horse's head (on the poll or forward of the poll shall be deemed excessive).
- f. Repeated jerking on the reins and sawing on the bit unless applied to an unruly horse that is jeopardizing his own safety or the safety of his rider.
- g. Improper use of the bit resulting in bleeding, broken skin or broken mucous membrane.
- h. Excessive use of the spurs or spurring resulting in broken and bleeding skin.
- i. Rapping the legs of a horse with the butt end of a riding crop or other implement.
- j. Use of any substance to induce temporary heat causing hyper-sensitization.
- k. Poling.
- l. Use of a wire or chain in conjunction with any schooling jumps.
- m. Use of electronic shock devices in schooling or showing.
- n. Use of shackles, hock hobbles and similar devices, with the exception of kicking chains while the horse is in the stall or in transport. This does not prohibit the use of rubber or plastic exercising devices.
- o. Showing a horse with hypersensitive, raw or bleeding sores around the cornets, pasterns, legs or body.
- p. Use of laser beam devices anywhere on the competition grounds, except in an exhibition or if required in class specifications. (Exception: Lasers used in a therapeutic manner).
- q. Withholding of feed or water for prolonged periods.
- r. Letting blood from a horse for other than diagnostic purposes.
- s. Inhumane treatment of a horse in a stall, aisle, schooling area, competition ring or elsewhere on the competition grounds, by any person.

2. Regular and local competitions. Competitors found to be in violation of these rules by the Competition Steward or other Federation Official shall be eliminated/disqualified from competing within the upcoming 24-hour period and shall forfeit all entry fees for such competition. In addition after consultation between Competition Management, the Steward, or other official involved, and a Senior Judge in the division, additional penalties including disqualification from the balance of the competition may be imposed. All such violations must be recorded in the Steward's Report and, if cruelty or abusive behavior is evident, it will be reviewed by the Federation for such action as may be deemed appropriate to the particular circumstances.

HU103 GREEN STATUS - HUNTER.

1. A Green Hunter is a horse of any age in its first or second year of showing in any classes in which the national specifications require horses to jump 3'6" or higher, regardless of whether or not the fences are actually set at 3'6" or higher at Regular Competitions or Eventing Competitions of the Federation or Equine Canada or any national or international competition.
 - a. When shown in a Green section a horse in its first year of showing over fences 3'6" or higher must be shown as a First Year Green horse.
 - b. When shown in a Green section a horse in its second year of showing over fences 3'6" or higher must be shown as a Second Year Green horse.
2. A horse's green status is considered to be broken once it competes over fences 3'6" or higher.
3. If a competition starts prior to or on November 30th, Green status at the start of the competition is maintained throughout the competition.

HU104 GREEN STATUS - PONY HUNTER.

1. A green pony is a pony not exceeding 14.2 hands of any age, in its first year of showing in any classes that require ponies to jump the regulation height or higher for its respective section (2'3" for small, 2'6" for medium, 2'9" for large) prior to December 1st of the current competition year at a Regular Competition of the Federation or Equine Canada or any national or international competition.
 - a. Showing in Canada over fences at or higher than the regulation height for the pony's section under Equine Canada rules breaks the pony's green status for the purpose of this Rule and Federation rules whether or not the regulation height for the pony's section under Equine Canada rules is less than, equal to, or greater than the regulation height for the pony's section under Federation rules.

- b. Once a pony has broken its green status in one Pony Hunter section (i.e., small, medium, large) it will not regain its green status by moving into another Pony Hunter section.
2. If a competition starts prior to or on November 30, Green Pony status at the start of the competition is maintained throughout the competition.
3. Ponies who have not broken their Green Status must jump less than their regulation height in open classes or their Green Status will be broken.
4. In its first year of showing at regulation height or higher, a green pony may also compete in the Regular Pony Hunter section at its respective height (2'3" for small, 2'6" for medium, 3' for large).

HU105 GREEN STATUS – REINSTATEMENT.

1. A horse's or pony's green status may be reinstated for a future competition year if it was not shown at the regulation height at more than four (4) competitions prior to September 1st and if it was not shown at that height after September 1st in the same year. Horses are not eligible for a first year green reinstatement if they have competed in the Junior Hunter Championships or an International Hunter Derby within the same year. A pony is not eligible for a green reinstatement if they have competed in the National Pony Finals.

- a. The Federation recorded owner must submit a letter requesting green reinstatement via certified/return receipt mail, which must reach the Federation office on or before November 30th of the year of withdrawal. The request must be made during the year in which green status was broken.
- b. A \$25 processing fee, a list of competitions with dates where the horse or pony competed at its regulation or higher, the horse's or pony's name and Federation recording number must accompany the green reinstatement request.
- c. At the time of request, the horse or pony must stop competing over fences its respective height or higher for the remainder of that competition year.
- d. If the horse or pony is not actively recorded at the time of request, it must be recorded/renewed at that time. Failure to do so will result in the horse or pony losing its green status. The owner will receive a letter indicating the horse's or pony's green eligibility.
- e. A Green Reinstatement will only be granted one time for first year horses and one time for second year horses and one time for ponies.
- f. In the event an owner of a horse is not satisfied with the decision, they may submit a written appeal to be heard by the Federation Hearing Committee at a \$100 appeal fee. An owner of a pony may submit a written appeal free of charge. An appeal does not guarantee the reinstatement will be granted.

HU106 REGULAR HUNTER – DEFINITION AND CLASSIFICATIONS.

1. A High Performance or Performance Working Hunter is a horse of any age and is not restricted by previous showing.
2. The Green Hunter, High Performance and Performance Hunter Sections may be divided into the following classifications:
 - a. Small—animal height over 14.2 hands and not to exceed 15 hands 2 ½ inches. *EC 10/17/11 Effective 12/1/11*
 - b. Thoroughbred—registered in any stud book recognized by the Jockey Club.
 - c. Non-thoroughbred—not registered as in (b).
 - d. Three-year-olds
 - e. Four-year-olds and over
3. Pre-Green -
 - a. A Pre-Green Hunter is a horse of any age in his first or second year of showing over 3' or 3'3" fences that has never competed over fences of 3'6" (1.07m) or higher. A horse that receives a 1st Year Green Reinstatement may return to Pre-Green if it is otherwise eligible. *Effective Immediately*
 - b. Fences not to exceed 3' or 3'3".
 - c. A horse's Pre-Green Status is not affected by showing as a three-year-old.
 - d. *Classes may be divided by height section 3' and 3'3". You may not show in both height sections at the same competition. Horses may compete in both height sections within the same*

competition year.

e. No jogging is required. *EC 12/19/11 Effective Immediately*

f. A horse's pre-green status may be reinstated for a future competition year if it was not shown at the 3' height or 3'3" height at more than four (4) competitions prior to September 1st and if it was not shown at that height after September 1st in the same year.

g. The Federation recorded owner must submit a letter requesting pre-green reinstatement via certified/return receipt mail, which must reach the Federation office on or before November 30th of the year of withdrawal. The request must be made during the year in which pre-green status was broken.

h. A processing fee, a list of competitions with dates where the horse competed at its regulation or higher, the horse's name and Federation recording number must accompany the pre-green reinstatement request.

i. At the time of request, the horse must stop competing over fences its respective height or higher for the remainder of that competition year.

j. If the horse is not actively recorded at the time of request, it must be recorded/renewed at that time. Failure to do so will result in the horse losing its pre-green status. The owner will receive a letter indicating the horses' pre-green eligibility.

k. A pre-green reinstatement will only be granted one time.

l. In the event an owner of a horse is not satisfied with the decision, they may submit a written appeal to be heard by the Federation Hearing Committee with the required appeal fee. An appeal does not guarantee the reinstatement will be granted. *BOD 1/23/11 Effective 12/1/11*

4. High Performance Working Hunter

a. Fences set in accordance with HU121.2.

b. Championships must be offered in accordance with HU148.

c. Number of classes and prize money must be offered in accordance with GR313.6.

d. Individual classes may be entered. (Exception: Under Saddle classes. See HU138.2)

e. In a section with three (3) classes, the under saddle will count half points towards champion and reserve.

f. The High Performance Working section must offer the greatest amount of prize money of all hunter sections at the competition.

5. Performance Working Hunter 3'6"-3'9"

a. Fences set at 3'6" to 3'9".

b. Championships must be offered in accordance with HU148.

c. Number of classes and prize money must be offered in accordance with GR313.6.

d. Individual classes may be entered. (Exception: Under Saddle classes. See HU138.2)

e. In a section with three (3) classes, the under saddle will count half points towards champion and reserve.

6. Performance Working Hunter 3'3"

a. Fences set at 3'3".

b. Championship and Reserve must be offered in accordance with HU148.

c. Number of classes and prize money must be offered in accordance with GR313.6.

d. Individual classes may be entered. (Exception: Under Saddle classes. See HU138.2) *EC 2/20/12 Effective Immediately*

e. In a section with three (3) classes, the under saddle will count half points towards champion and reserve.

7. Small Hunter

a. Fences set at 3'.

b. Championships must be offered in accordance with HU148.

c. This section will be C rated for Horse Of The Year Awards as per GR313.6.

d. Individual classes may be entered.

e. A measurement card is required for all horses entered as per HU170. *EC 9/19/11 Effective 12/1/11, EC 11/21/11 Effective 12/1/11*

HU107 AMATEUR OWNER HUNTER.

1. To be ridden by Amateur Owners or an amateur member of the owner's family. In either case

classes are restricted to riders who are no longer eligible to compete as junior exhibitors. Leased horses are not eligible and multiple ownership is not permitted unless all owners are members of the same family.

2. An amateur who competes for a person outside of his/her family may not compete in a class restricted to Amateur Owners at the same competition. Exceptions:
 - a. Equitation classes,
 - b. Under Saddle classes,
 - c. and a maximum of one (1) horse not owned by the rider, or his/her family, in jumper sections and a maximum of one (1) horse not owned by the rider or his/her family in hunter sections, in classes not restricted to amateur owners. (For Amateur rules please see GR1306)
3. If an Under Saddle class is divided by age and a rider has two or more horses entered, all riders must be amateurs but need not be eligible by age.

HU108 ADULT AMATEUR.

1. Unless USHJA Zone Committees submit their specifications by August 1, the following specifications will apply for the Adult Amateur Hunter section:
 - a. To be ridden by amateurs who are no longer eligible to compete as junior exhibitors. Horses and riders entered in Adult Amateur Hunter sections may not compete in the Amateur Owner Hunter section at the same competition. Riders entered in Adult Amateur Hunter sections may not compete in any other class in which obstacles exceed 3'3" at the same competition.
 - b. Horses may be entered in Junior Hunter sections at the same competition if ridden by a member of the same family.
 - c. Ponies may be ridden by adults, however ponies shown by adults at a Licensed Competition cannot compete in any rated Pony Hunter sections at the same competition with a junior rider. (Exception: when competing at a multi-breed/discipline competition, a pony may be shown in the breed restricted hunter section by an adult and then also shown by a junior rider in the open Pony Hunter section).
2. If an under saddle class is divided by age and a rider has two or more horses entered, all riders must be amateurs but need not be eligible by age.
3. When a section is divided by age of rider no horse may compete in more than one section.
4. All USHJA zone specifications submitted by August 1st and approved by USHJA and USEF shall be enforced by USEF if not followed.

HU109 NON-RATED CLASSES.

1. The following classes have no point value for Championships or for Horse of the Year Awards. Judging percentages are left to the discretion of competition management. (Exception: Hunter Hack for Ladies Side Saddle.)
 - a. MAIDEN, NOVICE, LIMIT HUNTERS. Open to horses which have not won a blue ribbon, three blue ribbons, six blue ribbons in hunter Over Fences classes at Regular Competitions.
 - b. HUNTER HACK. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. At least eight horses, if available, are required to jump two obstacles and gallop one way of the ring. Horses are not to gallop in Green Hunter classes.
 - c. BRIDLE PATH HACK (Hunter type). To be shown at a walk, trot and canter and hand gallop. To back easily and stand quietly. Emphasis is placed on actual suitability to purpose.
 - d. PAIRS OF HUNTERS. (abreast or tandem). Fences 3'6" to 4'. Combined ownership permitted (or) owned by the same exhibitor. In Tandem classes specify "horses to change order after the...obstacle".
 - e. HUNT TEAMS. Combined ownership permitted (or) owned by same exhibitors (or) from an active recognized Hunt. Fences 3'6" to 4'. To be ridden in hunting attire (See HU127). Riders must crack their whips if requested by judge. When a Team is entered in the name of a hunt all riders must be members or on the staff of the Hunt entered.
 - f. THREE-YEAR-OLD HUNTER. Section must include two or three Over Fences classes and one Under Saddle class with a Championship and Reserve Championship awarded. If possible, this section should be held immediately after the Three-Year-Old Hunter Breeding class. Obstacles not to exceed 3' and courses are to be simple. One Over Fences class must be judged on at

least 25% conformation.

