

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

Rule Change Intent

USEF has requested that USHJA update the information in the rulebook on latest points and programs for USHJA programs. The changes include adding information about Zone Handy Hunter Challenge and 1.0/1.05m Junior/Amateur Zone Jumper Championships. Housekeeping updates also include some formatting updates and removal of a few mentions of the discontinued Stirrup Cup program. It also includes deleting the recently discontinued programs: Green Hunter Challenge and Jumper Classic.

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Linked Rules Comments



#### HU170 Amateur Owner Hunter Championship

1. The USHJA, at its discretion may choose to hold a National or East and West Championship for Amateur Owner Hunters. This competition is designed to encourage and promote the basic training and development of Amateur Owner Hunters. The Championship must be offered for the Amateur Owner Hunter 3'6 and the Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3" section and **may also be offered for the Adult Amateur Hunter and the Low Adult Amateur Hunter**. Championship(s) must be run in accordance with USHJA specifications found at [www.ushja.org](http://www.ushja.org).

2. Eligibility.

- a. The horse must be recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA on or before the first day of the Championship.
- b. The owner of record of the horse must be an Active member in good standing of the Federation and USHJA, i.e. horses must be shown in accordance with GR1102 and GR 1108 in order to be eligible to qualify.

3. Points.

All points are based on values below. In classes that have less than 10 entries, the point values will be one half of what is listed below

Placing	Under Saddle	Handy Hunter	Classic
First	100	250	250
Second	90	225	225
Third	80	200	200
Fourth	70	175	175
Fifth	60	150	150
Sixth	50	125	125
Seventh	40	100	100
Eighth	30	75	75
Ninth	20	50	50
Tenth	10	25	25

OVERALL (all sections)		
Champion	500	2.0 times the classic
Reserve	300	1.2 times the classic
Third	200	
Fourth	150	
Fifth	100	
Sixth	90	
Seventh	80	
Eighth	70	
Ninth	60	
Tenth	50	

4. Zone or Regional Championships.

- a. The Chairman of each Zone may request permission of the USHJA to hold a Zone or Regional Championship section for the riders of each Zone who have won a Champion or Reserve at a National or Premier rated Amateur Owner Hunter division within the previous competition year.
- b. Two or more Zone Chairmen may request permission to hold a Regional Championship section including several zones.
- c. Application must be made to the USHJA office at least sixty days in advance of the holding of

the section.

d. The location of these sections is subject to the approval of the USHJA.

e. The Championships are conducted under the same regulations as the USHJA Amateur Owner Hunter Championship. (Exception: All points awarded are based on Premier point values as per GR1132.5).

#### **HU171 Membership Requirements**

Exhibitors must be Federation and USHJA active members and horses must be Federation recorded and USHJA registered in order to participate in the following programs. See [www.ushja.org](http://www.ushja.org) for complete specifications.

1. ***Amateur Hunter Championships (exhibitors must be active Amateur members);***
2. USHJA Hunter Team Challenge (exhibitors must be active Junior or Amateur members);
- ~~2. USHJA Green Hunter Challenge;~~
3. USHJA Green Hunter Incentive Stake Class (horses must be enrolled);
4. USHJA Green Hunter Incentive Regional Championship (horses must be enrolled);
5. USHJA Green Hunter Incentive National Championship (horses must be enrolled);
6. USHJA Hunter Sections (2'-3');
7. USHJA International Hunter Derby;
8. USHJA International Hunter Derby Championship (horses must be enrolled);
9. USHJA International Hunter Derby Regional Championship;
10. USHJA Pony Hunter Derby (exhibitors must be active Junior members);
11. USHJA Pony Hunter Derby Championship (exhibitors must be active Junior members);
12. USHJA World Championship Hunter Rider Program ;
13. USHJA WCHR Spectaculars;
14. USHJA WCHR Challenge classes;
15. USHJA Young Hunter Pony Championships (exhibitors must be active Junior members);
16. USHJA National Championship (exception: Affiliate classes);
17. USHJA National Hunter Derby;
18. USHJA Zone Horse of the Year Championship;
19. USHJA Zone Handy Hunter Challenge (exhibitors must be active members in home zone); ***and***
20. USHJA Zone Horsemanship Class/Championship ***and***

Horses competing in these programs shall accrue Federation and/or Zone Horse of the Year points and/or money won in accordance with the point values and prize money won referenced in the class specifications available at [www.ushja.org](http://www.ushja.org) and outlined in GR1132 and HU173

#### **HU172 Competition Requirements**

The following classes may be held at the eligible competitions listed below

1. **Amateur Hunter Championship- National, Premier or Regional;**
  2. USHJA Hunter Team Challenge – National or Premier;
  - ~~2. Green Hunter Challenge – National, Premier, Regional;~~
  3. Green Hunter Incentive Stake Class– National, Premier or Regional;
  4. Green Hunter Incentive Regional Championship– National or Premier;
  5. Green Hunter Incentive National Championship– National or Premier;
  6. USHJA Hunter Sections (2'-3'); – National, Premier or Regional;
  7. International Hunter Derby; – National or Premier;
  8. International Hunter Derby Championship; – National or Premier;
  - ~~9. International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake; Licensed stand alone IHD~~
- [renumber accordingly]
10. Pony Hunter Derby – National, Premier or Regional;
  11. Pony Hunter Derby Championship – National, Premier or Regional;
  12. World Championship Hunter Rider Program – National or Premier;
  13. WCHR Spectaculars – National or Premier;
  14. WCHR Challenge classes – National or Premier;
  15. Young Hunter Pony Championships – any USEF licensed competition;
  16. USHJA National Championship – any USEF licensed competition;
  17. National Hunter Derby– National, Premier or Regional;
  18. Zone Horse of the Year Championship – National or Premier;
  19. Zone Handy Hunter Challenge – any USEF licensed competition; **and**
  20. Zone Horsemanship Class/Championship – National or Premier;~~and~~
  - ~~21. Zone Stirrup Cup Championships – Regional~~

