

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Extraordinary	2/1/2023	11/22/2022	

Extraordinary Change Reason

This set of RCPs was originally put in as regular rule changes. At USEF's direction when the original set was rejected, they are being re-submitted as extraordinary RCPs.

Rule Change Intent

As USHJA establishes a separate and distinct membership database from USEF, some updates to the rules are appropriate to address the requirements for things such as adding and changes to horse ownership, leases, change of names, exhibitor registration, or any other changes to require they also be recorded with USHJA. There are multiple chapters and subchapters that this set of rule change proposals reaches. Includes multiple chapters.

Proponent Details

USHJA

Contact Information

Katie Patrick

kpatrick@ushja.org

Linked Rules

Comments

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/03/2023

Council - Member Services

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/07/2022

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/05/2022

National Hunter Committee

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/03/2023

Natl Breed & Disciplines Council - Advisory

Draft 2: No Action 11/28/2022

Welsh

Draft 2: No Action 12/08/2022

GR1105 Transfer of Ownership

1. Ownership of a Federation recorded horse may be transferred during the year without affecting the animal's points provided proper authorization and fee are received by the Federation office. Authorization for transfer of ownership of a horse holding a recording with the Federation may be submitted in the form of a signed Federation recording certificate or a proper bill of sale. Authorization must be signed by the previously recorded owner(s). If these documents are unavailable, a Federation transfer affidavit may be obtained from the Federation office which must be completed, signed, notarized and returned to the Federation office with proof of ownership. Transfer documents and payment must be submitted online via the new owner's MY USEF account or mailed to the Federation office. A horse will not be eligible to receive points under its new ownership until the conditions of GR1110 and GR1111 are met. The fees can be found on the horse transfer form at www.usef.org.
2. Authorization for transfer of ownership of a horse or pony that is or has been in possession of a Federation measurement card may be submitted in the form of a bill of sale signed by the previous owner or a copy of breed registration papers issued to the new owner. There is no fee to transfer ownership of a horse or pony possessing only a Federation measurement card.
3. Authorization for transfer of ownership within a family (as defined in GR123) may be submitted in writing and signed by the previous owner(s) and the new owner(s). There is no fee to transfer a horse/pony within a family.
4. **For Hunter/Jumper/Equitation divisions, all authorizations and all applicable fees for transfer of ownership and transfer of ownership within a family must also be submitted to the USHJA office in accordance with points 1-3.**

[...]

GR1106 Exhibitor Registration

1. Entries may be made in a name other than that of an individual for Horse of the Year Awards, provided such name (Stable/Farm, Corporation, etc.) is recorded with the Federation. Duplication of farm names is discouraged but not prohibited. Horses shown under a partnership, i.e., Smith & Smith, Jones & Jones, must be duly registered. All applications for registration of (Stable/Farm, Corporation, etc.) must be signed by each of the bona fide owners and accompanied by the required fee. The fees can be found on the Farm, Corporation, Syndicate or Partnership Recording application at www.usef.org.
2. In order for points to count toward Federation Horse of the Year Awards, at least one owner must be a Federation active Competing or Life member.
 - a. **In order for points to count in Hunter/Jumper/Equitation divisions, one owner of the Stable/Farm/Corporation, etc. must be an Active/Competing individual member of USHJA.**
3. Additional owners (including members of the family of the owner) may be included at no extra fee. Authorization to include additional owners must be made in writing and must be signed by each bona fide owner and will be effective the day such authorization is received in the Federation office.

[...]

GR1107 Change of Name

1. The recorded name of a horse competing in divisions that do not require breed registration may be changed by submission of the original recording certificate to the Federation office accompanied by the required fee. The recorded name of a horse can also be changed by submitting the Horse Name Change Request form which lists the fee and can be found at www.usef.org. Name changes may also be submitted online via the owner's MY USEF account.
2. The recorded name of a farm, corporation, syndicate, or partnership may be changed by contacting the Federation office and remitting the required fee.
3. All name changes officially recorded with the Federation will be listed in equestrian.
4. **For Hunter/Jumper/Equitation divisions, all name change requests and fees must also be submitted to the USHJA office in accordance with points 1-3.**

[...]