HU110 PONY HUNTER.

1. No junior over 12 years of age may ride in a Regular Small Pony Hunter Section.
2. No junior over 14 years of age may ride in a Regular Medium Pony Hunter Section.
3. Riders under the age of 18 years may ride in any Green Hunter Pony section. The rider age restrictions for the Regular Hunter Pony sections do not apply to the Green Hunter Pony section.
4. Riders under 18 years of age may ride for other exhibitors who have more than one entry in the Under Saddle class and/or exhibit the pony in the model class.
5. Ponies must be handled by junior exhibitors in all phases of a class, except in breeding classes in-hand.
6. Ponies shown in any rated Pony Hunter, Green Pony Hunter, Children's Hunter Pony, or Pony Jumper sections may not be shown by an exhibitor 18 years of age or older at the same competition, except in breeding classes in-hand.
7. No animal may be shown in a performance class in this division unless the owner possesses a current measurement card or valid measurement form issued by the Federation (see Rules GR502 and HU170).
 - a. Small ponies are not to exceed 12.2 hands;
 - b. Medium ponies are over 12.2 and do not exceed 13.2 hands;
 - c. Large ponies are over 13.2 and do not exceed 14.2 hands.
8. Regular classes are open to all ponies not exceeding 14.2 hands. Qualifications must follow as nearly as possible those outlined for Hunters.
9. No rider may show more than three ponies in any green pony hunter height section. In the regular pony hunter sections, a rider may ride three ponies in one height section and a maximum of two ponies in each remaining height section at AA rated competitions. At A, B, or C rated competitions, a rider may ride a maximum of 3 ponies in each height section.
10. Junior riders showing ponies cannot compete in any class where fences may be set higher than 3'6" at the same competition (Exception Children's Jumpers, Green Pony Hunters, USHJA International Hunter Derby, Junior Hunter Classics, and Pony Jumpers)
11. Ponies shown by adults at a Licensed Competition cannot compete in any rated Pony Hunter sections at the same competition with a junior rider. (Exception: when competing at a multi-breed/discipline competition, a pony may be shown in the breed restricted hunter section by an adult and then also shown by a junior rider in the open Pony Hunter section).

HU111 JUNIOR & CHILDREN'S HUNTERS.

1. Riders must not have reached their 18th birthday (See GR127).
2. 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 HU170 are required for all entries.
3. If the junior hunter section is divided by size, it must be divided into Large and Small. "A" rated Junior Hunter sections at "AA" rated competitions must be offered as four sections (large/younger, large/older, small/younger, small/older). These Sections may be combined if there are less than 10 entries in any one section.
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.
7. At "AA", "A", "B" or "C" rated competitions if there are less than three (3) entries in the Amateur Owner 3'3", the Amateur Owner 3'6" or the Junior Hunter section, they may be combined.
8. All horses showing in the Junior Hunter Division at Regular Competitions must have a Federation measurement card.
 - a. A large Junior Hunter is a horse 16 hands and over.
 - b. A small Junior Hunter is under 16 hands.

9. In "A" rated Junior Hunter sections divided by age of rider only, no exhibitor may ride more than three (3) horses in any section.
10. In "A" rated Junior Hunter sections offered by the height of horse, an exhibitor may not ride more than two (2) horses in any section. If sections offered by height of horse are combined, an exhibitor may not ride more than two (2) large and two (2) small junior hunters in the combined section.
11. In "A" rated Junior Hunter sections divided by height of horse and age of rider an exhibitor may not ride more than two (2) horses in each section.
12. In "B" and "C" rated and Local Junior Hunter sections, no exhibitor may ride more than three (3) horses in a class.
13. Unless USHJA Zone Committees submit their specifications by Aug. 1, the following specifications will apply for the Children's Hunter Division:
 - a. 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".
 - b. 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.
 - c. Cross entry into other divisions is allowed unless otherwise stated in prize list.

SUBCHAPTER HU-2 DIVISION OF SECTIONS OR CLASSES.

HU112 GENERAL.

1. Sections may not be divided if there are less than 40 entries. (Exception: Green Working, Amateur Owner and Adult Amateur Hunter sections.)
2. Any section with 50 or more entries at the beginning of the first class must be divided. If there are 50 or more entries remaining in a section after it has been divided, the section must be re-divided by every other number. Once a section has been redivided it may not be divided further.
3. Prize money in all rated classes at all licensed competitions must be distributed as follows: a minimum of 30% for 1st, 22% for 2nd, 15% for 3rd, with the balance to be distributed at competition management's discretion.
4. Prize money must be doubled whenever a section is divided.
5. Option to dividing classes by every other number:
 - a. As an option to dividing classes by every other number, all entries may be judged as a single class and awarded prizes as follows; however, points will be awarded based on the number of entries in each section after it has been divided.

HORSE'S PLACING	PRIZE AWARDED
1st	1st
2nd	1st
3rd	2nd
4th	2nd
5th	3rd
6th	3rd
7th	4th
8th	4th
9th	5th
10th	5th
11th	6th
12th	6th
13th	7th (if offered)
14th	7th (if offered)
15th	8th (if offered)
16th	8th (if offered)

- b. In reckoning Championship points, the top eight horses that receive the most points in the Over Fences classes are awarded points for the Under Saddle and/or Model class(es). The Championship is awarded as follows:
 - c. Horse with most points—Champion Number 1. Horse with second highest points—Champion Number 2. Horse with third highest points—Reserve Champion Number 1. Horse with fourth highest points—Reserve Champion Number 2.
- 6. At all licensed competitions, if the high performance working hunter section has less than three entries, it must be combined with the second year green (or with green if combined or not originally offered split).
 - a. If, after combining, there are still less than three entries in the combined section, it may be further combined with the first year green section.
 - b. If combined green sections have less than three entries, then they must be combined with high performance working hunter.
 - c. A horse that is eligible for more than one section must be declared and compete in only one.
 - d. Horses will jump the respective height for the entered section
 - e. If different amounts of prize money were offered in the original sections, the largest amount must be awarded in the new, combined class.

HU113 GREEN SECTIONS.

1. If there is a combined total of 20 horses in an “A” rated Green Working Hunter section, and there are at least six first year green horses, and there are at least six second year green horses, it must be divided.
2. When entries warrant, competitions are encouraged to offer separate sections for first and second year horses.
 - a. Separate championships may be offered only when all classes are divided and each section offers the required number of classes and prize money for an undivided section.
 - b. The prize list must state under what conditions classes are to be divided.

HU114 CONFORMATION SECTIONS.

1. At “AA” competitions, the Conformation sections must be offered separately. At “A”, “B” and “C” competitions, the Conformation sections may be offered as combined. When offered as two sections, if there are less than three (3) horses in either Conformation section they must be combined. If there are at least five (5) horses in each Conformation section they must be held separately.
2. In a combined section, if a horse is eligible for more than one section; the exhibitor must declare to the Competition Secretary which height section the points are to count toward.
3. No horse may compete in more than one height section of a combined division.
4. If different amounts of prize money are offered in each divided section, the largest amount must be offered to the combined section and the entry fee for that section applied. No credit will be given in combined sections unless three entries have shown and placed.
5. Green Conformation fences to be at 3’6” and open only to horses in their first year of showing at 3’6”. Regular Conformation fences to be at 3’9” and open to all horses.
6. All Conformation sections are to be judged 70% on performance, 30% on conformation.
7. Model classes to count 1/2 points.

HU115 AMATEUR OWNER SECTIONS.

1. Amateur Owner 3’6”
 - a. When a section is divided, one section must be offered for amateurs 18-35 and one section for amateurs over 35 years of age. Exception: At “A” or “AA” rated competitions a floating split may be used. When a floating split is used, the median age of all amateur riders entered in the division will be used to split the sections into younger and older amateur. Notice of the use of a floating split and the age groups must be given 48 hours prior to the first class of the section and posted at the competition office. When divided as to age of rider no horse may compete in more than one section. Age must be given on entry blank. These sections may be further divided by age of rider or by every other number.
 - b. Sections of Amateur Owner Hunter held at “A” or “AA” rated competitions must offer at least

two (2) divided sections and may be divided as stipulated in Section 1(a) above.

c. At "AA", "A", "B" or "C" rated competitions if there are less than three (3) entries in the Amateur Owner 3'3", the Amateur Owner 3'6" or the Junior Hunter section, these sections may be combined. The competition management may choose to combine the classes as necessary, based on the sections with the lightest entries. If sections are combined, the horses must jump the respective height of the section entered. 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.

2. Amateur Owner 3'3"

a. **When a section is divided, one section must be offered for amateurs 18-35 and one section for amateurs over 35 years of age. Exception: At "A" or "AA" rated competitions a floating split may be used. When a floating split is used, the median age of all amateur riders entered in the division will be used to split the sections into younger and older amateur. Notice of the intention to use a floating split must be given 48 hours prior to the first class of the section. BOD 1/23/11 Effective 12/1/11**

b. Riders may cross enter between the Adult Amateur (if Zone Specifications permit), Amateur Owner 3'3" and/or the Amateur Owner 3'6" divisions. Horses may not cross enter between the divisions.

c. To be ridden by Amateur Owners or an amateur member of the owner's family. In either case, classes are restricted to riders who are no longer eligible to compete as junior exhibitors. Leased horses are not eligible and multiple ownership is not permitted unless all owners are members of the same family.

HU116 PONY HUNTER SECTIONS.

1. Classes for Pony Hunters may be divided by height of pony as outlined in HU110.7.

2. If there are 50 or more entries in the division at the beginning of the first class, it must be divided by height of pony and prize money must be doubled.

a. If there are 50 entries remaining in a section after the section has been divided by height of pony, the section must be redivided by every other number and the prize money must be doubled.

b. Once a section has been redivided it may not be divided further.

c. If a pony under saddle class has over 30 entries, the class must be split and held in at least two sections with one set of awards.

3. Required Sections.

a. At an "A" or "AA" rated competition, the Regular Pony Hunter section must be offered as three height sections (small, medium, and large) and the prize money must be tripled.

(1) If there are four (4) or more entries in each height section of an "A" rated Regular Pony Hunter section, the height sections must be held separately.

(2) Height sections may be combined if there are three (3) or fewer entries in any height section. Combined height sections should be either small/medium or medium/large but if possible not small/large.

b. Competitions may offer the Green Pony Hunter Section as three separate sections (small, medium and large); however an "A" or "AA" rated Green Pony Hunter Section must be offered as a minimum of two sections (small/medium and large).

(1) "A" and "AA" rated competitions must split (small, medium and large) if there are four (4) or more entries in any height section.

(2) Green Pony Hunter Sections at "A" and "AA" rated competitions may be combined if there are less than four (4) entries in any height section.

4. If there are a minimum of 10 small/medium ponies combined and 10 large ponies in any "B" or "C" rated Regular or Green height Section, the height section must be divided (small/medium and large); prize money need not be doubled. If there is a total of thirty (30) ponies, prize money must be doubled.

HU117 JUNIOR & CHILDREN'S HUNTER SECTIONS.

1. When divided, classes must be split as follows:

- a. Junior Hunter: by height of horse; large 16 hands and over, small under 16 hands;
 - b. Children's Hunter: by height of horse in accordance with applicable Zone Specifications;
 - c. Junior Hunter: by age of rider 15 & Under and 16-17;
 - d. Children's Hunter: by age of rider in accordance with applicable Zone Specifications;
 - e. 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 section 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.

HU118 RATED SECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR JUNIOR HUNTERS.

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. At "AA" rated competitions, four sections must be offered in the prize list.
 - a. 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.
 - b. Sections may be combined only if there are four (4) entries or less in either split 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.
4. 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.

SUBCHAPTER HU-3 COURSES.

