### Rule Change Intent

Per the current Memorandum of Understanding between USEF and USHJA a timeframe is established for locking USHJA specification two months prior to the start of a new qualifying period. This carries through all the USHJA programs and renders this deadline unnecessary and outside the established timeframe. The zone specifications have many steps in their approval process and October 1 is a more reasonable date to get all the specifications through the many approval steps. As with all the specifications, they will still be forwarded to USEF per the terms of the MOU.

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### Linked Rules

### Comments

### Committee Actions
13. USHJA Zone Rider of the Year Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Division Awards.

Unless USHJA Zone Committees submit their specifications by August 1, the following specifications will apply for the Age Group Equitation Hunter section unless addressed by specific USHJA Zone specifications (available at www.ushja.org):

a. Awards are offered for the following at the Zone level: Equitation 14 and under, Equitation 15-17, Adult Equitation 18-35 and Adult Equitation 36 and over.

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c. Section champions will be awarded 2.0 times the total 1st place point value. Section reserve champions will be awarded 1.2 times the total 1st place value.

d. Competition management may offer Age Group Equitation classes divided at their discretion. Equitation that is offered by age will be awarded points that will be credited to the age groups defined in GR1131.12.a or the relevant Zone Specifications.

e. Age Group Equitation classes for junior riders to be shown over a course of not less than eight fences and the fence heights cannot exceed 3’6” (or 1.10m when class specifications list fence height in metric) and wings are optional.

f. Age Group Equitation classes for adult amateurs to be shown over a course of not less than eight fences and the fence height cannot exceed 3’3” (or 1.0m when class specifications list fence height in metric).

g. The USHJA shall determine the Zone and/or Stirrup Cup HOTY points to be awarded for its USHJA Equitation Championships, Finals and Classes. The USHJA shall notify the Federation and publish the point scale to be utilized on the USHJA website a minimum of 120 days prior to the start of each event.