GR1108 Lease Registration

1. The Federation encourages all lessors of horses competing in Federation competitions to register the lease with the Federation. A recorded horse must be shown under a lessee's ownership provided an official lease is registered with the Federation.
2. For points to count with respect to any recorded horse at a Federation competition, such agreement or lease registration form (provided by the Federation) and fees must be received by the Federation office on or before the first day of such competition. The lessee becomes the bona fide owner of the horse for the period of the lease (except for Owner classes) for Federation award purposes. The horse must be entered in the ownership of the lessee and must be shown in accordance with GR1110.
3. To be official, a certified copy of a lease agreement or a lease registration form must be submitted and registered with the Federation and must be accompanied by the required fee. The Horse Lease Form which lists the fee can be found at www.usef.org. Either document must contain a start and end date and be signed by the lessee and the lessor. If a lease is not renewed within 30 days of its expiration, a later renewal will require an additional fee. The lease registration with the Federation will then be effective the day the renewal is received by our office.
4. A written statement of termination must be submitted signed by the lessee and the lessor if the lease is terminated before

the end date stated in the lease registration form.

5. The Federation does not accept agent signatures.
6. **For Hunter/Jumper/Equitation divisions, all lease registrations and fees must also be submitted to the USHJA office in accordance with points 1-5.**

[...]

GR1110 General

1. Points toward any Horse of the Year Award will not be credited until the applications and fees for the horse's recording, exhibitor's registration, transfer of ownership, name change or addition of owner(s) and owner's Senior Active, Junior Active or Life membership are received by the Federation offices. Furthermore, points toward **any** Horse of the Year Awards defined in GR1131, GR1132 or GR1133, will not be credited until the applications and fees for the horse's USHJA Horse Registration and the owner's USHJA Active or USHJA Life membership are received by the Federation or USHJA offices. Exception: Applications for Federation and USHJA Individual Membership and Horse Recordings submitted at Licensed Competitions:
[...]
2. For points to count with respect to any competition, the required materials and fees must be received by the Federation office (or by the Competition Secretary - see below) on or before the first licensed day of such competition.
Furthermore, for points to count in Hunter/Jumper/Equitation divisions, required applicable materials and fees must be received by the USHJA office on or before the first licensed day of such competition. Exception: Applications for Federation **and/or** USHJA Individual Membership and Horse Recordings submitted at Licensed Competitions: [...]
3. A horse must be recorded with the Federation, and the name of at least one individual appearing on the horse recording certificate as owner must be that of a Senior Active, Junior Active or Life Member in good standing. **For Hunter/Jumper/Equitation divisions, a horse must be registered with USHJA and at least one individual appearing on the horse registration as an owner must be a USHJA Active or Life member in good standing.** If the horse is leased at the time of the competition, per GR1108, the lessee is considered the owner (exception all Owner classes) and must be a Senior Active, Junior Active or Life Member in good standing. **For Hunter/Jumper/Equitation divisions, the lease must also be recorded with the USHJA, and must be an Active USHJA Member in good standing.** If the recorded owner is a farm/stable, corporation or any name other than that of a person, refer to GR1106. For the purposes of accruing Federation points, the horse must be entered and shown in the ownership of an individual or entity, including a member of the owner's family, who is included on the Federation horse recording certificate. Effective date of ownership is the day written authorization is received by the Federation offices. **Furthermore, for the purposes of accruing points in the Hunter/Jumper/Equitation divisions, the horse must be entered and shown in the ownership of an individual or entity, including a member of the owner's family who is included on the USHJA horse recording certificate. Effective date of ownership is the day written authorization is received by the USHJA Offices.**
4. If the owner, rider, animal, and trainer are all in good standing and an error occurs on the entry blank (i.e. the wrong USEF number is written, the old owner is written in error, the correct number but incorrect spelling is written, etc.), HOTY points may be awarded after review by the Federation.
5. No points can be credited toward an award unless the Federation recorded name and Horse Recording number of the horse and the Federation recorded owner or lessee's name and membership number appears in the competition's records (i.e., result sheets or catalogue) as exhibited in the name of the Federation recorded owner or, if the horse is leased, under the ownership of the lessee as required under GR1108. **Furthermore, no points can be credited toward an award in Hunter/Jumper/Equitation divisions, unless the USHJA recorded name and horse registration number and the USHJA recorded owner or lessee's name and membership number appears in the competition's records (i.e., result sheets or catalogue) as exhibited in the name of the USHJA recorded owner or, if the horse is leased, under the ownership of the lessee as required by GR 1108.**
6. Failure to comply with the rules respecting eligibility for points will result in points not counting for Federation **and** USHJA purposes and awards. Points standings are available on the Federation website, www.usef.org, and it is the responsibility of exhibitors to check standings and call to the Federation's attention any omissions or inaccuracies. As a service to members the Federation may from time to time advise exhibitors when points are not able to be counted, but the responsibility for checking standings and ensuring that eligibility requirements are met remains solely with the exhibitors.