HU119 GENERAL.

1. All obstacles, except those noted below, must be set at required height. The required height may have a variance of no more than 2" over or under. Exceptions:
 - a. Walk fences may not exceed 2' in height and spread.
 - b. Trot fences may not exceed 3' in height and spread for horses and 2' in height for ponies in classes restricted to ponies.
 - c. Brush obstacles, hedges, split-rail fences, simulated rock or stone walls, ditches, banks and other specialty jumps designed to simulate natural obstacles found in the hunt field.
 - d. The first fence of any hunter course.
2. Except in case of inclement weather, broken equipment or similar emergency a course must not be altered except by written permission of all exhibitors. If one or more original obstacles are rendered unusable during a class and no duplicate exists, management may substitute obstacles which approximate as nearly as possible the originals.
3. In classes where Federation course requirements have not been met and the violation has not been observed and corrected prior to the third competitor's performance, the class must be completed without altering the course and the results will stand for the purposes of the Championship.
 - a. With the exception of a course set at an improper height, competitors who have gone over the course with the violation have the option of re-jumping the course.
 - b. Classes conducted over improper courses are ineligible for Federation Horse of the Year Award points.
4. Horses must be shown over a minimum of eight obstacles the required height in all "A", "B" or "C" rated sections.

5. In all rated hunter sections, at least two different courses are required. At least one change of direction (change of lead) is required in every course. All "A" rated sections at "A" and "AA" rated shows, except for Green Hunter Pony sections, must offer an over fence class as a handy hunter. This handy hunter class may not be the first class of a section nor can it be the designated first round of a classic when using one round of a section as the first round of a classic. *BOD 1/23/11 Effective 12/1/11*

6. No course may have exhibitors trotting or cantering through the in-gate or out-gate; any exhibitor choosing to trot or canter through the in-gate or out-gate will be eliminated.

HU120 COURSE DIAGRAMS.

1. Course diagrams must be posted at least one half-hour before scheduled time of class unless they have been illustrated in the prize list. The plan or diagram of the course must show the obstacles which must be taken in the order indicated by numbers but apart from this the rider is not bound to follow a compulsory track. An arrow is used on the diagram to indicate the direction in which each obstacle is to be taken. *When distances between related fences in all classes, rated or unrated, are 100' or less, the distance must be included on the posted course diagram. BOD 1/23/11 Effective 12/1/11*

2. If the area of the courtesy circle is to be restricted by a mandatory line, the line must be indicated on the diagram and a corresponding barrier must be erected on the course. As this becomes part of the judging specifications, this policy must be clearly stated in the prize list (see GR901.10) and announced at least one hour prior to the class.

HU121 HEIGHT OF OBSTACLES.

1. Green Sections: 3'6" required for first year horses; 3'9" required for second year horses. (Exception: Fences may be a maximum of 3" lower in Zones 11 and 12)

2. High Performance Sections: 4' minimum in "AA" rated sections; 3'9" minimum in "A", "B" and "C" sections. Obstacles may not exceed 4'6". (Exception: Fences may be a maximum of 3" lower in Zones 11 and 12)

3. Amateur Owner Sections:

a. Obstacles at "A" and "AA" rated competitions must be 3'6".

b. Obstacles at "B" and "C" rated competitions and competitions in Zones 11 and 12 may be 3'3" or 3'6".

c. If a 3'3" Amateur Owner Hunter Section is offered, obstacles are to be set at 3'3".

d. If a competition offers both 3'3" and 3'6" Amateur Owner Hunter sections, regardless of the competition's rating, the obstacles must be set at 3'3" and 3'6" respectively.

e. No minimum height required at Local Competitions.

4. Adult Amateur Sections: Per USHJA Zone Rules.

5. Local Competitions: No minimum in any section.

6. Non-rated sections: Heights determined by competition management.

7. Ladies Side Saddle Sections: 3'.

8. Junior Hunter Sections:

a. Obstacles must be 3'6" in all classes. (Exception: Fences may be 3" lower in Zones 11, 12, and at "B" and "C" rated competitions.)

b. No minimum height required at Local Competitions.

9. 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.

10. Pre Green. see HU106.3

11. Small Hunter Sections: 3' *BOD 1/23/11 Effective 12/1/11*

HU122 TYPE.

1. Obstacles must simulate those found in the hunting field such as natural post and rail, brush, stone wall, white board fence or gate, chicken coop, aiken, hedge, oxer, etc.

2. Chicken coops hinged at the top and free at the bottom; triple bars and hogs back; striped rails; targets; any spread over 4' and square oxers are prohibited.

3. Every course must have at least four different type obstacles. (Exception: see HU146.10). All

obstacles must be at least 20' wide or have wings at least 24" wide that are at least 12" higher than the obstacle. (Exception: pen jumps.)

4. A minimum 2" difference is required for the back element of an obstacle. A ground line is required for all obstacles except in Handy Hunter classes.

5. The top element of all obstacles must be securely placed with cups at least 1 1/2 inches deep and 3 inches wide so that a slight rub will not cause a knockdown and must be equally secure for different heights in the same class. At all Federation approved competitions, FEI approved safety mechanisms must be used in conjunction with a cup that is at least 1 1/2 inches deep and at least 3 inches wide for the back rail of all oxers. Logs, caps on walls and gates with a separate plank style top element that can be knocked down are permitted.

6. In Handy classes obstacles must simulate those found in trappy hunting country. The course must have at least two changes of direction and at least one combination as well as three of the following: hand gallop a jump, bending line, rollback turn, fence at the end of the ring or open a gate while mounted or trot over one obstacle. Judges must place emphasis on promptness and tight turns with precedence being given in that order. Handiness is defined as time and ground saving movement without adversely affecting performance or style. Brilliance of pace is defined as a faster pace than ordinary, without sacrificing performance or style. Hand Gallop is defined as a significant increase in pace without sacrificing performance or style.

7. For all hunter classes restricted to Ponies, the first obstacle of all courses must be a vertical. Lead over one obstacle is prohibited for a pony hunter handy course. BOD 1/23/11 Effective 12/1/11

HU123 IN AND OUTS.

1. An in and out is considered as two obstacles in the required number of obstacles. It must never be used at the start of a course.

2. An in and out is two jumps set for one or two strides. The distance may be adjusted during a class requiring different fence heights. Exception: The distance must be adjusted in Pony Hunter classes, see HU124. BOD 1/23/11 Effective 12/1/11

HU124 PONY HUNTER.

1. Heights and Spreads.

a. The height and spread of obstacles in "A", "B" and "C" rated Pony Hunter sections are 2'3" for small, 2'6" for medium and 3' for large ponies.

b. Green Pony Hunter sections are 2'3" for small, 2'6" for medium and 2'9" for large ponies. (Exception: fences may be a maximum of 3" lower in Zones 11 and 12).

c. No minimum height required at Local Competitions.

d. Spread of jump may not exceed height and must be measured including flowers, brush and ground lines. BOD 1/23/11 Effective 12/1/11

e. If a competition offers a team or pairs class or a pony hunter classic in which ponies of mixed heights are permitted, the prize list must state the height of the fences and stipulate all judging requirements.

2. Distances.

a. If the distance between related fences is less than 100' (including in and outs), the distance must be adjusted for each height section.

b. In "B", "C" and Local rated sections, there must not be any other fences in the same line as an in and out. BOD 1/23/11 Effective 12/1/11

SUBCHAPTER HU-4 ATTIRE, TACK AND EQUIPMENT.

HU125 TACK.

1. Regulation snaffles, pelhams and full bridles, all with cavesson nose bands, are recommended. A judge may penalize for non-conventional types of bits or nosebands.

2. Competitors may be refused an award unless they return to the ring for conformation or soundness with the same complete bridle in which they have performed.

3. Martingales of any type are prohibited in Under Saddle, hack and tie-breaking classes. Stand-ing martingales are allowed for all over fence classes. All other martingales may be considered

unconventional.

HU126 EQUIPMENT.

1. Light pads and bar shoes are permissible, however, bar shoes indicate a weakness and in Conformation classes a judge may penalize accordingly. Boots, wraps and bandages are prohibited. In the case of inclement weather competition management may permit the use of bell boots.
2. No mounted exhibitor may wear or carry an electronic communication device (i.e., cellular telephone, pager, walkie talkie, iPod, etc.) while in the competition ring. The penalty for wearing or carrying a forbidden device if observed by the judge may be elimination from the class during which the device was worn or carried. Exception: A handicapped participant may use electronic devices if, prior to the class, he/she presents to the USEF Steward written justification from treating personnel setting forth the necessity of the equipment.
3. Any rider competing and or riding anywhere on the competition grounds with their stirrup, stirrup leather, or foot tied and/or secured in any manner, will automatically be eliminated from the entire competition. The steward will note the trainer name(s) on the stewards report and further disciplinary actions may be taken by the Federation.
4. Whips. Competitors are prohibited from carrying a whip that is longer than 30" (75cm) while jumping or schooling over fences. A rider may not carry more than one whip. Whips that are weighted at the end are prohibited. (Exception: Ladies Side Saddle and appointments classes. See HU129.)
5. No exhibitor may carry a whip longer than 30" while competing.

HU127 ATTIRE.

1. Formal Attire. Riders are required to wear scarlet or dark coats; white shirts with white stock; white, buff or canary breeches and protective headgear. See GR801.2. **While competing in a jumping class, if a rider's chin strap becomes unfastened, the rider may stop, re-fasten the chin strap and continue his/her round without penalty or elimination. A judge may, but is not required, to stop a rider and ask them to refasten a chin strap which has become unfastened, again without penalty to the rider.** Members of the Armed Services or the Police may wear the Service Dress Uniform. *BOD 1/23/11 Effective 12/1/11*
2. Inappropriate attire. When management permits Hunter or Hunter Seat Equitation riders to ride without jackets, riders must wear traditional, short, or long-sleeved riding shirts with chokers or ties. Polo shirts and chaps are not permitted except in unjudged warm-up classes. Management or Judge may eliminate an exhibitor who is inappropriately attired.

HU128 HUNT COLORS.

In classes restricted to members, subscribers or staff of a Hunt recognized by the Masters of Foxhounds Association, all riders who wear colors must carry a letter dated within the current year signifying that they are eligible. This letter must include the name of the Hunt and the color of the collar and must be signed by the Master or Honorary Secretary of that Hunt. The show committee must appoint a competent person to check these letters before riders compete in classes. If a rider holds a current letter but does not have it in his immediate possession or is entitled to receive one, the show committee may accept a signed statement to that effect which must be submitted to the Federation.

1. In classes restricted to junior exhibitors, rules concerning hunt colors will be strictly enforced. Unless a junior wears scarlet, brown boot tops are prohibited.

HU129 LADIES SIDE SADDLE ATTIRE.

1. Hat: See GR801.2 *BOD 1/14/12 Effective 4/1/12*
2. Veil: Required with appointments. Must be traditional black with elastic top and bottom to fit securely over hat brim and under chin.
3. Neckwear: Plain white hunting stock neatly tied and fastened with a plain gold safety pin. Latter should be horizontal.
4. Habit: Melton or other cloth of black or dark blue color, unless bona fide member of a recognized hunt whose livery color is different; then hunt livery color with hunt colors is permissible. Lining must match.

5. Breeches: Same color as habit.
6. Collar: Same material and color as coat unless member has been invited to wear the hunt colors in which case, the collar should conform to the livery of the hunt and be worn only on coats of the hunt livery color.
7. Vest: Of plain white, buff or yellow material.
8. Buttons: Must conform to hunt livery. Usual specifications are: Brass or bone on vest. Black bone on black coat. If member has been invited to wear the hunt button, it should be engraved with the hunt emblem, otherwise it should be plain.
9. Boots: Black, without tops: of plain black calf without tabs. Boot garters, if worn, plain black.
10. Spur: Optional. If worn, must be regular hunting spur, without rowels—worn high on the heel.
11. Whip: Light hunting whip with thong required.
12. Gloves: Heavy wash leather or brown gloves.
13. Rain Gloves: White or colored rain gloves. Should be carried on off (right) side under billets and just showing in front of saddle flap.—Fingers forward.
14. Jewelry: Except for finger rings and small plain stud earrings for pierced ears, jewelry is not permitted.
15. Hair: With hair net, preferably in bun. Must be neat and unobtrusive.
16. Boutonniere not permitted.
17. Mane and Tail: Must be braided. (Exception: roached mane and pulled tails).

