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Extraordinary	12/1/2022	7/22/2021	

## Extraordinary Change Reason

In early 2021, USEF President, Tom O'Mara, appointed the Competition Task Force to analyze all aspects of competition calendar management and address any existing issues identified through that process as expeditiously as possible to ensure that members have a calendar of events that meet their needs and those of their horses. Throughout the process, it became evident that there was a need for some proposals to be deemed as Extraordinary to meet the responsibility assigned to the task force. This proposal addresses the need to increase access to USEF competitions and value for members. The expeditious application of these modifications will permit the Federation to fulfill its duty to responsibly manage the competition calendar and address members' requests to increase accessibility and enhance the value propositions offered by USEF competitions. This will alleviate the current hardship identified by members regarding their ability to participate in USEF competitions and benefit from the USEF framework of organized sport with protections for horses and humans.

## Rule Change Intent

To adjust the Hunter/Jumper Competitions Division Chapter rules by changing competition rating and hunter section references and clarifying the competition standards applicable to each competition rating in order to align with the new competition structure and support the two distinct competition channels for Hunter competitions being initiated by PRC to GR307 (Tracking #209-20). These competition structure changes are being proposed to address the needs and priorities identified by members and competitors:

- Safety, fairness, and enjoyment
- Accessibility based on location, cost, and offerings
- The opportunity to attend well-organized, appropriate quality competitions at all levels that comply with standards
- Meaningful recognition for horses and athletes at all levels
- Simplification of the sport

These changes are intended to take effect with the 2023 competition year.

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## Linked Rules

## Comments

## Committee Actions

Competition Management

National Hunter Committee

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## **CHAPTER HJ HUNTER/JUMPER COMPETITIONS STANDARDS**

IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN THIS CHAPTER ADDITIONAL RULES RELATING TO FEDERATION HUNTER AND JUMPER COMPETITIONS ARE LOCATED IN OTHER CHAPTERS OF THE FEDERATION RULE BOOK specifically, GR, HU, EQ, and JP.

Pursuant to GR151.1, when a division or section rule is in conflict with a general rule (GR), the division or section rule shall govern.

In the event that a standard within this section exceeds the requirement in other Federation rules, the higher standard is applicable.

## **SUBCHAPTER HJ-1 INTRODUCTION TO HUNTER/JUMPER COMPETITION STANDARDS TYPES**

Hunter Jumper Competition Standards, set forth below are established to provide consistency in the quality of facilities and services offered in Federation hunter and jumper competitions.

### **HJ100 Types of Standards and Application**

1. Distinguish HJ Competition Standards (HJS) and Basic Standards from Other Federation Standards. The reference to standards can occur in relation to separate and distinct sets of requirements.
  - a. Federation Standards which are applicable to multiple situations, disciplines, procedures and/or competitions.
  - b. Federation H/J Competition Standards (HJS) which are applicable only to Federation Rated licensed H/J competitions or H/J sections of multi-breed competitions.
  - c. Basic Standards set forth in HJ 100 to 108 applicable to both Rated and Local HJ competitions.
2. When Standards Are In Conflict.

In the event that a HJS within this section exceeds the requirement in other Federation rules or Standards the higher standard is applicable.
3. HJS Application to Multi-Breed and Breed Restricted Competition Standards.

HJS apply only to the H/J portions of a multi-breed competition and are not applicable to breed restricted competitions.
4. Standards Application.
  - a. All hunter competitions fall into one of the following classifications: Premier, National, **or** Regional I, ~~Regional II~~ **or Local.**
  - b. All jumper competitions fall into one of the following classifications: Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, Level 4, Level 5

- d. All jumper competitions fall into one of the following classifications: Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, Level 4, Level 5 or Level 6.
- For purposes of this chapter, hunter and jumper competitions are considered a single discipline and subject to the same HJS or Basic Standards where applicable.
5. HJS and Basic Competition License Renewal & Fines.
- Standards are used as part of the evaluation process for the licensing of competitions. Failure to achieve and to maintain required Standards will be considered a major factor in the decision to renew or not renew a license and/or a rating. Unless the violation of HJS is intentional and/or is related to horse and human safety and welfare no fines relating to HJS standards will be assessed, other than those fines specified in the Federation rules (i.e. Sharps containers \$100 and et cetera).
6. Exemptions from HJS.
- A single competition may receive a one-time specific exemption by the Federation for application of the HJS due to unforeseen and/or extenuating circumstances (see ring size exemption provision HJ 102). Exemptions are not permanent and do not modify the requirement to meet the HJS in the future.
7. Other References.
- In addition to the requirements set forth in this chapter, additional rules relating to Federation hunter and jumper competitions are located in other chapters of the Federation rule book specifically, GR, HU, EQ, AND JP. Pursuant to GR151.1, when a division or section rule is in conflict with a general rule (GR), the division or section rule shall govern.