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HU173 National Horse of the Year Point Values

1. ~~USHJA Green Hunter Challenge Points to be credited to the respective Green Hunter section~~
  - ~~a. For a USHJA Green Hunter Challenge in which the first round is the last class of the Green Hunter 3'0" / 3'3" Section, HOTY points will be awarded as follows: 1st 40 7th 12 2nd 32 8th 10 3rd 28 9th 8 4th 24 10th 6 5th 20 11th 4 6th 16 12th~~
  - ~~b. For a USHJA Green Hunter Challenge which is held as separate two round class, HOTY points will be awarded for a as follows: 1st 80 7th 24 2nd 64 8th 20 3rd 56 9th 16 4th 48 10th 12 5th 40 11th 8 6th 32 12th~~

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**7. Zone Handy Hunter Challenge**

*Participation in these classes accrues double points for the USHJA Zone Horse of the Year's standings and double points for USEF National Horse of the Year's standings.*

### JP113 USHJA Programs and Classes

Exhibitors must be Federation and USHJA active members and horses must be USEF recorded and USHJA registered in order to participate in the following programs. See [www.ushja.org](http://www.ushja.org) for complete specifications.

- ~~1. USHJA Jumper Classic Series;~~
2. USHJA Platinum Jumper Championship;
3. USHJA National Championship (exception: Affiliate classes);
4. USHJA Zone Jumper Team Championship;
5. USHJA Zone Horse of the Year Championship;
6. **Young Jumper Championship;** and
7. ~~USHJA Zone Stirrup Cup Championships.~~ **1.0/1.05m Junior/Amateur Zone Jumper Championship – Jumper Rating 3 and above**

Horses competing in these programs shall accrue USEF and/or USHJA Zone Horse of the Year points in accordance with the specifications available at [www.ushja.org](http://www.ushja.org)

Competitions eligible to host the following are:

- ~~1. USHJA Jumper Classic Series – Jumper Rating 1-6~~
2. USHJA Platinum Jumper Championship – Jumper Rating 3 and above
3. USHJA National Championship – Jumper Rating 1 - 6
4. USHJA Zone Jumper Team Championship – Jumper Rating 3 and above
5. USHJA Zone Horse of the Year Championship – Jumper Rating 3-6
6. **Young Jumper Championship– Jumper Rating 1-6**
7. ~~USHJA Zone Stirrup Cup Championships – Jumper Rating 1 or 2.~~ **1.0/1.05m Junior/Amateur Zone Jumper Championship – Jumper Rating 1-6**

### E Q111 Requirements for Specific Classes

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#### 9. USHJA Championships, Programs, and Special Classes

For full specifications see [www.ushja.org](http://www.ushja.org)

a. Exhibitors must be Federation and USHJA active competing members in order to participate in the following programs. See [www.ushja.org](http://www.ushja.org) for complete specifications.

1. USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal Class;
2. USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal Finals;
3. USHJA Gladstone Cup Equitation Classic;
4. USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Class;
5. USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Final;
6. USHJA National Championship (exception: Affiliate classes);
7. USHJA Zone Horse of the Year Championship; **and**
8. USHJA Zone Horsemanship Class/Championship; **and**
9. ~~USHJA Zone Stirrup Cup Championships.~~

Horses must be USHJA registered for Gladstone Cup Equitation Classic, USHJA National Championship Zone Horse of the Year Championship, **and** Zone Horsemanship Class/Championship ~~and Zone Stirrup Cup Championships.~~

b. Competitions eligible to host the following are:

1. USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal Class – any USEF licensed Hunter competition;
2. USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal Finals – any USEF licensed Hunter competition;
3. USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Class – any USEF licensed competition;
4. USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Final – any USEF licensed competition;
5. USHJA National Championship - any USEF licensed competition;
6. USHJA Zone Horse of the Year Championship Level; **and**
7. USHJA Zone Horsemanship Class/Championship - any USEF licensed competition; **and**
8. ~~USHJA Zone Stirrup Cup Championships – Regional~~

Competitors in the above programs shall accrue Zone Horse/Rider of the Year points in accordance with GR1132.

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**GR312 Determining Ratings**

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**6. Rated Hunter Section & Classes**

HUNTER SECTION RATINGS AND CLASSES	Premier/National ("AA"/"A") Min-Max Required Classes	Premier/National ("AA"/"A") Min Money	Regional ("B") Multi-Day Comp Min/Max Required Classes	Regional ("B") One Day Comp Min/Max Required Classes	Regional ("B") Min
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**Other Rated Classes**

USHJA International Hunter Derby

~~USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome~~

USHJA National Hunter Derby

USHJA Green Hunter Incentive

~~USHJA Green Hunter Challenge~~

USHJA Pony Hunter Derby Hunter Classics