

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
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## Rule Change Intent

The current wording regarding Regular Pony Hunter Classics and Green Pony Hunter Classics is unclear. Often the prize lists state "Pony Hunter Classic" without clarification if it is Regular, Green, Open, or combined. This also created confusion that Green Ponies enter the Regular Pony Hunter Classic without having fulfilled the requirement of competing in two classes in the regular section.

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## Linked Rules

## Comments

## Committee Actions

1. Any Premier, National, ~~Regional I~~ or Regional II rated competition may offer a Hunter Classic.

2. Hunter Classics may be offered for any rated sections offered and held at the same competition. An Open Hunter Classic is a classic that is open to entries from multiple Hunter sections of the same rating. It is permitted for Open Hunter Classics to encompass several fence heights to correspond with the respective Hunter sections being offered. It is not permitted for an Open Hunter Classic to encompass multiple ratings. The prize list must state the specific Hunter sections that are invited to compete in the Open Hunter Classic. If a horse competes in more than one Hunter section qualifying for the Open Hunter Classic, the exhibitor must declare their point section to the Competition Secretary on a declaration form at the time of entry into the Classic. All other provisions of HU172 apply to Open Hunter Classics.

a. Six (6) entries are required to conduct a Hunter Classic.

b. If there are fewer than six (6) entries in any one Hunter Classic, it may combine with other sections of the same rating, regardless of the combining or dividing rules of the section. Exception: The Adult Amateur Hunter Classic, Low Adult Amateur Hunter Classic, Children's Pony Hunter Classic and Children's Hunter Classic, ~~and~~ Low Children's Hunter Horse Classic, and Low Children's Hunter Pony Classic may be held with the number of entries indicated in the Zone specifications. If Hunter Classics are combined and a horse is shown in more than one section qualifying for the Hunter Classic, the exhibitor must declare their point section to the Competition Secretary on a declaration form at the time of entry into the Classic.

***c. Ponies entered in the Green Hunter Pony section are not eligible for the Regular Pony Hunter Classic unless they have competed in the Regular Pony Hunter section (see HU174.6).***

***d.*** Hunter Classics cannot be divided in any manner and held by section if there are fewer than six (6) entries in each divided section. Exception: "A" Premier or National rated sections must have twelve (12) entries to divide. BOD 11/22/21 Effective 12/1/22