## **HJ101 Effective Dates for Standard Application**

1. Existing Licensed H/J Competitions including Heritage Competitions eligible for renewal on or after 12-01-2011 unless stated otherwise in the HJS, must meet applicable HJS for their Rating. See HJ104 Horse Entry Number HJS.
2. All new competitions must meet applicable Basic Standards and HJS for their Rating. See HJ104 Horse Entry Number HJS.
3. Effective date for changes to HJS.  
Any changes or additions to HJS, unless stated otherwise in the HJS being adopted, must be achieved by a competition effective the first of the month that is 12 months following the date of the Federation's adoption of the HJS or a later effective date set forth in the HJS that is adopted. For example, changes or additions to HJS adopted in January of a year will normally become effective on February 1st of the following year, etc. HJS may be amended or deleted effective immediately when such action is determined appropriate by the Federation.
4. Competitions with the first licensed date of a competition year, prior to the effective date of the modified standard(s) for their Rating or Level, will not be required to meet the new standard(s) until the next competition year.

## **SUBCHAPTER HJ-2 RATINGS & HORSE ENTRY NUMBER STANDARDS**

### **HJ102 HJ Competition Standards (HJS) are Specific to Competition Classification and Ratings as Defined Below**

All competitions must meet the Basic Standards set forth in HJ100 through HJ107. Regardless of rating, additional requirements apply (HJ108) when Horse Entry Numbers exceed five hundred (500) and/or licensed series of competitions are scheduled for a period of twenty-one (21) days or more without a break of at least five (5) consecutive calendar days

A competition must apply for an exception to any competition standard outlined in HJ105-HJ108 if management is unable to remedy facility limitations or space constraints due to extenuating circumstances at the facility, beyond reasonable control of competition management. The application for exception must be submitted at the same time as the competition's license application or license renewal on a form provided by the Federation.

### **HJ103 Definitions**

1. Definitions.
  - a. Rated Hunter competitions are classified as Premier, National, **or** Regional I, ~~or Regional II~~. Unrated competitions are classified as Local. Stand alone International Hunter Derby competitions are a sub type of the

~~competitions are classified as Local.~~ Stand-alone International Hunter Derby competitions are a sub-type of the premier hunter rating (see HJ114).

- b. Jumper competitions are designated as Levels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 based upon prize money. See JP104.
  - c. Rated competitions offering hunter only, or both hunter and jumper will be subject to HJS set forth under the Premier, National, **or** Regional I ~~and Regional II~~ hunter rating.
  - d. HJS for a jumper only competition will be:
    1. Standards set forth under Premier required for Jumper Levels 5 and 6
    2. Standards set forth under National required for Jumper Levels 3 and 4
    3. Standards set forth under **multi-day** Regional I required for Jumper Level 2
    4. Standards set forth under ~~Local~~ required for **one-day Regional or** Jumper Level 1
  - e. Federation Special competitions or Jumper Level 6 competitions may be subject to a Federation approved waiver (GR309) or other modification of a portion of the Standards (including HJS), in connection with the Special competition approval.
2. Whenever two (2) Standards are applicable to a competition, the entire competition is to achieve the highest Standard applicable to any portion of the competition.
  3. For multi-breed competitions (see HJ100.3) which contain hunter and/or jumper sections, and for local competitions when operating within an existing rated hunter and/or jumper competition, the highest applicable HJS for any portion of the hunter and/or jumper competition is to be applied to the entire hunter and/or jumper discipline sections only.
  4. All competitions must state their competition rating and/or level clearly on the cover of the prize list.

## HJ104 HJS Competition Standards Horse Entry & Renewal

1. Number of Horse Entries Required for HJ Competition Rating.
2. No minimum horse entry number is required to achieve the rating for jumper competitions. Prize money is the alternative criteria required for a jumper rating. See JP104
3. Competitions restricted to only conducting Breeding classes are exempt from the Horse Entry standard requirement.
4. Two day National Junior/Amateur restricted competitions will have a Horse Entry Number requirement of fifty (50). Competitions which utilize only one (1) competition ring or which offer only hunter and equitation classes (no jumper classes) will have a Horse Entry Number requirement as follows: Premier – seventy-five (75), National – fifty (50), **multi-day** Regional I – thirty-five (35) and **one-day** Regional II – twenty (20).
5. Rating and Horse Entry Numbers.  
(See HJ108 for additional HJS requirements)  
Required number of Horse Entries for Regular or Local competition Classification rated hunter or hunter/jumper are:
  - a. Number of horse entries required for a Premier rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of two hundred (200).
  - b. Number of horse entries required for a National rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of seventy-five (75).
  - c. Number of horse entries required for a **multi-day** Regional I rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of fifty (50).
  - d. Number of horse entries required for a **one-day** Regional II rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of twenty-five (25).
  - e. ~~There is no minimum number of horse entries required for a Local competition.~~
  - f. For the required number of hunter classes per rating for hunter sections see GR312.6.
6. Horse Entry Number Determination and License Renewal Requirements.  
The HJS Horse Entry Number (HJ104) is based on the number of horses entered as determined by drug fees paid for the prior year. Horses used in equitation classes are included in the number of horses entered.
7. New Competition or New Rating Horse Entry Requirement.  
During the first three (3) years of a competition, the minimum number of horse entries is determined based upon the minimum number of horse entries required for the rating applied for by the Licensee and approved by the Federation. During one (1) of the first three (3) years for a competition that is new, or for a competition that is held at a new rating, the minimum Horse Entry Number (HJ104) for the competition must be achieved.
8. Renewal Competition Horse Entry Number Rating Requirements.
  - a. For competitions with three (3) or more years of operation, a competition License may be renewed if they have achieved the HJS Horse Entry Number in at least two (2) of the last three (3) years. The License renewal may

