

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2025	12/19/2024	

Rule Change Intent

This rule change addresses a safety concern for handlers, other exhibitors, and show personnel. It can create a dangerous environment for Juniors and Amateur handlers to compete stallions in these classes with mixed company.

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Linked Rules	Comments
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Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 03/25/2025	Draft 1: The committee is concerned with the verbiage used in this rule change. If the intent of the proponent is to not allow a Junior or Amateur to handle a stallion, then the rule change needs re-wording. The manner in which the rule currently reads is that stallions could not be shown in a junior/amateur designated class, not that a Junior/Amateur couldn't handle a stallion in general. This rule change needs clarifying especially since many times competitions are not separating classes in the designations of Junior or Amateur classes, but by the age or sex of the horse (2 year olds, 3 year olds, etc.).
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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 05/20/2025

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 04/14/2025

HU148 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.)

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7. Additional classes and championships may be offered but will not count towards National or Zone Horse of the Year Awards. The prize list must clearly state which classes count for Horse of the Year Awards.

8. Stallions are prohibited from Junior/Amateur Handler classes.