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**Rule Change Intent**

USHJA acknowledges that the World Championship Hunter Rider Challenge and Spectacular classes offer truly stellar competition and succeeding at those classes represent a significant accomplishment that warrants being reflected in the Horse of the Year standings. This rule change proposal is being submitted in the process of updating the WCHR program to reflect that change and for the rules to be consistent with how USEF has requested USHJA programs be addressed.

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**Linked Rules**

**Comments**

**Committee Actions**
Base Points  One additional point per pony entered will be added to the base National HOTY points earned Championship

| Place | 1st | 7th | 23 | 2nd | 6th | 15 | 3rd | 5th | 20 | 10th | 7 | 4th | 45 | 9th | 10 | 5th | 38 | 11th | 5 | 6th | 30 | 12th | 3 |

**World Championship Hunter Rider**

National HOTY points and money won, where applicable, will be awarded for placing in a WCHR Challenge Class. Zone HOTY Points will not be awarded. Horses and ponies must be eligible for the section declared at the time of entry.

In order for National HOTY points and money won, where applicable, to be awarded:

- Riders must complete the USHJA Exhibitor Declaration Form prior to the conclusion of the competition for applicable Challenge Classes only (Professional and Developing Professional);
- Declarations for the Professional Challenge class may be any one WCHR recognized 3’6” Professional section;
- Declarations for the Developing Professional Challenge Class may be any one WCHR recognized 3’3” or 3’ Professional section;
- Riders may only declare one section in which to earn HOTY points;
- The two-round stand-alone Hunter Classic point scale will be utilized when awarding National HOTY bonus points. See HU173.9(b); and
- HOTY points and money won will only be awarded towards a declared Hunter section for HOTY points if the horse competes in the declared section a minimum of five (5) times during the current competition year.

**WCHR Spectaculars**

The Spectacular will count for HOTY points and money won, where applicable, in the section declared at the time of entry, for which the horse must be eligible, and that corresponds to the height jumped in the Spectacular. Zone HOTY points will not be awarded. The two-round stand-alone Hunter Classic point scale will be utilized when awarding National HOTY bonus points. See HU173.9(b). HOTY points and money won for horses qualifying with a bye will only be awarded towards a declared Hunter section for HOTY points if the horse competes in the declared section a minimum of five (5) times during the competition year.