be delayed until the completion of the last competition of the existing License, if it is in the best interest of the competition to achieve the HJS Horse Entry Number required for renewal. The other HJS that are applied to a competition must be achieved every year in order to maintain the Rating/Level.

- b. If the required minimum HJS Horse Entry Number is not achieved during the period set forth, then the competition will be provided with a License at a lower rating consistent with the Horse Entry Numbers achieved. The Licensee may continue to conduct a competition at the same location and on the same dates at the new Rating and/or Level in accordance with HJ104 and subject to achieving other HJS required for the Rating or Level.
9. Renewal License Request at a Higher HJS Horse Entry Number Requirement. Any higher rating for a competition may only occur upon application by the Licensee and approval of the Federation in accordance with established license procedures. When a competition is approved to receive a license for a higher rating they must conduct at least three (3) competitions at the new rating before they may again apply for a higher rating.
10. Renewal License Request at a Lower HJS Horse Entry Number or Other HJS Requirement. If the competition Licensee is not able to, or does not wish to, meet the applicable HJS to continue their current rating, the Licensee may request and receive a License at a lower rating, subject to meeting the applicable HJS for the new rating and Federation approval.
11. Renewal License Process Review.  
The Federation, in its sole discretion, may determine that a competition has been adversely affected in the competition's ability to achieve the HJS as a result of an unforeseen or unavoidable occurrence. If this unusual occurrence adversely impacts the number of horses entered in the competition, the Federation will not consider the affected competition year in determining renewal rating eligibility. In order for the Federation to make their determination, facts must be reported in writing by competition management to the Federation Competitions Department prior to the earlier of the third day or end of writing by competition management to the Federation Competitions Department prior to the earlier of the third day or end of the licensed competition. Unforeseen or unavoidable occurrences may include Acts of God. The Federation, in its sole discretion, may audit competitions to determine that they are faithfully compliant with the HJS Horse Entry Number Requirement. If a competition is found to be non-compliant due to inclusion of inaccurate information in the competition report or other reports to the Federation, Licensee is subject to immediate revocation of all licenses.

## **SUBCHAPTER HJ-3 REQUIREMENTS TO OBTAIN RATING**

### **US Equestrian Minimum Requirements for Hunter Jumper Competitions**

## **HJ105 Safety and Welfare**

1. Definitions
  - a. Potable Water: Convenient and ample water for horses and potable water for human consumption must be free and available at all times. If the facility cannot provide adequate potable water or runs out of potable water, management must provide an alternate water source as soon as possible. If the competition has been without ample water for horses for four consecutive hours, the competition must be halted until water is available.
  - b. Restrooms: A minimum of one operable, sanitary restroom must be provided for every fifty (50) horses entered the prior year. A restroom is a fully-enclosed space with a lockable door containing a functioning toilet and stocked toilet paper dispensers. Men's restrooms may contain urinals. If the restroom is permanent, toilets must flush, hand soap must be provided, and operable sinks that dispense potable water must be provided. All restrooms must be stocked daily, or more often depending on use, and must be cleaned and thoroughly sanitized daily, or more often to prevent the accumulation of debris in undesignated areas.
  - c. Accident Preparedness: An operable landline or cell phone must be reserved and accessible at all times for the purposes of contacting emergency personnel.
    1. The following information must be posted outside the show office, and readily available to anyone on the competition grounds:
      - a. All 24-hour telephone numbers for horse and human emergencies;
      - b. Map of competition grounds;
      - c. Directions from competition to nearest hospital and equine veterinary center;
      - d. Facility address; and
      - e. GPS coordinates of facility address.
    2. In addition to the requirements of GR901, Federation licensed competitions with Hunter, Hunter Breeding,

Jumper and/or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes not restricted by breed must publish the following safety information in the prize list:

