

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2021	2/24/2021	

Rule Change Intent

The proposal is to remove the Amateur Owner Jumper portion of the rule, leaving only the Amateur Jumper rule in place and adding a separate year-end award from a ranking of Amateur Jumpers that were ridden by the recorded owner.

- Many shows don't offer both Amateur and Amateur Owner classes therefore *not* giving all Amateurs an equal opportunity to compete.
 - If only Amateur Owner classes are offered, then the amateur is limited to the horse they or their someone in their family can purchase.
 - If only Amateur classes are offered, Amateur Owners can compete in them but then they get frustrated because the points from these Amateur only classes will not count towards their AO points
- If a show does offer both, it's combined which makes the owner portion irrelevant for competition purposes.
 - Further, if combined, there's not a way to distinguish the Amateur from the Amateur Owner because the Amateur Owner does NOT actually have to own the horse they ride. The horse can be owned by any member of the broadly defined Family (GR 123) including uncles, nieces, grandparents, in-laws, step-child, etc.
- Because there is pride in owning your own horse, a separate annual ranked award would be given to the Amateurs that are the recorded owner of the horse they ride.
- This in no way affect the Amateur Rule.

This proposal came out of discussions from the joint meeting of the USEF JSC and the USHJA JWG at the 2019 USHJA Annual Meeting. That joint meeting included open dialog with members present who were overwhelmingly supportive of the concept. During the 2020 USHJA Annual Meeting, there were several presentations on this specific proposal and each group expressed their support followed by the USHJA BOD's approval of the proposal.

Proponent Details	Contact Information
Jumper	Jennifer Haydon jhaydon@usef.org

Linked Rules	Comments
--------------	----------

Committee Actions

1. ~~Amateur Owner Jumper~~: A horse that is ridden by an Amateur Owner or an amateur member of the owner's family. In either case, classes are restricted to riders who are no longer eligible to compete as junior exhibitors. Leased horses are not eligible, and multiple ownership is not permitted unless all owners are members of the same family.

a. An amateur who competes for a person outside of his/her family may not compete in a class restricted to Amateur Owners at the same competition. Exceptions:

1. ~~Equitation classes,~~

2. ~~Under Saddle per HU107.2.~~

3. ~~and a maximum of one (1) horse not owned by the rider or his/her family in jumper sections and a maximum of one (1) horse not owned by the rider or his/her family in hunter sections, in classes not restricted to amateur owners. (For Amateur rules please see GR1306)~~

b. ~~Dividing Classes~~. Any class within a section with eighty (80) or more entries must be divided. If there are eighty (80) or more entries remaining in a class after it has been divided, the class must be redivided by every other number or a California Split.

c. ~~Level of Difficulty~~:

1. ~~High Amateur Owner classes will have courses set at either 1.40m (4'7") or 1.45 m (4'9'). The maximum height for the first class of this section, and for any classes in which time is the deciding factor in the initial round, is 1.40 m (4'7"). Note: Only Amateur Owner classes set at either 1.40m or 1.45m will be pointed toward HOTY awards in the High Amateur Owner category.~~

2. ~~Medium Amateur Owner classes will have courses set at either 1.30m (4'3") or 1.35m (4'5"). All Amateur Owner classes set at either 1.30m or 1.35m will be pointed towards HOTY awards in the Medium Amateur Owner category.~~

3. ~~Low Amateur Owner classes will have courses set at either 1.20m (3'11") or 1.25m (4'1"). All Amateur Owner classes at either 1.20m or 1.25m will be pointed toward the Low Amateur Owner category for purposes of HOTY awards.~~

4. ~~Local competitions—no minimum course requirements and no points towards National Horse of the Year awards.~~

2. ~~Amateur Jumper~~: A horse that is ridden by an Amateur. Classes are restricted to riders who are no longer eligible to compete as junior exhibitors. **See GR 1306 for Amateur Rules.**

a. ~~(For Amateur rules please see GR1306)~~ **Amateurs may compete up to two horses per height section of Amateur Jumpers per competition.**

b. ~~Dividing Classes~~. class within a section with eighty (80) or more entries at the beginning of the first class must be divided. If there are eighty (80) or more entries remaining in a class after it has been divided, the class must be redivided by every other number or a California Split.

c. ~~Level of Difficulty~~:

1. ~~High Amateur classes will have courses set at either 1.40m (4'7") or 1.45 m (4'9'). The maximum height for the first class of this section, and for any classes in which time is the deciding factor in the initial round, is 1.40 m (4'7"). Note: Only Amateur classes set at either 1.40m or 1.45m will be pointed toward HOTY awards in the High Amateur category.~~

2. ~~Medium Amateur classes will have courses set at either 1.30m (4'3") or 1.35m (4'5"). All Amateur classes set at either 1.30m or 1.35m will be pointed towards HOTY awards in the Medium Amateur category.~~

3. ~~Low Amateur classes will have courses set at either 1.20m (3'11") or 1.25m (4'1"). All Amateur classes at either 1.20m or 1.25m will be pointed toward the Low Amateur category for purposes of HOTY awards.~~

4. ~~Local competitions - no minimum course requirements and no points towards National Horse of the Year awards.~~

4. If a competition divides Junior, ~~Amateur Owner~~ or Amateur classes into three sections (1.20/1.25m, 1.30/1.35m and 1.40/1.45m), the basic height specifications of each class will determine which HOTY category the class will be pointed towards.

...

6. ~~Combined Sections~~. A section or sections combining ~~Amateur Owner~~, Amateur, Juniors, and/or Young Riders may be offered.

a. ~~Dividing of Combined Sections/Classes~~. After the prize list is published, if entries so warrant this section may be split into separate sections. Any class with fifteen or more Junior Jumper entries and fifteen or more ~~Amateur Owner~~ or Amateur Jumper entries must be divided, and the prize money must be doubled. Exception: Special Classes i.e. Combined Classics or the highest prize money class of the section.

b. ~~Combining of Sections~~. If Junior, ~~Amateur Owner~~ and/or Amateur sections are offered separately in the prize list, the sections may be combined if there are eight or less entries in either section.

7. ~~Restrictions~~

a. Any competitor that competes in an FEI Championship for Seniors (i.e. World Equestrian Games, Olympic Games, Pan-American Games, World Cup Finals) is ineligible to compete in any Junior, ~~Amateur Owner~~ and/or Amateur Jumper class with the same horse for a period of one year.

b. Any competitor that competes in a CSI5*, CSI4*, a CSI-W or CSIO is ineligible to compete in a Junior, ~~Amateur Owner~~ and/or Amateur Jumper class held below 1.40m at that same competition.

c. Riders competing in open jumper classes held at the High Performance Standard or CSI3* Grand Prix classes offering \$25,000 or more in prize money are not eligible to compete in the highest money class, in the lowest height section of Junior, ~~Amateur Owner~~, **and/or** Amateur Jumpers offered at the same competition where more than one height section is offered for Junior, ~~Amateur Owner~~, **and/or** Amateur Jumpers.