GR1111 National, Regional and Zone Awards

[...]

4. Horses are eligible for Zone Awards only within the home zone of the entry's **USHJA** recorded owner(s) exception Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation, the rider's home residence will be used. However, points won at competitions in states contiguous to an exhibitor's home zone, or in Canadian provinces if contiguous to an exhibitor's home zone, will also count if the state or Canadian province has been designated as provided below.
[...]
6. An owner's residence at the time he applies for or renews his memberships will be maintained throughout the competition year and is considered his home district, region or zone for the purposes of counting points. For a Life Member, his residence on December 1st will be used for this purpose. If the recorded owner moves his residence during the year to a new district, region or zone, points can be accumulated in the new location provided the owner declares in writing to the Federation that the new district, region or zone will be his home district, region or zone. The

declaration must be received by the Federation office on or before the first licensed day of a competition for points to be counted for that competition. See also JP101.

7. If the recorded ownership of the horse is transferred, valid points earned by the previously recorded owner will be retained in his home district, region or zone. Points are not transferable from one district, region, or zone to another.
8. Horses showing under multiple ownership involving more than one district, region or zone must have one home district, region or zone declared for the purpose of these Awards. This declaration must be made in writing to the Federation office by March 1st of the current year or within 30 days of receipt of horse recording application and must be signed by each bona fide owner.

Effective date of declaration is the day the written authorization is received by the Federation office and for points to count, the declaration must be received by the Federation office on or before the first day of the competition. If only one owner is a Federation Member in good standing, this person's residency will automatically become the entry's home district, region or zone.

9. If the horse is recorded under the ownership of a registered farm, the residence of the farm's owner is the entry's home district, region or zone. If the owners of a farm reside in different districts, regions or zones see paragraph 8 above.

10. For changes or updates according to points 6, 7, 8, and 9, USHJA must also be notified.

11. Exception to GR1111.8-1111.11: Arabian, Half/Anglo Arabian Division, Andalusian/ Lusitano, Morgan and Friesian Divisions; see GR1111.2. 11. Responsibility in fulfilling the requirements of the above Rules rests entirely with the exhibitor. As the competition entry blank is generally the source of information required in GR1110.5, care should be taken to fill out entry blanks correctly.

[...]

GR1131 Hunter and Equitation Divisions

1. Eligibility

- a. Points toward any Horse of the Year Award for the Hunter Division will not be credited until the applications and fees for the horse's recording, exhibitor's registration, transfer of ownership, name change or addition of owner(s) and owner's Senior Active, Junior Active or Life membership are received by the Federation offices. Furthermore, points toward **any** Horse of the Year Awards for the Hunter Division will not be credited until the applications and fees for the horse's USHJA Horse Registration, **transfer of ownership, name change, or addition of owner(s) and** the owner's USHJA Active or USHJA Life membership are received by the Federation or **and** USHJA offices. Exception: Applications for Federation and USHJA Individual Membership and Horse Recordings submitted at Licensed Competitions.
- b. USHJA Zone points toward any Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Division Rider of the Year Awards will not be credited until the applications and fees for the horse's USHJA registration, and rider's USEF and USHJA's active membership are received by the Federation or **and** USHJA offices. Exception: Applications for Federation and USHJA Individual Membership and USHJA Horse Registration submitted at Licensed Competitions.