- a. Mileage to nearest hospital with emergency care; and
  - b. Mileage to nearest Level 1 Trauma Center.
3. In addition to the requirements of GR846, Federation licensed competitions with Hunter, Hunter Breeding, Jumper and/or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes not restricted by breed must do the following:
- a. Competition management is responsible for ensuring that all appropriate competition officials and competition staff including but not limited to Safety Coordinator, Medical Personnel, In-gate Starters, Licensed Officials, Announcers, Technical Coordinator, Stable Manager, Veterinarian, are provided a written copy of the accident preparedness plan and isolation protocol for horses, prior to the commencement of duties.
  - b. In addition to the requirements of GR1034 the Steward shall submit a copy of the accident preparedness plan and protocol signed by the Competition Manager, Safety Coordinator, and Medical Personnel, to the Federation along with his/her Steward's report.
- d. Safe Sport Information Signage: Signage provided by USEF detailing information regarding Safe Sport practices and reporting procedures must be posted in the show office.
- e. Veterinarian:
1. The official competition veterinarian must be on grounds or on call with a contractual written agreement stating that the veterinarian will be on the grounds or on call during the competition. The contractual agreement must be signed by competition management and the veterinarian who will be on duty. A veterinarian is required on grounds if the competition meets the following criteria and/or rating:
    - a. All Premier rated and/or Jumper Level 5/6 competitions;
    - b. A competition in which the previous year's horse entry number exceeds 200 (HU115 and JP105.5); or
    - c. A first-year multi-day competition with 'A' **Premier or National** rated sections.
  2. If required on site based on rating, the official competition veterinarian must be provided with a clean area that is protected from the elements and secured from public view to serve as a first aid station or emergency treatment area of ill and injured horses. The first aid area must be lighted, supplied with electricity and running water, and large enough to provide a suitable and safe working environment. See GR1211.4 for additional requirements.
  3. An owner or trainer may utilize a veterinarian of their choice without being subjected to an additional fee from the competition for doing so.
- f. Farrier: If required on-site based on rating, the official competition farrier must be provided with a clean area protected from the elements with a level surface. The farrier area must be lighted, supplied with electricity and access to water, and large enough to provide a suitable and safe working environment.
1. An owner or trainer may utilize a farrier of their choice without being subjected to an additional fee from the competition for doing so.
- g. Human Ambulance: A medical vehicle used to respond to medical emergencies and to transport medical patients to the hospital for treatment. Emergency medical service calls must be placed in accordance with applicable local Health Department statutes and regulations.
- h. Qualified Medical Personnel: At Premier rated and/or Jumper Level 5 or higher competitions, at least one of the required qualified medical personnel must be a paramedic. See GR848 for additional medical personnel requirements.
- i. Emergency Horse Transport: An operational vehicle with a designated driver dedicated to the transportation of equines on and/or from the property in the instance of an equine injury or emergency. If the horse ambulance consists of a trailer, the trailer must be sized for horses, equipped with a ramp, and properly attached to an operational towing vehicle with a designated driver throughout the competition.
- j. Automated External Defibrillator (AED): An automated external defibrillator (AED) must be operable and placed in a designated, safe location. All qualified medical personnel must be informed of the AED's location prior to the start of competition.
- k. Privacy screen: Portable screen(s) or curtain(s) that can be assembled during an emergency with the purpose of creating privacy for an injured horse or rider. A privacy screen must be opaque to afford total privacy from spectators and should be sized to adequately cover an area large enough for a prostrate horse, the treating veterinarian or medical doctor, and any other required emergency personnel. Privacy screens must be readily accessible and located in close proximity to the competition arenas. Use of privacy screens is at the discretion of Competition Management, veterinary, and/or medical staff.

## 2. Minimum Requirements

Minimum Requirements to Obtain Rating	Local Jumper I	One-Day Regional II	Multi-Day Regional I Jumper 2	National Jumper 3/4	Premier Jumper 5/6
Potable Water	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Restrooms	1 per 50 horses entered	1 per 50 horses entered	1 per 50 horses entered	1 per 50 horses entered	1 per 50 horses entered
Accident Preparedness	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Safe Sport Information Signage	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Veterinarian (GR1211.4, HU114 and JP105.5)	On call with written agreement unless: 1) previous year's horse entry number exceeds 200	On call with written agreement; for exception see HJ105.1e	On call with written agreement; for exception see HJ105.1e	On call with written agreement; for exception see HJ105.1e	Onsite with written agreement
Farrier (GR1211.5)	On call with written agreement	On call with written agreement	On call with written agreement	Onsite for entire competition	Onsite for entire competition
Human Ambulance (GR848)	On call	On call	On call	On call	On call
Qualified Medical Personnel (GR848)	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required - at least one must be a paramedic
Emergency Horse Transport	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Onsite for entire competition
AED	n/a	Required	Required	Required	Required
Privacy Screens	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required

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## HJ106 Riding and Lunging Areas.