HU130 LADIES SIDE SADDLE TACK AND EQUIPMENT.

1. Sandwich Case: Must be combined sandwich case and flask. Sandwich case must contain a sandwich wrapped and flask must contain sherry or tea.
2. Bridle: Must be either double or pelham. First definitely preferable. All leather must be flat. A cavesson noseband must be used. Rubber reins are not permissible. Stitched in leather preferred.
3. Breastplate: Optional, but preferred.
4. Martingales: Not permitted on the flat or in Hunter Hack, permitted in over fences classes.
5. Saddles: Must be plain English type. May have suede seat and pommel. Lining may be leather or linen. Numnahs and saddle cloth not permitted.
6. Girths: Triple fold leather. No elastic permitted. Cannot be shaped. Balance girth necessary.
7. Irons: Should be regular side saddle iron with oval eye or safety stirrup. Should be large, workmanlike and polished, without pads.

SUBCHAPTER HU-5 JUDGING.

HU131 GENERAL.

1. All classes must be judged on performance and soundness and when indicated, conformation, suitability or manners.
 - a. When a horse makes two faults at one obstacle only the major fault will be counted. (Exception: refusals count in addition.)
 - b. When an obstacle is composed of several elements in the same vertical plane, a fault at the top element is the only one penalized.
 - c. At a combination, the faults committed at each obstacle are considered separately. In case of a refusal or runout at one obstacle in a combination, the competitor may rejump the previous as well as the following obstacles.
 - d. Judges must penalize unsafe jumping and bad form over fences, whether touched or untouched.
 - e. Teams, pairs and unicorns (abreast and tandem) should be judged as a single unit, scoring only major faults at each obstacle. (Exception: in cases where two or more horses have knock-downs or refusals, they are scored cumulatively.) In tandem formation, faults for horses not keeping proper hunting distance apart and in abreast formation, faults for horses not keeping abreast will be calculated at the rate of 1/2 fault for each 1/2 horse's length and are cumulative at each obstacle, as well as at each end of the ring; or on an outside course, at each obstacle and between each obstacle. No additional penalty for finishing out of original order.

- f. In classics and when a class is held on an outside course, brilliance should be emphasized.
2. Circling once upon entering the ring and once upon leaving is permissible.
3. In all classes over obstacles, all horses being considered for an award must be jogged for soundness in the judge's order of preference prior to being judged for conformation. Two more entries than the number of ribbons must also be jogged if there are sufficient entries.
4. In classes over obstacles, competitors cannot be requested to show at a walk, trot and canter or to re-jump the course unless eliminations are held. If eliminations are held, the finals are judged as an independent class.
5. After all competitors have had an opportunity to compete over a course in the High Performance and Performance Working section, competitors with faults which would eliminate the competitor from the ribbons, may be excused at management's discretion, provided four more competitors than the number of ribbons awarded have completed the course. In Green Working classes riders are encouraged to withdraw after a major fault.
6. In cases of broken equipment or loss of shoe, rider may either continue without penalty or be eliminated. In the case of the jump(s) falling over due to weather or act of God, the rider must remain in the ring until receiving instructions from the judge(s) or be eliminated. In this instance, the decision of the judge(s) is final.
7. In the event of elimination, the horse must exit the ring immediately.

HU132 SOUNDNESS.

All horses must be serviceably sound. All horses being considered for an award must be jogged for soundness with rider dismounted. In classes restricted to junior riders, a junior must jog the animal for soundness. (Exception: Under Saddle classes, unrated classes and classes at Local Competitions.) Horses that are not serviceably sound are ineligible for an award, including under saddle classes.

HU133 CONFORMATION.

Quality, substance and soundness. Judges must penalize but not necessarily eliminate horses with structural faults, defects and blemishes (such as pinfiring) in areas which might impair their activity and durability. Horses must be stripped for conformation judging in any class. (Exception: Under Saddle classes.)

HU134 PERFORMANCE.

1. An even hunting pace, manners, jumping style together with faults and way of moving over the course. Manners to be emphasized in Ladies and Amateur classes; brilliance in Corinthian and Formal Hunting Attire classes.
2. When the class is held in a ring, the performance starts as the competitor enters and ends when he leaves. When the class is held outside, the performance starts at any spot designated by competition management and ends at any spot so designated. If the start and finish are not clearly set forth, it is suggested that a judge consider the start approximately 50' before the first obstacle and the finish approximately 50' after the last.

HU135 FAULTS.

1. The following faults are scored according to the judges opinion and depending on severity or division, may be considered minor or major faults.
 - a. Rubbing the jump
 - b. Swapping leads in a line or in front of a jump
 - c. Late lead changes
 - d. Freshness
 - e. Spooking
 - f. Kicking up or out
 - g. Jumping out of form
 - h. Jumping off the center line of jump
 - i. Bucking and/or playing
 - j. Adding a stride in a line with a related distance
 - k. Eliminating a stride in a line with a related distance

1. Striking off on a wrong lead on the courtesy circle. (May be corrected with either a simple or flying change of lead)
2. The following are considered major faults.
 - a. Knockdown
 - b. Refusal
 - c. Stopping for loss of shoe or broken equipment
 - d. Refusal or stopping while on course
 - e. Dangerous jumping
 - f. Addressing a jump - coming to a stop in front of a jump in order to show the jump to the horse.
 - g. Completely missing a lead change
 - h. Adding or eliminating a stride in an in and out.
 - i. Breaking stride, or Trotting while on course. (Exceptions-Where posted on the course diagram i.e. trot jumps, steep banks, etc, and also as outlined above in HU135.1I. Striking off on a wrong lead on the courtesy circle.)
3. The following constitute elimination.
 - a. Three refusals
 - b. Off course
 - c. Jumping course before it is reset
 - d. Bolting from the ring
 - e. Fall of horse or rider

HU136 PONY HUNTER.

Manners and suitability of a pony for the rider are to be emphasized in all classes. Extreme speed is penalized. Judges may penalize but not necessarily eliminate an entry not having such manners and suitability.

HU137 JUNIOR & CHILDREN'S HUNTER.

1. Junior Hunter. In all classes manners will be emphasized and extreme speed will be penalized.
2. 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.
3. Children's Hunter. Unless USHJA 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 HU101.6 and HU111.

SUBCHAPTER HU-6 CLASS SPECIFICATIONS.

HU138 UNDER SADDLE AND HACK CLASSES.

1. In Under Saddle and Hunter Hack classes, horses are shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. They should not be eliminated for slight errors. Judges may ask horses to hand gallop collectively, one way of the ring. (Exception: green classes.) No more than eight will be asked to hand gallop at one time. (Exception: Hunter National Championships see HU184.3f) All horses being considered for an award must be serviceably sound.
2. To be eligible for a Model or Under Saddle class counting toward a Championship in any "A" or "B" rated section, horses must be entered in at least one full point class over obstacles in the same section during the competition. To maintain awards or points won in the aforementioned classes the competitor must complete the course in at least one class.

HU139 GREEN CONFORMATION PERFORMANCE CLASSES.

To be judged 50% to 60% on performance and soundness; 40% to 50% on conformation. (Exception: conformation to count 25% in Ladies, Corinthian and Formal Hunter Attire classes.) All horses being considered for an award must be serviceably sound.

HU140 REGULAR CONFORMATION PERFORMANCE CLASSES.

To be judged 75% performance and soundness; 25% conformation. All horses being considered for an award must be serviceably sound.

HU141 GREEN AND REGULAR CONFORMATION MODEL CLASSES.

To be shown at a walk and trot. To be judged on conformation, way of moving and soundness. All horses being considered for an award must be serviceably sound.

HU142 GREEN HUNTER, HIGH PERFORMANCE AND PERFORMANCE WORKING CLASSES.

To be judged on performance and soundness. All horses being considered for an award must be serviceably sound.

HU143 AMATEUR OWNER CLASSES.

To be judged on performance and soundness. If conformation is to be judged, it may not count more than 25%. All horses being considered for an award must be serviceably sound.

HU144 ADULT AMATEUR CLASSES.

To be judged on performance and soundness, suitability to count. All horses being considered for an award must be serviceably sound.

HU145 LADIES SIDE SADDLE CLASSES.

(See also EQ108.1) To be ridden by ladies who are no longer eligible to compete as junior exhibitors. Stallions not permitted. Three classes must be offered: Over Fences, Under Saddle and Hunter Hack. All three classes will count equally for the Championship. In cases of ties, horses are to hack off for Champion and Reserve. All horses being considered for an award must be serviceably sound.

1. Over Fences: To be shown over a course of at least eight fences 3' in height. No in and out to be used.

2. Under Saddle: To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring in formal hunting attire with appointments. See HU129-HU130. **If the Under Saddle class is not scheduled as the first class of the section, the schedule must allow at least two hours to prepare before the start.** To be judged on performance and soundness with emphasis on manners 75%; formal hunting attire, appointments and general overall appearance of horse and rider 25%. Judges should give particular consideration to quality, condition and cleanliness of tack. Mane and tail must be braided, (Exception: roached manes or pulled tails). Judges must line up exhibitors in order of preference before checking appointments. **BOD 1/14/12 Effective 4/1/12**

3. Hunter Hack: To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Judges may ask for a hand gallop but no more than eight to hand gallop at one time. To jump two fences at 2'6". To be judged on performance and soundness with an emphasis on manners. Under Saddle performance to count 50%, Over Fences performance to count 50%.

HU146 HUNTER CLASSICS.

1. The following Hunter Classics may be offered: Adult Amateur Hunter Classic, Children's Hunter Pony Classic, Children's Hunter Horse Classic, Pre-Green Hunter Classic, **Small Hunter Classic**, Pony Hunter Classic, Open Hunter Classic, 3'6" Junior Hunter Classic, 3'6" Amateur Owner Hunter Classic, 3'3" Amateur Owner Hunter Classic. If there are less than 8 entries in any one Hunter Classic, it may combine with other sections of the same rating. If Hunter Classics are combined and a horse is shown in more than one section qualifying for the Hunter Classic, the exhibitor must declare to the Competition Secretary which division bonus points are to count toward. **EC 9/19/11 Effective 12/1/11**

2. Any "AA", "A", "B" or "C" rated competition may offer a Hunter Classic.

3. All Hunter Classics must be conducted as a two round class. **A handy hunter round may not be used as part of a Hunter Classic.** A Hunter Classic may be conducted as a separate two round class or a designated hunter class of the specified Hunter section may be counted as the first round of the Hunter Classic. However, the second round may not be another designated class in the Hunter section, but must be held as a separate round. If a designated class is used as a first round, each round shall count 50%.

4. At "A" and "AA" competitions, in sections with an "A" rating, Hunter Classics conducted using a designated hunter class as the first round must offer at least \$1000 in prize money and sections with a "B" or "C" rating must offer at least \$500 in prize money. (Exception: Pony Hunter Classics in sections with an "A" or "B" rating must offer at least \$500 in prize money). At "B" and "C"

competitions, in sections with a “B” or “C” rating, Hunter Classics conducted using a designated hunter class as the first round must offer at least \$250 in prize money. At “AA”, “A”, “B” and “C” competitions, when a Hunter Classic is conducted as a separate two round class, the minimum prize money offered as stated above, must be doubled. EC 3/21/11 Effective immediately

5. The entry fee may not exceed 10% of the prize money offered in the Hunter Classic.

6. To be eligible, horses must have entered, shown and completed the course in at least two classes in the Hunter section. All horses being considered for an award must be serviceably sound and may be jogged if so stated in the prize list.

7. A minimum of the top 12 entries, if available, or 50% of the entries in the first round, whichever is greater, will return for the second round. If a horse or pony is eliminated in the first round of competition, they may not return for the second round. If possible, eight places are to be awarded.

8. The Hunter Classic does not count toward the minimum number of classes required for the section’s rating.

9. Bonus points will be awarded toward Horse of the Year Awards in the horse’s respective section. The bonus points are as follows:

In a Hunter Classic using a designated class as the first round, the bonus points for National HOTY are as follows: 1st-100, 2nd-80, 3rd-70, 4th-60, 5th-50, 6th-40, 7th-30 and 8th-20, 9th-15, 10th-10, 11th-5, and 12th-5.