[...]

GR1132 Pony Hunter Breeding and Hunter Breeding

1. Eligibility- Points toward any Horse of the Year Award will not be credited until the applications and fees for the horse's recording, exhibitor's registration, transfer of ownership, name change or addition of owner(s) and owner's Senior Active, Junior Active or Life membership are received by the Federation offices. Furthermore, points toward **any** Horse of the Year Awards will not be credited until the applications and fees for the horse's USHJA Horse Registration, **transfer of ownership, name change or addition of owner(s) and** the owner's USHJA Active or USHJA Life membership are received by the Federation or USHJA offices. Exception: Applications for Federation and USHJA Individual Membership and Horse Recordings submitted at Licensed Competitions.

[...]

GR1133 Jumpers

1. Eligibility. Points toward any Horse of the Year Award will not be credited until the applications and fees for the horse's recording, exhibitor's registration, transfer of ownership, name change or addition of owner(s) and owner's Senior Active, Junior Active or Life membership are received by the Federation offices. Furthermore, points toward **any** Horse of the Year Awards will not be credited until the applications and fees for the horse's USHJA Horse Registration, **transfer of ownership, name change or addition of owner(s) and** the owner's USHJA Active or USHJA Life membership are received by the Federation or USHJA offices. Exception: Applications for Federation and USHJA Individual Membership and Horse Recordings submitted at Licensed Competitions.

[...]

EQ103 Eligibility to Compete

1. In order to compete in any Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation 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 Show Pass fee to the United States Hunter Jumper Association, Inc. Exception: Local Competitions and exceptions listed in

GR901.9. Exception:

Breed restricted Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes.

2. USHJA Horse Registrations.

a. All horses competing in Federation licensed and/or USHJA sanctioned competitions with Hunter, Hunter Breeding, Jumper and Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes not restricted by breed must be properly identified in accordance with GR1101, and must also be registered with USHJA (See GR1101.1). **Any change of a horse's name and/or ownership must be recorded with Federation and USHJA in accordance with GR1105 and GR1107.** The USEF/USHJA registration number for each horse must be entered on all entry forms for licensed competitions.

b. Applications for USHJA Registration can be completed online at ushja.org ~~or usef.org~~ using the USEF **USHJA** Horse Registration application form. This form is also available from the USHJA ~~or Federation~~ office, as a download from the USHJA ~~or Federation~~ website or from competition management. Competition management is responsible for notifying exhibitors of this requirement in their prize list.

[...]

HU103 Competition Requirements – Horse & Pony

1. USHJA Horse Registrations.

a. All horses competing in Federation licensed and/or USHJA sanctioned competitions with Hunter, Hunter Breeding, Jumper and Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes not restricted by breed must be properly identified in accordance with GR1101, and must also be registered with USHJA (see GR1101.1). **Any change of a horse's name and/or ownership must be recorded with Federation and USHJA in accordance with GR1105 and GR1107.** The USEF/USHJA registration number for each horse must be entered on all entry forms for licensed competitions.

b. Applications for USHJA Registration can be completed online at www.ushja.org ~~or www.usef.org~~ using the USEF **USHJA** Horse Registration application form. This form is also available from the USHJA ~~or Federation~~ office, as a download 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 HU101)

[...]

HJ128 Membership Requirements and Fees

Before any animal is measured the person presenting the animal must have in his possession the owner's **Federation and USHJA** membership number, a signed statement signifying that membership has been applied for or proof of Equine Canada membership. [...]

JP101 Horse Recording

1. The Federation maintains records of winnings in classes at licensed competitions.

a. Jumpers must be recorded with the Federation in order to receive points towards any or USHJA Zone ~~or~~ Horse of the Year awards, and to enter a USEF Show Jumping Ranking List class (Exception: Horses entered in a USEF Show Jumping Ranking List class that are owned by a member of another National Federation and have proof, in English, of current membership in good standing of their own National Federation, GR901.9, item 9.). **Jumpers must be registered with USHJA in order to receive points towards any Horse of the Year awards.** Any change of a recorded horse's name and/or ownership must be recorded with Federation **and USHJA** in accordance with GR1105 and GR1107.