1. Each riding and lunging area must be clearly labeled with signs indicating whether the area is open or closed, in accordance with the competition schedule. Riding or lunging may not occur in a riding or lunging area that has been closed for use. Lunging is not permitted in the same area in which horses are being ridden; riding is not permitted in the same area in which horses are being lunged. The prize list must specify the dimensions of each riding and lunging area at the facility.
2. Definitions.
  - a. Competition Ring: An area designated with signage and a barrier, with a gate or space for entry and exit, on competition grounds where classes are held for competition of hunters and/or jumpers. All competitions must provide a minimum of one dedicated competition ring. Competition rings may be utilized as an exercise, lunge, or schooling area when not being used for its primary purpose if the ring meets the sizing requirements for each area.
  - b. Main Competition Ring: The main competition ring is defined as a competition ring for hunters and/or jumpers which takes priority scheduling over all other competition rings, or holds the class with the largest amount of prize money, and has designated seating for spectators and riders. If one competition ring (defined above) is provided, it will serve as the main competition ring.
  - c. Schooling Area or Warm-up Area: A designated area on the competition grounds in which horses are being



prepared to compete. A schooling area is required to be designated with signage and on the facility map for each competition ring, and located in close proximity to the competition ring it serves. Premier competitions must offer a separate schooling area for hunters, jumpers and ponies if running concurrently. Schooling areas must be available one hour prior to the start of the first scheduled class until the end of the last scheduled class in the competition ring for which the schooling area is designated. When utilizing an indoor ring as a competition ring, the competition may use schooling breaks between sections within the competition schedule for each day to comply with this Standards requirement.

- d. Exercise Area: A designated area on the competition grounds in which horses at the competition may be exercised, or lessons may be held, both on the flat and over fences.
  - e. Lunging Area: An area designated on the competition grounds that is used to safely lunge horses on the flat only.
  - f. Lighting: Lighting must provide full and complete visibility for a safe working environment for horses and personnel if competition rings, schooling areas, exercise areas, and lunge areas are open for use between sunset and sunrise. Horses cannot be required to be exhibited in the competition ring or schooled in the designated schooling areas before sunrise or after sunset unless lighting in accordance with GR 834.2 is provided that assures full and complete visibility.
  - g. A Judge's Site or Judge's Booth: A judge's site must offer climate appropriate protection from adverse weather conditions, seating, and visibility of the area being judged. Judges' sites must be provided at each competition ring and all other judging locations.
  - h. Footing: The footing in all competition rings, schooling rings, exercise areas and lunge areas must be safe, consistent and appropriate for the intended use and type of competition. These areas must be properly maintained at least daily, and more often depending upon use and weather conditions. Plans and knowledgeable maintenance staff must be in place to monitor the safety of the footing in all riding and lunging areas. Competition licensee or manager must develop a tentative footing maintenance plan for all competition rings, schooling/warm-up areas, exercise areas, and lunging areas prior to and during competition. The maintenance plan should include the type of footing, planned maintenance for each area, weather contingencies, personnel and equipment, and any breaks in the schedule for maintenance.
    1. Competition management is required to make appropriate efforts to maintain the best possible footing in competition, schooling, and exercise and lunge areas. Provisions must be made (by having on hand functioning proper equipment and scheduling sufficient breaks in the schedule) to maintain the footing in those areas throughout the competition by dragging, watering, and raking, if necessary.
    2. Water trucks, sprinklers, snow removal, or other climate appropriate system(s) must be used to address climate related conditions, including dust reduction for all riding and lunging areas.
    3. Horses are not permitted in riding and lunging areas while the areas are being serviced by motorized equipment.
  - i. Competitor and Spectator Seating: Bleachers, benches, or chairs available adjacent to the main competition ring. Seating must be well-constructed, in good condition, and safe for use.
  - j. Shelter for Horses & Riders: At least one permanent or temporary structure with the capacity to comfortably and safely cover horses and riders and provide protection from sunlight and extreme temperatures. The shelters must be located adjacent to a schooling area or competition ring. Shelters must be well-constructed, in good condition, safe for use, and anchored securely to the ground in order to withstand wind.
  - k. Ring Staff: Jump crew must be assigned to each competition ring in which jumps are used, to replace fences that were knocked down, help with course setting, rake or tamp footing, and aid in the event of an accident or emergency. In-gate personnel must be assigned to each competition ring to ensure the competition runs on schedule and must be equipped with a legible schedule and entry list for each class.
3. Minimum Requirements to Obtain Rating

Minimum requirements to Obtain Rating	Local Jumper 1	One-Day Regional-II	Multi-Day Regional I Jumper 2	National Jumper 3/4	Premier Jumper 5/6	Additional Requirements for competitions that meet requirements of HJ108 Outdoor	Additional Requirements for competition that meet requirements HJ108 Indoor
Main Competition	n/a	n/a	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required