In a Hunter Classic using a designated class as the first round, the bonus points for Zone HOTY are as follows: 1st-20, 2nd-16, 3rd-14, 4th-12, 5th-10, 6th-8, 7th-6, 8th-5, 9th-4, 10th-3, 11th-2, and 12th-1.

In a Hunter Classic held as a separate two round class, the bonus points for National HOTY are as follows: 1st-200, 2nd-160, 3rd-140, 4th-120, 5th-100, 6th-80, 7th-60, 8th-40, 9th-30, 10th-20, 11th-10, and 12th-10.

In a Hunter Classic held as a separate two round class, the bonus points for Zone HOTY are as follows: 1st-40, 2nd-32, 3rd-28, 4th-24, 5th-20, 6th-16, 7th-12, 8th-10, 9th-8, 10th-6, 11th-4, and 12th-2.

10. The course must consist of a minimum of ten obstacles of at least six different types.

11. An open numerical judging system must be used. One judging position must be appointed as the tie breaker.

12. Attire: riders are required to wear scarlet or dark coats; white shirts with white stock, choker or tie; white, buff or canary breeches and protective headgear in accordance with GR 801.2.

13. There is no limit to the number of horses a rider may compete on in a Hunter Classic. Exception: Competitors in a Regular or Green Hunter Pony Classic may only ride two ponies per height section.

14. The same horse/rider combination must compete in both rounds of a Hunter Classic.

15. If a rider is eliminated during the second round of a classic, a score of zero will be combined with the first round score and the rider will be placed accordingly.

16. No more than one classic may be offered per hunter section. A horse may also compete in an open classic, or a USHJA National Hunter Classic, or a USHJA International Hunter Derby at the same competition (Exception: Leagues approved by the Federation in accordance with GR915.4b).

17. If more than 30 horses are entered in a Junior Hunter Classic, the classic must be split.

HU147 PONY HUNTER.

1. Class Specifications.

a. Classes are the same as those listed for Hunters. Maiden, Novice, Limit and Green Ponies are not to gallop.

b. Conformation must not exceed 25% in any class except a Model class.

c. Appointment classes are prohibited in all competitions. Uniformity and similarity may count 15% in Team and Pair classes.

d. Model and Conformation classes should occur on the same day.

SUBCHAPTER HU-7 CHAMPIONSHIPS.

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.
 - a. When a Championship is offered, management must keep a score card or chart of winnings throughout the competition, which must be prominently displayed so that exhibitors may inspect it at all times. Only the first six ribbons count towards Championships regardless of the number offered.
 - b. Ribbons won in classes with specifications restricting horses in any manner, will not count toward any Championship unless such classes are complementary and over the same course, affording equal opportunity to all horses competing. If, however, competition management, having reserved the right to do so in the prize list, combines two or more complementary classes because of insufficient entries, thus making one open class, ribbons won in such a class count toward the Championship.

HU149 ELIGIBILITY.

1. General.
 - a. The Champion and Reserve Champion titles are awarded to the top two of the four horses that acquired the most points performing over a regulation course with obstacles at the full height required in the section in which shown, except under the provisions of HU112. In addition to these points, only these four horses, receive half points for ribbons won in Model classes and full points for ribbons won in one Under Saddle class. Exception: High Performance and Performance Working Hunter sections with three classes receive half points for the under saddle class, see HU106.
 - b. The prize list must state the numbers of the full point and half point classes counting towards the Championship in each section.
2. The following classes do not count towards nor make a horse eligible for Championships: Appointment, Breeding, Local, Junior, Consolation, Maiden, Novice, Limit, Owners, Hunter Hack, Pairs, Teams and any class restricted unless complementary classes are offered. Points won in one section do not count towards nor make a horse eligible for the Championship in another section.

HU150 TIES.

1. In case of a tie score the Championship and/or Reserve is awarded to the horse that accumulated the most points over fences. If horses have an equal number of points over fences and no points under saddle, the tied horses must be shown at a walk, trot and canter. Competitors may be asked to hand gallop at the discretion of the judge. (Exception: Green Hunters.) This competition is judged as an independent under saddle class with conformation, soundness and performance to count as prescribed throughout the section. If horses have an equal number of points over fences, under saddle, and model (i.e. Regular or Green Conformation) the tie will stand as is and both horses will receive Horse of the Year Points in their respective Champion and/or Reserve position.
2. If all tied horses are declared unsound, selection of the winner among such tied competitors is left to the discretion of the judges.

HU151 COMBINATION HUNTER CHAMPIONSHIP.

All competitions with a limited number of Hunter classes, including events in more than one section (i.e., Regular or Green Conformation, Green Working, High Performance or Performance Hunter), may count points won in such classes toward a Combination Hunter Championship. A Combination Hunter Championship and Reserve are awarded to two of the four horses which have acquired the most points performing over a regulation Hunter course with fences the height required in the section in which shown. In addition to these points, only these horses receive half points for ribbons won in Model, Maiden, Novice, Limit and Green classes (full points for Regular Conformation Model classes) and full points for ribbons won in one Under Saddle class or, if not

held, in one Hunter Hack class, if otherwise qualified. The prize list must specify which classes count. This Championship does not count toward a Federation Horse of the Year Award except for Amateur Owners.

HU152 PONY HUNTER.

1. Separate Championships must be offered when all classes are divided into height sections but cannot be offered unless they are divided. See HU148 – HU151 for all requirements. [EC 2/20/12 Effective Immediately](#)
2. Championships. Show Champions and Reserve Champions are selected as outlined in GR808.

HU153 JUNIOR & CHILDREN'S HUNTER.

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 section. 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.

SUBCHAPTER HU-8 CONDUCT.

HU154 JUDGES.

(See HU131)

1. In "A" rated sections, at least one judge of Registered status must officiate. Recorded judges with Special judge's card may not officiate alone.
2. All judges who are assigned to a Conformation section must judge the Model class.
3. In "A" rated Hunter sections at "AA" rated competitions, a minimum of two judges must officiate. They may officiate independently or together. If judging independently, no more than 60% of the classes in the section may be officiated by the same judge. (Exception: High Performance Working Hunter, Performance Hunter 3'6-3'9", Performance Hunter 3'3" and Pony Hunter sections held on one day).

HU155 COURSE DESIGNERS.

1. The licensed Hunter Course Designer, or his designated representative, must be present during all Hunter and Hunter Seat Equitation classes for which he has responsibility and over sees the courses are properly set for the competition. Course Designer should be available to report to the judge at any time. (Exception: breed restricted competitions and open competitions with 50% or more breed restricted classes.)
2. A minimum of an "r" license is required to officiate alone at an "A" or "AA" rated competition with a Hunter class offering up to \$4,999 in prize money.
3. An "R" license is required to officiate in any class offering \$5,000 or more in prize money.

HU156 SCHOOLING.

1. Schooling is permitted in accordance with GR834, GR835, GR837 and HU Appendix A
2. Schooling areas for hunters must contain adequate standards, jump cups and rail and hunter-type rails to make a minimum of a trotting fence, a vertical and an oxer.
3. FEI approved safety cups must be made readily available for each hunter schooling area. Breakable pins such as wooden dowels are permitted only when safety cups are not available.

HU157 BACK TO BACK CLASSES.

No more than two rounds may be ridden back to back. In sections where three classes over fences are held on one day and the section has eight or fewer exhibitors, all three over fences classes may be held using back to back rounds with the judge's consent. Classes using this format must be jogged, if required, and pinned separately, following the last class. Management may not require back to back rounds in rated classes. Management may not require a judge to score more than three classes concurrently.

HU158 JUMPING ORDER.

1. If a jumping order is established it must be posted in a conspicuous place at least one-half hour before the class. The jumping order must be legible to a mounted rider. If a jumping order is used throughout the section, a systematic rotation of the starting list must be employed so that a complete cycle is made during the competition. Failure to enter the ring within one minute after an audible signal to proceed is given incurs elimination. The time limit for entering the ring must be enforced by competition management. Management may permit a rider to compete out of order to minimize delays and in case of class conflicts.

2. **Establishing the Order. (Either manually or via computer)** The jumping order for the first round must be established by one of the following procedures:

- a. The horses' names are drawn individually, starting with the first position and then working down.
- b. The horses' names are listed and their positions drawn.
- c. The horses' names and the positions are both drawn.
- d. The horses' names are listed (with multiple rides pre-spaced) with the first name drawn becoming the first horse to compete in the first round, the remaining horses following from that point (i.e., the horses' name after the one drawn first is second, the next one third, etc.).

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HU159 ENTRY FEES.

1. No competition may require a combined entry fee in any "B" or "C" rated section. A horse that is entered in a section that requires a combined entry fee may be entered in individual classes in another section for which he is qualified. (Exception: the horse may not be entered in the stake class unless it has met all qualifications.) A horse that is exhibited in the first performance class of an "A" rated section must pay a combined entry fee. After the first performance class exhibitors may enter individual classes at management's discretion.

2. When entries require that High Performance Working Hunters are combined with Green Working sections, a section entry fee will be required for the High Performance Working Hunter section and individual classes will not be able to be entered.

3. A Model class may not be included in a combined entry fee. It must always be offered separately as an optional class.

HU160 SCHEDULING.

1. "A" rated Hunter sections may be held and judged on one or more days. If held on one day "A" sections would be limited to a maximum of four classes per section (3 over fences and 1 under saddle). If held on two or more days, three to five performance classes must be offered (Exception: Pony Hunter and Junior Hunter sections).

a. At "A" and "AA" rated competitions a High Performance Working Hunter section must be offered. Exception: competitions restricted to Juniors and Amateurs.

b. "A" rated competitions must be held and judged over a minimum of three days on the same competition grounds. A minimum of five "A" rated hunter sections must be offered and a minimum of two performance classes from two different "A" rated Hunter sections must be scheduled and judged on each of the three days. "A" rated Hunter sections must be held and judged over two or more days. (Exception: High Performance Working Hunter, Performance Hunter 3'6"-3'9", Performance Hunter 3'3" and pony hunter sections). A minimum of \$5,000 in prize money, must be offered in the "A" rated Hunter sections of a "A" competition. A maximum of \$2,000 of Hunter Classic prize money can be used towards calculating the \$5,000 of required prize money for an "A" rated competition.

c. "AA" rated competitions must be held and judged over a minimum of five (5) days on the same competition grounds. A minimum of five "A" rated Hunter sections must be offered and a minimum of two performance classes from two different "A" rated Hunter sections must be scheduled and judged on four of the five days. "A" rated Hunter sections must be held on two or more days. (Exception: High Performance Working Hunter, Performance Hunter 3'6"-3'9" and Performance Hunter 3'3"). A minimum of \$25,000 in prize money must be offered in the "A" rated Hunter sections of an "AA" competition. A maximum of \$5,000 of Hunter Classic

and/or USHJA International Hunter Derby prize money can be used towards calculating the \$25,000 of prize money which must be offered for a "AA" rated competition. Exception: "AA" rated competitions guaranteeing a minimum of \$18,001 in prize money and offering add back in "A" rated Hunter sections, prize money offered in Hunter Classics will not count as part of the required \$18,001 in prize money that must be awarded.

d. Rated competitions which restrict entries in the rated Hunter sections to juniors and amateurs must be held on a minimum of two consecutive non-school days within the public school system, at the location of the competition, on the same competition grounds.

e. At Federation licensed Junior/Amateur competitions, the only rated Hunter sections that may be held are those which are restricted by definition to the participation of juniors and amateurs (example: Junior, Amateur, Children's, Adult and Pony). Exception: Pony Hunter Breeding and Hunter Breeding classes. *BOD 1/23/11 Effective 12/1/11*

2. "A" rated competitions must state their "A" or "AA" rating clearly on the cover of the prize list.
3. Competitions cannot offer more than the required amount of classes for an "A" or "B" section rating. Model classes and Classics do not count toward the number of classes required, (Model classes must be offered in "A" rated Conformation sections in addition to the four or five required classes), therefore, they can be offered as additional classes. In addition, Model and Classics do not count towards the number of required classes to meet the rating requirement, therefore the prize money offered in Model and/or Classic classes cannot be used to determine the amount of required prize money to calculate the "AA" rating. (Exception: see HU160.1c).
4. No more than three (3) classes in any "A" rated hunter section at an "A" or "AA" rated competition may be held in one day if the section is held over two days. (Exception: Model classes in Green and Regular Conformation sections may be held as a fourth class. High Performance Working Hunter, Performance Hunter 3'6"-3'9" and Performance Hunter 3'3" at "A" and "AA" rated competitions and Pony Hunter sections at "A" rated competitions may be held on one day.)
 - a. At "A" and "AA" rated competitions, classes in recognized sections must be run on consecutive days.
 - b. (Exception, classics).
5. At all Regular Competitions, an Under Saddle class cannot be the first performance class held in a section. (Exception: Ladies Hunter Side Saddle and un-rated divisions).
6. A Model class must be offered as the first class in an "A" rated Conformation Section.
7. All Amateur Owner classes should be scheduled in as short a period of time as possible.

