

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

There have been multiple cases where the first classes are not the largest classes. This rule change proposal is to address equitable splitting of these sections in all cases of fluctuating numbers.

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Linked Rules Comments



HU166 Combining and Dividing Specific Sections

1. Performance Hunter and High Performance Hunter.

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c. Dividing:

1. In Performance Hunter, High Performance Hunter and any other sections where individual classes

may be entered, **any class may split at 30 and must split at 50. See HU159.4** ~~the sections may only be divided after thirty (30) horses have competed in the first over fences class.~~ Subsequent classes may be divided once twelve (12) horses have competed in each class.

2. For Championships, see HU154. If more than one class is California Split, championships must be awarded in accordance with the number of splits.

HU154 General

1. Show Championships must be offered in rated sections.

2. A Championship may not be offered in a section unless a minimum of two over fences classes and one Under Saddle class are held. A Championship will not count for points unless a minimum of three entries complete in at least two over fences classes and one under saddle class (Exception: Ladies Side Saddle, see HU151; Performance Hunter, High Performance Hunter, and any other sections where individual classes may be entered, see HU154.3). If a competition offers more than one Under Saddle class in any one section, only one will count towards the Championship. (Exception: classes divided as to weight, height, age or breeding.) The prize list must specify the class to count.

3. The number of Championship and Reserve Championships that are awarded will be determined by the number of sections created from dividing the first over fences class. **Exception: Performance Hunter 3'3", Performance Hunter 3'6", and High Performance.** In order to award a section Championship in the Performance Hunter, High Performance Hunter, and any other sections where individual classes may be entered at least two (2) over fences classes per section and one (1) under saddle class must be held in which a minimum of three (3) entries complete. When multiple Championships are awarded when using the California Split method, under saddle classes with fewer than thirty (30) entries are not required to be split. When multiple Championships are awarded and only one under saddle class is held the points from the one under saddle class will be used to calculate the Championship for both sections. When a random split is used, multiple Championships may only be awarded if a minimum of two (2) over fences and one (1) under saddle class are held per section.

a. When a Championship is offered, management must keep a score card or chart of winnings throughout the competition, which must be prominently displayed so that exhibitors may inspect it at all times. Only the first six ribbons count towards Championships regardless of the number offered.

b. Ribbons won in classes with specifications restricting horses in any manner, will not count toward any Championship unless such classes are complementary and over the same course, affording equal opportunity to all horses competing. If, however, competition management, having reserved the right to do so in the prize list, combines two or more complementary classes because of insufficient entries, thus making one open class, ribbons won in such a class count toward the Championship.