Ring							
Competition Ring - 1 Outdoor	20,000 sq. feet	20,000 sq. feet	24,000 sq. feet	28,000 sq. feet	28,000 sq. feet	n/a	n/a
Competition Ring - 1 Indoor	14,000 sq. feet	14,000 sq. feet	16,000 sq. feet	18,000 sq. feet	20,000 sq. feet	n/a	n/a
Designated Cooling Area for each Competition Ring	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Cooling Area 1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	45,000 sq. feet	30,000 sq. feet
Exercise Area - 1 Outdoor	Required	Required	16,000 sq. feet	20,000 sq. feet	24,000 sq. feet	Combined w/lunging area requirement	Combined w/lunging area requirement
Exercise Area - 1 Indoor	n/a	n/a	n/a	18,000 sq. feet	18,000 sq. feet	n/a	n/a
Lunging Area	2,500 sq. feet	2,500 sq. feet	10,000 sq. feet	10,000 sq. feet	15,000 sq. feet	45,000 sq. feet + additional 10,000 sq. feet per 100 horses	30,000 sq. feet + additional 10,000 sq. feet per 100 horses
Lighting	Required if night or early morning classes are held	Required if night or early morning classes are held	Required if night or early morning classes are held	Required if night or early morning classes are held	Required if night or early morning classes are held		
Judges' site	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required		
Footing	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required		

Minimum Requirements to Obtain Rating	Local Jumper 1	One-Day Regional II	Multi-Day Regional I Jumper 2	National Jumper 3/4	Premier Jumper 5/6	Additional Requirements for competitions that meet requirements of HJ108 Outdoor	Additional Requirements for competitions that meet requirements of HJ108 Indoor
Competitor and spectator seating	n/a	n/a	Seating for at least 25 individuals at main competition ring	Seating for at least 50 individuals at main competition ring	Seating for at least 100 individuals at main competition ring	Competitor and spectator seating	n/a
Shelter for horses & riders	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required	Shelter for horses & riders	n/a
Ring Staff	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Ring Staff	Required

## HJ107 Facilities.

### 1. Definitions

- a. **Parking Areas:** Parking areas for vans, trailers, competitors, spectators, and officials must be provided. Parking for spectators and competitors must be designated with signage. Vehicles must be parked in designated areas that do not impede foot, horse, or vehicle routes.
- b. **Level Measurement Area:** A level surface area for measurement (if there are divisions that require measurement) in accordance with HJ131.
- c. **Lighting in Stabling:** The lighting in the barns and stabling areas provided by the competition must provide a safe environment for horses and clear visibility for people.
- d. **Waste Containment and Removal:** Competitions must remove and dispose of animal, human, and trash waste as necessary to maintain a sanitary environment. Manure and trash containment areas or receptacles must be placed in convenient areas throughout the facility. Manure or trash containment areas or receptacles must not obstruct foot or vehicle traffic routes or be placed in areas where fluids accumulate.
- e. **Sharps Containers:** A sharps container is made of puncture-resistant plastic with leak-resistant sides and bottom. They have a tight fitting, puncture-resistant lid which does not allow sharps to come out of the container. Sharps containers must be properly labeled to warn of hazardous waste inside the container.
  1. If stabling is provided, each fifty (50) occupied stalls must be provided with one sharps container for the disposal of needles and other disposable sharp instruments. These containers must be placed in visible, accessible, and convenient locations in barns housing competition horses. If stabling is not provided, competition management must place a minimum of one sharps container for every seventy-five (75) horses entered the previous year in visible, accessible, and convenient locations.
  2. It is competition management's responsibility to dispose of contents of sharps containers when the container is three-quarters (3/4) full, in accordance with community guidelines for proper disposal methods. Competition management may fine any individuals including trainers, owners, exhibitors, or their agents up to \$100 for improper disposal of needles or other sharp disposable instruments.
  3. If local law has more stringent requirements than above relating to sharps containers or disposal, local law will prevail. Competitions that fail to place the required number of containers on the competition grounds or dispose of the contents properly will be considered in violation of the rules and may be subject to penalty as determined by the CEO or his designee and/or the Hearing Committee.
- f. **Stabling:** When provided, stalls must be of sturdy construction, in good condition, well-ventilated, dry, and safe for horses and ponies. Prize list must specify the type of stabling and type of stabling flooring. Trash, debris, and hazardous materials must be removed from every stall prior to occupation. If a safety issue is identified and brought to management's attention, management must address the issue as soon as possible. Functional and durable stall doors must be properly attached to every stall. Doors of occupied stalls cannot be obstructed. Aisles must be sized so that the stall doors across from each other can open concurrently to the widest point without touching. The minimum dimensions for box stalls containing horses and ponies are 9'6" wide by 9'6" deep with a minimum wall height of 7'0". The covering over the stalls must be weatherproof, properly secured, and in good repair.
  1. Subject to local law, any owner or trainer on the grounds of a competition must be permitted to haul in hay, grain and bedding for their own horses, in accordance with the times and any specifications published in the prize list and on the entry form. Hay, grain, and bedding cannot be resold for commercial purposes by competition participants.
  2. Overnight stabling, on the competition grounds, must be provided for any accepted and confirmed entry in a section held on multiple days that has requested and paid for the stall(s) by the closing date of entries. Subject to competition management approval, additional entries may be accepted without stalls with exhibitor prior consent.
- g. **Public Address (PA) System:** An electronic system comprising microphones and amplifiers used for the purpose of making announcements on competition grounds. The PA system must be audible and clear in all areas of the facility.
  1. Competition management must test all communication systems prior to the start of competition to ensure that each component is operable, charged, and offers clear and consistent communication in all areas of