HU161 CANCELLATIONS.

"A" or "B" rated sections with four (4) or more entries cannot be canceled.

HU162 PRIZE MONEY.

1. Prize money offered in the open sections must be awarded on an escalating scale related to the height of fences.
2. No more than 60% of the prize money in the required classes for an "A" rated section may be offered on any one day when the division is held on two or more days, exception: "A" rated sections in which all required classes are held on one day. Prize money offered in Model classes and Classics at "AA" rated competitions guaranteeing a minimum of \$18,001 in prize money and offering add back in "A" rated Hunter sections does not count toward the minimum prize money required for a section's rating nor is it considered for purposes of determining 60% to be offered.

HU163 CHALLENGE TROPHIES.

If a Challenge Trophy for a Championship is being offered in a section that has not previously been divided it must be awarded to the horse which has obtained the most points towards the Championship in its respective section. If a Challenge Trophy for a class is being offered in a class that has not previously been divided it shall be awarded to the first place winner with the best performance.

HU164 PONY HUNTER.

If a Model class is held it must be the first class held in any section.

HU165 JUNIOR & CHILDREN'S HUNTER.

1. If a Model class is offered, it must be in addition to the minimum number of classes required for a section rating.
2. If two or more sections are offered, horses cannot be entered in more than one section.

SUBCHAPTER HU-9 SPECIAL RATING REQUIREMENTS.

See also GR901.21b, GR901.24 and Chapter GR3.

HU166 SECTIONS REQUIRED FOR "A" RATING.

1. At least five (5) "A" rated Hunter sections must be offered. One (1) Amateur Owner or Junior Jumper section offering 3 classes and at least \$800 or \$600 respectively or one (1) \$5,000. Jumper section or class at 1.20m or higher may be substituted for one (1) required "A" rated Hunter section.
2. Divided sections count as a single section.
3. Competitions that restrict entries in the rated Hunter sections to Juniors and Amateurs may count divided sections individually, but must offer at least six (6) "A" rated hunter sections. One Amateur Owner or Junior Jumper section offering 3 classes and at least \$800 or \$600 respectively, may be substituted for one required Hunter section. If no classes for ponies are offered they may be used for two of the required sections.
4. "A" rated sections must offer an over fence class as a handy hunter. Exception Green Pony Hunter.

HU167 SECTIONS REQUIRED FOR "B" RATING.

Except at "A" rated competitions, at least three (3) "B" rated Hunter sections (Green or Regular Conformation, Green Working, High Performance Working, Amateur Owner, Junior, Pony, or Green Pony Hunter) must be offered. One Children's Hunter or one Adult Amateur Hunter section or for any Zone whose Pre-Green Hunters are rated, one Pre-Green Hunter section may be substituted for two required "B" sections. Divided sections count as a single section.

HU168 SECTIONS REQUIRED FOR "C" RATING.

Except at competitions offering "A" or "B" rated Hunter sections, at least two (2) "C" rated sections (Green or Regular Conformation, Green Working, High Performance Working, Amateur Owner, Junior, Pony, or Green Pony Hunter, Children's Hunter, Adult Amateur Hunter, or Pre-Green Hunter) must be offered. Divided sections count as a single section. Competitions restricted to side saddle may offer a Ladies Hunter Side Saddle Section as the only "C" rated Hunter section.

HU169 PONY HUNTER.

1. Competitions cannot offer more than the required amount of classes for an "A" or "B" section rating. If a Model class is offered it must be in addition to the minimum number of classes required for a section rating and must be held as the first class in any section.
2. "A" Rated Sections.
 - a. "A" rated Regular and Green Pony Hunter sections may be held on one or more days. "A" rated Regular and Green pony Hunter sections at "AA" rated competitions must be held over two or more days. If held in one day, four (4) performance classes must be offered. If held over two or more days, four (4) or five (5) performance classes must be offered.
 - b. A minimum of \$400 prize money must be offered in any Regular Pony Hunter section. A minimum of \$250 prize money must be offered in any Green Pony Hunter section.
 - c. An "A" rated Green Pony Hunter section may only be offered in conjunction with an "A" rated Regular Pony Hunter section.
 - d. "A" and "AA" rated competitions must and all other rated competitions may, run an over fence class as a Handy Hunter. Obstacles in this round should simulate those found in hunt country. The course must have two changes of direction and at least one combination. Ponies may be required to trot over one lowered fence on the course. Emphasis should be placed on turns and promptness. Each round will be given a numerical score based on performance. This class may not be used as a conformation class or offered as the first class of the section. Exception Green Hunter Pony Section.
3. "B" and "C" Rated Sections.

- a. Three (3) or four (4) classes must be offered in any “B” or “C” rated Regular or Green Pony Hunter section.
- b. “B” rated Regular Pony Hunter sections must offer a minimum of \$100. “B” rated Green Pony Hunter sections must offer a minimum of \$50.
- c. No prize money is required for “C” rated sections.

4. Conformation Classes.

In “A” rated sections, one over fence class must be judged 25% conformation; in “B” rated sections, one over fence class may include conformation at management’s discretion. The conformation class must be clearly stipulated in the prize list. A Model class may be offered in addition to the conformation class. If a model class is held, it is recommended that all conformation classes offered in the section will be held on the same day as the model class.

SUBCHAPTER HU-10 MEASUREMENT

HU170 GENERAL.

1. Management shall not provide a back number to an animal entered on the entry blank in any Pony Hunter, Children’s Hunter Pony, Junior Hunter, **Small Hunter**, or Welsh 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.

a. If an exhibitor, owner, or trainer 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.

b. Competition management may, at its discretion, confirm any of the foregoing information electronically with the Federation Office.

c. At Regular Competitions, management may not give out an exhibitor’s number for an animal showing in a Pony Hunter, Children’s Hunter Pony, Junior Hunter, **Small Hunter**, or Welsh performance 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. **EC 9/19/11 Effective 12/1/11**

2. Competition Management is required to check for measurement cards. Failure to require applicable cards could result in rule violation. Ultimately it is the responsibility for each owner to possess a valid measurement card for horses and ponies showing in divisions that require a measurement card. Showing an animal that requires a measurement that does not possess a valid card will result in a fine to the owner and or trainer or the competition.

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

4. Animals in competition in any Pony Hunter, Children’s Hunter Pony, Junior Hunter, or Welsh performance class are subject to measurement. Measurements will be conducted in accordance with HU171 below.

5. Measurements must be performed by a steward **and** the official competition veterinarian. **The official competition veterinarian must confirm that the animal was jogged and is serviceably sound. Upon the official competition veterinarian’s verification of soundness, the steward’s measurement is final. The steward and the official competition veterinarian shall sign the measurement form. A steward may not measure an animal that is owned by a member of his family or by any of his or his family member’s clients. (See GR1039.4) BOD 1/23/11 Effective 12/1/11**

a. 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.

b. 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. (Exception: For Junior Hunters, when a problem with the measurement form occurs resulting from the Official portion of the form, for which USEF steward and/or competition management and/or competition veterinarian are responsible, the measured horse will not be penalized by the withholding of points prior to the good faith error having been discovered and corrected.)

6. 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 HU174). 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.
7. 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.
8. Measurements must take place at a Licensed Competition in which the animal is entered to compete. Once the pony or horse has been measured the measurement is effective whether or not the pony or horse does in fact compete; whether or not the pony or horse competes, it is also subject to drug testing.
9. Measurement forms received by the Federation that have inconsistencies or errors may be denied a measurement card at the discretion of the Federation. If the animal is denied a measurement card, The Federation will notify the owner of the animal and they must be measured before they are eligible to show.

HU171 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.
 - a. Those animals that are measured (and for which a valid measurement form is received by the Federation office) in the month of December immediately preceding the calendar year in which they turn six years of age will be issued a measurement card that does not have to be renewed.
 - b. For ponies, with the exception of ponies under six years old, once a pony is issued a measurement card, a new card will not be issued unless the height of the pony is protested and upheld, or unless an appeal is made and the remeasurement results in the pony moving to a section other than that indicated on its current measurement card.
 - c. For horses, with the exception of horses under six years old, once a horse is issued a measurement card, a new card will not be issued unless the height of the horse is protested and upheld, or unless an appeal is made and the remeasurement results in the horse moving to a section other than that indicated on its current measurement card.
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, or Management cannot confirm the measurement electronically with the Federation, 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.
4. 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.

HU172 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.

HU173 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.

a. It must include the name and date of the competition, the height of the animal, height of heel (in ponies or 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.

b. It must include 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.

c. 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. 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.

d. 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.

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 pony or 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 HU172). The white copy is given to the owner or trainer and the blue copy, with applicable 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 the measurement, is valid for 45 days from the time the animal is measured, regardless of age.

6. 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.

HU174 MEASUREMENT DEVICE.

1. Federation Approved Measurement Stick.

2. 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”.

HU175 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. (Exception: the measurement surface for a junior hunter can be a sheet of plywood in good condition.)
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 competition only, and no measurement form shall be given to the owner.
3. All Licensed Competitions having Pony Hunter, Children’s Hunter Pony, Junior Hunter, or Welsh performance classes are responsible for providing a Federation Approved Measurement stick and a suitable surface for measurements and for failure to do so charges of rule violation shall result for hearing and determination pursuant to Chapters GR6 and GR7

HU176 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.
2. 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.
3. The animal may be presented for measurement with or without shoes regardless of how it is shown.
4. Prior to presenting the animal for measurement it is the responsibility of the owner, and in his interest, to ensure that the pony or horse is handled properly, accustomed to the application of a measuring stick, and correctly prepared for measurement.
5. Exhibitors should make themselves familiar with the “Measurement Guidelines Brochure”, which is available from the competition steward on the reverse side of the measurement form.

HU177 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.

HU178 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 Chapter 5 illustration).

HU179 PROTESTING 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 Pony Hunter, Children’s Hunter Pony, Junior Hunter, or Welsh performance class at a Licensed Competition.
2. A protest questioning the height of an animal showing in a Pony Hunter, Children’s Hunter Pony, Junior Hunter, or Welsh performance class shall be filed in accordance with GR603, except that the measurement shall be conducted pursuant to HU170 - HU178 rather than GR511-GR513, 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 Pony Hunter, Children’s Hunter Pony, Junior Hunter, or Welsh performance 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 1/2" for ponies or 1/4" for horses 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 1/2 " for ponies or 1/4" for horses 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 HU179.3 and HU179.4).

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.

6. Animals Six Years of Age or Over. If the protest measurement finds the animal to be outside the permitted height range that is determined by the animal's measurement card (e.g. small hunter pony, large junior hunter, etc.), the owner forfeits entry fees and winnings for that competition. If the protest measurement is not within the height range, all points accumulated for Horse of the Year Awards to that date are nullified. The animal can immediately commence competing at its new height section or as a horse with a Horse of the Year point balance of zero. EC 1/12/12 Effective Immediately

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.

8. 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.

9. The name of any animal barred from showing due to its height exceeding the limit for the animal's section is listed in equestrian.

10. The decision of competition officials is final unless an appeal is filed with the Federation.

11. Pony Hunter measurement protests.

a. The identity of the protestor will be revealed to the protestee by the competition steward. At the time the competition steward receives the protest, the competition steward will explain the protest measurement process to the parties involved and answer any questions. The competition steward will instruct the protestor and the protestee that any inappropriate behavior and/or communication between parties will result in charges being filed against those parties. This is not limited to those parties directly involved in the protest. Charges may be filed against any individuals at the discretion of the competition steward.

b. When the animal is presented for measurement, only the following individuals may be present: The owner of the animal, two representatives/handlers of the animal being protested, the protestor, the competition veterinarian(s), the competition steward(s), and any representative of The Federation and the Federation Hunter/Jumper Pony Committee.

c. If an animal is protested and found to be within its height section, the animal's height cannot be protested again for the remainder of the competition year.