the facility. Faulty components must be repaired or replaced prior to the start of competition.

- h. **Portable Communication Devices:** The following people must be equipped with an operable communication device, such as handheld transceivers or personal cell phones, during each licensed competition day
    1. All licensed officials;
    2. Main secretary(ies);
    3. Safety coordinator;
    4. At least one qualified medical employee;
    5. Competition manager and/or facility manager;
    6. The official on-site veterinarian, if applicable;
    7. The official on-site farrier, if applicable; and
    8. Anyone serving a role critical to the efficient operation of the competition.

If communication devices are provided by competition management, competition management must ensure that all communication systems are operable, charged, and offer clear and consistent communication in all areas of the facility. Faulty components must be repaired or replaced prior to the start of competition.
  - i. **Night Watch:** Security and monitoring service offered to exhibitors, which must be available to contract at an additional cost, for horses stabled on the grounds.
  - j. **24-Hour Facility Security:** Security personnel in place to protect the facility against unauthorized entry and respond to emergencies.
  - k. **Horse Wash Areas:** A minimum of one horse wash area for each fifty (50) horses entered in the prior year must be available. Each horse wash area must have an operational water spigot, hose, and properly maintained drainage, so that water drains away from the wash area and stabling into a routed area or storm drain.
  - l. **Competition Office & Staff:** Office must be operated with enough staff to process workload in a timely manner. Office must keep current and accurate records of event participants, staff and officials, and contact information. The competition office must clearly state its hours of operation outside the office on each licensed day.
  - m. **Results Posted:** Results must be available at the show office or on the internet within four hours of the conclusion of the section.
  - n. **Competition Website:** The competition website must provide current information and resources applicable to the facility and competition, including prize list, entry form or access to online entry system, updated schedules, class entry numbers, competitor services, facility map, and any other relevant information useful to competitors and trainers.
  - o. **Online Entry System:** The online entry system must meet all requirements for USEF competition entries.
  - p. **Electrical Outlets in Stabling:** If provided, electrical outlets or receptacles must comply with applicable sections of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), National Electrical Code, National Electrical Safety Code, and state-adopted electrical codes.
  - q. **Separate Motor Vehicle and Horse Traffic:** In high traffic areas, well-maintained paths must be in place throughout the facility that separate motor vehicles from horses and pedestrians and designated with legible signage.
  - r. **Drainage System:** Drains must be in place at each stabling area and wash area so that water drains away from stabling into a routed area or storm drain. Each must be operable, safe, well-maintained, and cleared periodically, to prevent the accumulation of rain and ground water.
  - s. **Food and Beverage Service:** At least one staffed food and beverage service area must be available on the competition grounds. Hours of operation must be posted and announcements notifying exhibitors of closing times must be made at least one hour prior to closing.
2. **Minimum Requirements to Obtain Rating**

<b>Minimum Requirements to Obtain Rating</b>	<b>Local Jumper 1</b>	<b>One-Day Regional II</b>	<b>Multi-Day Regional I Jumper 2</b>	<b>National Jumper 3/4</b>	<b>Premier Jumper 5/6</b>
<b>Parking</b>	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
<b>Level Measurement Area (HJ131)</b>	Required if classes that require measurement are offered	Required if classes that require measurement are offered	Required if classes that require measurement are offered	Required if classes that require measurement are offered	Required if classes that require measurement are offered
<b>Lighting in Stabling</b>	Required if stabling is offered	Required if stabling is offered	Required if stabling is offered	Required if stabling is offered	Required if stabling is offered