HU180 MEASUREMENT APPEAL.

1. 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.

- a. Pending the appeal of an initial measurement, the animal continues to be eligible to compete as initially measured.
- b. 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.
- c. There shall be only one appeal per each initial measurement, and only one appeal per each protest measurement.

2. Procedures.

- a. The appeal must be made to the Federation office in writing within fourteen (14) days of the measurement. The Federation reserves the right to grant an appeal measurement. The request for an appeal measurement due to extenuating circumstances must be made in writing to the Federation office.
- b. All expenses including veterinary fees must be paid to the Federation by the appellant. 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.
- c. 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.
- d. 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 General Rules, Chapter GR4, GR405.

6. Appeal of initial measurement.

- a. If the appeal is denied the initially issued card remains in effect.
- b. 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 HU179 of this rule.

7. Appeals of protest measurements,

- a. 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.
- b. 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.
- c. If the appeal is upheld for a Junior Hunter horse, the animal will receive credit for all points accumulated including all points, prize money and trophies won at the competition where protested.

8. At the end of the competition year all outstanding Temporary and Standard Provisional Measurement cards are nullified. Ponies five years of age or under must be presented for a new measurement in accordance with HU171. 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.

HU181 OFFICIAL MEASUREMENT.

No Official Measurements will be granted for Pony Hunters, Junior Hunters, or Pony Jumpers.

SUBCHAPTER HU-11 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

HU182 HUNTER BREEDING.

1. In order to compete in the **U.S. National Hunter Breeding Championship**, the horse and owner must be recorded with **the Federation and registered with USHJA** on or before the first day of the competition. **The owner must be an Active member of the Federation and USHJA.**

2. Points to be awarded for the **U.S. National Hunter Breeding Championship** for Yearlings, Two Year olds and Three Year olds will be awarded as follows: **BOD 1/23/11 Effective 12/1/11**

Number in Class:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
1	2					
2	4	2				
3-10	10	6	4	2		
11+	20	12	8	4	3	2

Championship Points:

Aggregate Number	Champion	Reserve
1-14	10	6
15 or more	20	12

HU183 U.S. PONY HUNTER.

1. This competition is designed to encourage the breeding of quality Hunter ponies and the proper basic training for them.

2. Eligibility. **In order to compete in the U.S. Pony Hunter Championship, the pony must be recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA on or before the first day of the competition. The owner must be an Active member of the Federation and USHJA.**

a. A pony must win a Championship or Reserve Championship in an "AA" rated Regular Pony Hunter section, a Championship **or three reserve championships** in an "A" rated Regular Pony Hunter section, or a Championship or Reserve Championship in an "A" or "AA" rated Green Pony Hunter section and the pony must be **recorded with the Federation and registered with the USHJA** at the time of the win in order for the Championship or Reserve Championship to count. Sections held after July 1 will count toward next year's competition. Ponies that are Champions in their respective sections at the previous year's competition may return without qualifying. The owner of record of the pony must be **an Active** member in good standing of the Federation and **USHJA**, i.e., ponies must be shown in accordance with GR1102, GR1108, in order to be eligible to qualify. Pony Finals host sites will comply with the rules designated by the Federation and the Federation Pony Hunter Committee. **BOD 1/23/11 Effective 12/1/11**

b. Green Pony Hunters qualify by winning a Championship or Reserve Championship in an "A" or "AA" rated Green Pony Hunter section between December 1 and July 1 of the current competition year. A Green Pony Hunter who has qualified for the Finals in the Green Hunter Pony section and the Regular Pony Hunter section may not compete in both. Green Pony Hunters must declare the section in which they will compete when completing their entry blank. They must qualify in the Regular Pony Hunter section after July 1 in order to be qualified for the next competition year.

3. Phases.

a. Competition will be conducted in three separate phases: In-Hand, Under Saddle and Over Fences. In determining each pony's total score, the Model will count 25%, Under Saddle 25% and Over Fences 50%. The competition will consist of six pony hunter sections: small green pony, medium green pony and large green pony, small pony, medium pony and large pony. Green ponies may qualify within their green year from December 1 to July 1 to compete in the green pony hunter division.

b. In-Hand. Judged on conformation, way of moving and soundness.

c. Under Saddle. To be shown at the walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring and to hand gallop on one direction (exception: Green Ponies not to hand gallop). Riders may be asked for an extended trot. Ponies to stop easily and stand quietly. Light contact with pony's mouth is required. Judged on performance and soundness. Manners and suitability of a pony to rider will be emphasized. Extreme speed is penalized.

(1) In the Under Saddle phase, the ponies in each division will be split into groups of 12 or less. Each pony will be judged and given a score based on its performance in its group.

At the discretion of the judges, the ponies in any one division may be called back to hack together.

d. Over Fences. To be shown over a minimum of eight fences at the required height (Note—Large green ponies to jump at 2'9" in the competition). Judged on performance and soundness. Manners and suitability of a pony to rider will be emphasized. Extreme speed is penalized.

e. The same junior exhibitor is required to show an entry in all phases of the competition but need not be the same one that handled the pony in any phases of a qualifying event. The same junior exhibitor may ride a small, medium and large pony in the competition but not more than one pony in any one division.

4. Judging Procedure.

All three judges will judge each phase simultaneously but independently of each other. Each judge will give every pony a score for each phase. Prior to the over fences phase, each pony's scores for the Model and Under Saddle phases are totaled and announced. During the over fences phase, the Open Numerical Scoring System is used: after a pony completes the course, each judge's score for the round is immediately shown. The total overall score for each pony is then calculated as soon as it has completed the last phase.

5. Team Award.

If three or more ponies from any one state compete in the competition, the best three scores of small, medium and large ponies will be added together for a Team Award. If there are not three ponies from any one state, then individual ponies may be combined for a Zone Team, provided they are all from the same Zone. Ponies from a state where three or more ponies are represented are ineligible for a Zone Team. The state or Zone that a pony represents is determined by the owner's state of residence. In the event of tied scores between ponies on the same team, the pony with the most points over fences will be given the place

on the team. Each member of the winning team will receive a memento of the team trophy, the International Challenge Trophy, and the team name will be inscribed on the trophy, which will remain in the possession of the Federation.

6. Points.

Model and Under Saddle Phase		Over Fences Phase (all height sections)	
1st	100	1st	250
2nd	90	2nd	225
3rd	80	3rd	200
4th	70	4th	175
5th	60	5th	150
6th	50	6th	125
7th	40	7th	100
8th	30	8th	75
9th	20	9th	50
10th	10	10th	25

Overall Top Twenty (all height sections)

Champion	400
Reserve	240
3rd	200
4th	190
5th	180

6th	170
7th	160
8th	150
9th	140
10th	130
11th	115
12th	100
13th	85
14th	80
15th	75
16th	70
17th	65
18th	60
19th	55
20th	50

HU184 U.S. JUNIOR HUNTER.

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

2. Eligibility. **In order to compete in the U.S. Junior Hunter Championship, the horse must be recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA on or before the first day of the competition. The owner must be an Active member of the Federation and USHJA.** A horse must win a Championship or Reserve Championship in an "A" or "AA" Rated Junior Hunter Division between July 2 of the previous competition year and July 1 of the current competition year, and/or be in the top 10 in their zone in any of the four Junior Hunter sections as of July 1 of the current competition year. Sections held after July 1 will count toward next year's competition. The horse must be **recorded with the Federation and registered with the USHJA** 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 **an Active** member in good standing of the Federation **and USHJA**, i.e.; horses must be shown in accordance with GR1102 and GR1108 in order to be eligible to qualify. **BOD 1/23/11 Effective 12/1/11**

3. Phases.

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%.

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 HU184.4 for judging procedure.

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 **shall be placed on "handiness" for this round.**

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 **round.**

f. In the Under Saddle Phase, horses shall be judged in-groups of twelve 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.

4. 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.

5. 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	

6. Competition Special Requirements.

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 U.S. Junior Hunter National Championships **may** be split 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.

7. Grant Fund. One or more grants **may** be awarded to one or more riders who qualify to compete at the U.S. 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.

8. Zone or Regional Championships.

a. The Chairman of each Zone may request permission of the **USHJA** 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 **USHJA** 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.
- e. The Championships are conducted under the same regulations as the **U.S.** Junior Hunter National Championship. (Exception: All points awarded are based on "AA" point values as per GR1131.5) **BOD 1/23/11 Effective 12/1/11**

SUBCHAPTER HU-12 HUNTER & PONY HUNTER BREEDING.

HU185 GENERAL.

1. Classes will only accumulate Federation Horse of the Year Points from January 1 to November 30 of the current show year (see GR1115). (Exception: Pony Hunter Breeding will accumulate Zone Horse of the Year points.)
2. Classes must be offered as printed in the prize list. Classes may not be combined however they may be split if the number of entries warrant.
3. Ribbons in all classes must be presented to the winners while in the ring.
4. No more than one person may present a horse or pony at any one time to the judge or judges.

HU186 HUNTER BREEDING.

1. Division of Classes. Breeding classes may be divided as to a) thoroughbred/unregistered thoroughbred, and b) other than thoroughbred and include: Foals (colts, geldings and/or fillies); Yearlings (colts, geldings and/or fillies); Two-year-olds (colts, geldings and/or fillies); Three-year-olds; Mares (3 years old or over, with or without foal); Mares (3 years old or over, without foal but having been bred); Broodmares (with foal at foot; 50% mare and 50% foal or 75% mare and 25% foal); Stallions (3 years old and over); Stallion (with 1, 2 or 3 of get; 50% stallion and 50% get or 75% stallion and 25% get).

2. Class Specifications.

a. Breeding classes are judged on conformation, way of moving, quality, substance, soundness and suitability to become or in the case of sires and dams apparent ability to produce or beget hunters. Possible inheritable conformational defects are only to be considered in the case of sires and dams or prospective sires and dams. Horses are to be judged for conformation before being walked and/or trotted. Broodmares and weanlings are to walk. Yearlings, Two year-olds and Three year-olds are to walk and trot. Horses that are not sound are ineligible for an award. Entries should be lined up in the order of preference before the ribbons are pinned. A competition may not offer more than 2 hunter breeding divisions to count for HOTA awards for any one competition. Each division must be judged by a different judge(s). The judge(s) from one section may not confer with the judge(s) from the other section until the judging is completed, exception learner judges. Learner judges may only accompany judge(s) in one section. Judges will only be in the ring when judging their division. Each division must be held separately. If available, separate areas are preferred. Additional classes and championships may be offered but will not count towards Horse of the Year points. The prize list must clearly state which classes count for Horse of the Year points.

b. Foals in Breeding classes may wear leather halters. All animals of yearling status and older must be shown in a bridle. Only a snaffle or straight bar bit may be used. A properly fitted in hand leather lead and chain, such as a new market or "V" shank type may be substituted for reins. A properly fitted in hand leather lead may also be substituted for reins. A properly fitted chain should be short enough to prevent the horse from getting it in his/her mouth and should never be placed over the nose or tightly under the chin.

c. Four classes must be offered consisting of Yearlings, Two-year-olds, Three-year-olds and Best Young Horse. Classes may not be combined. Classes may be divided by sex and/or breeding and competition management is encouraged to divide classes where entries warrant. Only

these classes will count for Federation Horse of the Year Awards.

d. A Best Young Horse class must be offered and judged as a separate class. Winners in all qualifying classes may show in the Best Young Horse class. Second place winners may return. Federation Horse of the Year points will be awarded in the Best Young Horse class regardless of the number of entries.

3. Conduct. A competition may not offer more than two Hunter Breeding divisions to count for HOTY awards at any one competition. Each division must be judged by a different judge or judges, with neither judge conferring with the other concerning the judging until the divisions are completed. The prize list must clearly state which classes count for Federation points. Additional classes and division championships may be offered but will not count for Federation points.

4. Special Rating Requirements.

a. Classes with combined age groups do not count toward the Horse of the Year Awards. Exception: Best Young Horse class. See also GR1113.

b. Points will be based on the number of horses in the class as follows:

Number in Class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
1	1 (*)			
2	2	1 (*)		
3 -10	5	3	2	1
11 +	10	6	4	2

(*) If a horse which competes in a qualifying class with less than three entries becomes Best Young Horse or Reserve Best Young Horse at that competition, they will receive full points for the qualifying class (i.e. 5 pts. for 1st, 3 pts. for 2nd).

c. Championship points based on the aggregate number of horses in the rated classes of the Hunter Breeding section.

Aggregate Number	Champion	Reserve
1-2	2 points	1 point
3-14	5 points	3 points
15 or more	10 points	6 points

HU187 PONY HUNTER BREEDING.

Unless USHJA Zone Committees submit their specifications by August 1st, the following specifications will apply for the Pony Hunter Breeding Division.

1. Ponies in the Pony Hunter Breeding Division are not required to have a measurement card. However, a pony may be subject to measurement by the competition steward to verify a height that does not exceed 14.2 hands.

2. Division of Classes. Foals (colts, geldings and/or fillies); Yearlings (colts, geldings and/or fillies); Two year-olds (colts, geldings and/or fillies); Three year-olds (colts, geldings and/or fillies); Broodmares (with foal at foot and/or bred with a breeding certificate); Stallions (three year olds and over); Produce of Dam (two ponies produced by the same mare); Get of Sire (two ponies sired by the same stallion). Animals shown in the Produce or Get classes must be three years of age or younger.

3. Conduct. A Competition may not offer more than two Pony Hunter Breeding divisions to count for HOTY Zone awards at any one competition. Each division must be judged by a different judge or judges, with neither judge conferring with the other concerning the judging until the divisions are completed and the cards are turned in. The prize list must clearly state which classes count for Federation Zone points. Additional classes and division championships may be offered but will not count for Federation Zone points.

4. Class Specifications.

a. Breeding classes are judged on conformation, way of moving, quality, substance, soundness and suitability to become Pony Hunters. Transmissible unsoundness is only to be considered in the case of sires and dam or prospective sires and dams. Ponies are to be judged for conformation before being walked and/or jogged. Broodmares and weanlings are to walk. Yearlings, Two year-olds and Three year-olds are to walk and jog. Ponies that are not sound are ineligible for an award. If the section has only one judge and thus one set of points, the entries should be lined up in order of preference before the ribbons are pinned. If this is a two-judge section,

with two sets of points, the entries are not lined up in the order of preference until both judges have turned in their cards. The announcer or ringmaster will line up Judge #1's entries in his/her order of preference before awarding the ribbons. After the entries have been pinned for the first judge, Judge #2's entries will line up in his/her order of preference before the awarding of ribbons.

- b. All entries may either be shown in a bridle or a leather halter.
 - c. Four classes must be offered consisting of Yearlings, Two year-olds, Three year olds and Best Young Pony. Classes may not be combined. Classes may be divided by sex. Management is encouraged to divide classes where entries warrant. Only these classes will count for Federation Zone Horse of the Year Awards.
 - d. A Best Young Pony class must be offered and judged as a separate class. Winners in all qualifying classes must show in the best Young Pony Class. Second place winners may return. Federation Zone Horse of the Year Points will be awarded in the Best Young Pony class regardless of the number of entries.
5. Special Rating Requirements.

a. Classes with combined age groups do not count toward Zone Horse of the Year Awards. Exception: Best Young Pony Class. See also GR1113.

b. Points will be based on the number of ponies in the class as follows:

Number in class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
1 entry	1 *			
2 entries	2	1 *		
3 to 10 entries	5	3	2	1
More than 10 entries	10	6	4	2

(*) If a pony that competes in a qualifying class with less than three entries becomes Best Young Pony or Reserve Best Young Pony at that competition, they will receive full points for the qualifying class (5 points for 1st and 3 points for second).

c. Championship points are based on the total number of ponies in the rated classes of the Pony Hunter Breeding Division (Yearling, Two year-olds, and Three year-olds)

1 to 14 total entries: Champion 5 points, Reserve 3 points

15 or more entries: Champion 10 points, Reserve 6 points

SUBCHAPTER HU-13 USHJA INTERNATIONAL HUNTER DERBY AND USHJA NATIONAL HUNTER DERBY.

HU188 INTERNATIONAL HUNTER DERBY.

1. Classes included in the member event series to be determined annually by USHJA.
2. **Derbies** may only be offered at USEF licensed "AA" competitions and competitions with special status.
3. All classes involved in the USHJA Member Event Series must meet the requirements set forth by USHJA. Information on the application procedure, class requirements, judging system and course requirements is available from the Programs Department in the USHJA office. **Competition management will collect and remit to USHJA the per horse entrant fee determined by the USHJA. This fee must be included in the entry fee.**
4. National bonus points will be awarded to each horse's respective section as declared at the time of entry except horses ridden by juniors or amateurs will be awarded points in their respective sections. The point structure will be as follows:

Round #1	Round #2	Overall	Top 12
1st	50	50	200
2nd	40	40	160
3rd	35	35	140
4th	30	30	120
5th	25	25	100
6th	20	20	80
7th	15	15	60
8th	10	10	40
9th	7	7	28

10th	5	5	20
11th	3	3	12
12th	2	2	8

5. Prize Money must be distributed as follows: 30% for 1st, 22% for 2nd, 13% for 3rd, 8% for 4th, 6% for 5th, 5% for 6th, 4% for 7th, 3% for 8th, 9th, 2% for 10th, 11th and 12th.

6. Riders, owners, and trainers must be a current **Active** members of USEF and USHJA before the start of the class. Horses must be recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA.

7. Horses competing in this class must have an active recording to be eligible for Horse of the Year points (GR1110).

8. The prize money offered in this class does not count to determine the overall rating the competition. Exception: "AA" rated competitions offering \$25,000 or more in prize money.

9. Each class must have two sets of two judges, two of which must be a "R." A team of judges may include one "R" and one "r" judge.

10. Points - USHJA International Hunter Derby Finals

	Round #1	Round #2	Overall
1st	150	200	400
2nd	140	185	370
3rd	130	170	340
4th	120	155	310
5th	110	140	280
6th	100	125	250
7th	90	110	220
8th	80	100	200
9th	70	90	180
10th	60	80	160
11th	55	70	140
12th	50	60	120
13th	45	50	100
14th	40	45	90
15th	35	40	80
16th	30	35	70
17th	25	30	60
18th	20	25	50
19th	15	20	40
20th	10	15	30

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HU189 USHJA NATIONAL HUNTER **DERBY**.

USHJA National Hunter Derby may be offered at USEF Licensed "AA", "A", "B" or "C" Competitions and at Competitions approved for a Special Competition Status.

1. Competing in the USHJA National Hunter Derby does not qualify a horse or rider for the USHJA International Hunter Derby Finals.

2. USHJA National Hunter **Derby** are open to all horses and ponies; however, distances will not be adjusted for ponies.

3. All USHJA National Hunter **Derby classes** must meet the requirements set forth by USHJA. Information on class procedures, class requirements, judging system and course requirements is available from the Programs Department in the USHJA office.

4. Competition management will collect and remit to USHJA the per horse entrant fee **within 14 days of the competition**. This fee must be included in the 10% entry fee maximum. The per horse entrant fee is \$25 at "AA", "A" and Special Competitions and is \$15 at "B" and "C" Competitions.

5. Zone bonus points will be awarded to each horse's respective hunter section as declared at time of entry. A horse may be declared in only one of the following sections at the competition: Pre-Green, Performance Hunter 3'3", Children's, Pony, Adult Amateur or Amateur Owner 3'3". Only Juniors or Amateurs may declare for the applicable Children's, Pony, Adult Amateur or Amateur Owner 3'3" section. National bonus points will not be awarded. At "AA" or "A" rated competi-

tions. Zone bonus points will be awarded as follows, 1st -100, 2nd-80, 3rd-70, 4th-60, 5th-50, 6th-40, 7th-30 and 8th-20. At "B" or "C" rated competitions, Zone bonus points will be awarded as follows: 1st - 75, 2nd - 65, 3rd - 55, 4th - 45, 5th - 35, 6th - 25, 7th - 20, 8th - 15.

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6. Prize Money must be distributed as follows: 30% for 1st, 22% for 2nd, 15% for 3rd, 10% for 4th, 7% for 5th, 6% for 6th, 5% for 7th, 5% for 8th.

7. Riders, owners and trainers must be current active members of USEF and USHJA before the start of the class. (See GR202).

8. Horses and ponies competing in this class must be registered with the USHJA prior to the start of the class.

9. To be eligible for Zone Horse of the Year bonus points per GR1110, horses and ponies competing in this class must have an active Federation recording and USHJA registration.

10. No more than one National Hunter Derby may be held during a given competition.

11. The same horse may not compete in the USHJA National Hunter Derby and International Hunter Derby at the same competition.

12. Each class must have a minimum of two judges. All judges will sit together and provide one score. *BOD 1/23/11 Effective 12/1/11*

APPENDIX A. HUNTER SCHOOLING RULES.

1. It is important to remember that all exercise areas are different in size, type of footing, and jump material provided. Furthermore, the ability of the horse and rider must always be taken into consideration as well when deciding what is permitted and not permitted during preparation.

2. In the schooling/exercise areas during the preparation before competition, a minimum of one vertical and one oxer must be provided. The ground must be in good condition. Management must provide sufficient obstacle material. The jumping area should be large enough to provide sufficient room for the training.

3. Obstacles may be flagged, in which case they must be jumped in the proper direction. The Steward, and/or Schooling Supervisor should decide if the flags may be interchanged.

4. No one may hold a rail or touch a standard while it is being jumped.

5. All rails must be either in cups or totally on the ground (exception: one end of a cross rail may rest on the ground). Rails must be able to fall easily when hit.

6. If a rail is placed on the edge of a cup it must be placed on the far side of the cup, and is only allowed at an oxer if it does not cause the front rail to be higher than the back rail (i.e. offset).

7. Walk rails may be no higher than 12" at the highest point. A walk rail may be parallel to the ground with both ends in cups, or may have one end resting on the ground. Cross rails are NOT allowed. Ground rails are NOT permitted. Horses will approach and depart in a straight line only and may NOT be turned.

8. There may never be more than two (2) rails on the back of an oxer, with the lower rail equal in height to the lowest rail on the front of the oxer. If the oxer is flagged so that it may only be jumped in one direction, there may only be one (1) rail on the back.

9. Ground lines are not mandatory, however if they are used they must be placed either directly below the front of the jump or up to 1 m (3'3") out. If a ground line is used on the landing side of a jump, there must be one on the take off side, and it may not be any further out than the one on the take off side. If an oxer is flagged so it may only be jumped in one direction, the ground line is only permitted on the front of the oxer.

10. If a trot, canter or placement rail is used, it may not be used at a jump higher or wider than 1.30m (4'3"). If used on the take-off side, it may not be closer than 2.50m (8'2"). If used on the landing side of a vertical, it may be no closer than 3.0m (9'10"). If used on the landing side of an oxer, it may be no closer than 20' from the back rail of the oxer.

11. If guide rails are used on the landing side of a jump, the closest part of the rail must be a minimum of 3 m (9'10") from the jump. The schooling supervisor may allow a shorter distance for ponies.

12. A cross rail may be made either by itself, in which case it may not exceed 1.30 m (4'3") in height, or be below a rail at a vertical, or the front of an oxer.

13. Swedish Oxers are permitted with the following stipulations: a) no more than a 6" height dif-

ference (low to high points) for ponies, and b) no more than an 18" height difference (low to high points) for horses.

14. If an item (blanket, cooler, etc.) is laid over the rail of an oxer, it may be laid over the front rail. If there is more than one rail on the front of the oxer, the item may be laid over any of those rails.

15. The use of materials which proves dangerous is forbidden.

16. If space and available material allows and safety conditions permit, combinations may be built using correct distances. Bounce jumps may only be used with verticals and may not exceed 1.10m (3'7") in height.

17. At management's discretion (and if local laws allow) bamboo offsets may be permitted in designated schooling areas only. Manual poling is not permitted.

18. Any action deemed not in the best interest of the horse will not be allowed.

19. The schooling supervisor's decision, after consultation with the Senior Steward, or an official competition steward's decision regarding schooling fences, or tack and equipment in the warm-up area is final. *BOD 1/23/11 Effective 12/1/11*