Stabling	IS offered	IS offered	IS offered	IS offered	IS offered
<b>Waste Containment and Removal</b>	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
<b>Sharps Containers</b>	1 container per 50 occupied stalls or 1 container per 75 horses entered	1 container per 50 occupied stalls or 1 container per 75 horses entered	1 container per 50 occupied stalls or 1 container per 75 horses entered	1 container per 50 occupied stalls	1 container per 50 occupied stalls
<b>Stabling</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required	Required
<b>Public Address System</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required	Required
<b>Portable Communication Devices</b>	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
<b>Night Watch</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required	Required
<b>24 hour facility security</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required
<b>Horse Wash Areas</b>	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
<b>Competition Office &amp; Staff</b>	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
<b>Minimum Requirements to Obtain Rating</b>	<b>Local Jumper 1</b>	<b>One-Day Regional II</b>	<b>Multi-Day Regional I Jumper 2</b>	<b>National Jumper 3/4</b>	<b>Premier Jumper 5/6</b>
<b>Results Posted</b>	n/a	Required	Required	Required	Required
<b>Competition Website</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required	Required
<b>Online Entry System</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required
<b>Electrical Outlets in Stabling</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required
<b>Separate Motor Vehicle and Horse Traffic</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required if 500+ horses entered in previous year
<b>Drainage System</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required	Required
<b>Food/Beverage Service</b>	Required	Required	Required	Required - hot and cold	Required - hot and cold

## HJ108 Horse Entry Numbers Exceed Five Hundred the Previous Year Based on Drug Fees Paid or Duration of Competition or Series of Competitions Exceeds Twenty-One Days Without a Break of five (5) consecutive calendar days

When Horse Entry Numbers exceed five hundred (500) the previous year based on drug fees paid or licensed series of competitions under the same licensee are scheduled for a period of twenty-one (21) days or more without a break of at least five (5) consecutive calendar days, additional HJS must be met for exercise and lunging area requirements. These HJS apply to all rated or combinations of rated competitions without regard to the fact that the rating may be different.

When the number of horse entries and days of competition are as described herein, the following HJS requirements are in lieu of existing exercise and lunge requirements set forth as HJS for rating: Premier, National, **or** Regional I ~~or~~ Regional II.

1. Outdoor competitions. When the above conditions set forth in HJ108 exist, the following minimum requirements

1. Outdoor competitions. When the above conditions set forth in HJ108 exist, the following minimum requirements must be met for exercise and lunge areas on both competition and non-competition days:  
Required Exercise/Lunge area 45,000 square feet  
Additional 10,000 square feet for each increment of 100 horses. Up to a maximum total area requirement of 135,000 square feet.
  - a. A minimum of one (1) lunge area of at least 20,000 square feet not being used at the time as competition rings, schooling areas and/or exercise areas must be available during competition hours between the hours of sunrise and sunset. This area is considered part of the total area required for the exercise/lunge area.
  - b. The exercise area must be available for at least five (5) contiguous hours within each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset. The exercise area schedule (if area is not always available) must be posted in the horse show office prior to the first day of competition. This area is required to be available on both competition days and during non-competition days when there are less than five (5) consecutive calendar days of break without scheduled competitions.
2. Indoor competitions. When the above conditions set forth in HJ108 exist, the following minimum requirements must be met for exercise and lunge areas on both competition and non-competition days.  
Required Exercise/Lunge area 30,000 square feet  
Additional 10,000 square feet for each increment of 100 horses
  - a. The exercise area and lunge area must be available for at least two (2) periods of two (2) contiguous hours between 5:00 am and 12:00 midnight, and lighted as specified in HJ106.2. This exercise area period is required to be available on days when competitions are scheduled and during non-competition days at least eight (8) contiguous hours between 5:00 am and 12:00 midnight when there are less than five (5) consecutive calendar days without scheduled competitions. Exercise areas must be lighted as specified in HJ106.2.f and GR834.2.

## **SUBCHAPTER HJ-4 COMPETITION SCHEDULING AND PRIZE MONEY**

See also GR901.21b, GR901.24 and Chapter GR3.

### **HJ109 Premier Rated Competitions**

1. Must be held and judged over a minimum of five (5) days on the same competition grounds.
2. Number of horse entries required for a Premier rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of two hundred (200).
3. A minimum of fifteen (15) "A" **Premier** rated Hunter sections listed in GR312.6 must be offered.
4. A minimum of ten "A" and/or "C" **Premier** rated hunter sections listed in GR312.6 must be held and judged, a maximum of four of which can be "C" rated sections. Ladies Side Saddle does not count towards these requirements.
5. Scheduling
  - a. A minimum of two performance classes from two different "A" **Premier** rated Hunter sections must be scheduled and judged on four of the five days.
  - b. Classes in recognized sections must run on consecutive days. (Exception: Hunter Classics)
6. The High Performance Hunter section must be offered.
7. Prize Money
  - a. A minimum of \$24,000 **\$75,000** in prize money, including add-back money if any, must be paid in the rated Hunter sections of a Premier competition. ~~If an add-back is offered, the minimum required prize money for that section must be guaranteed, and the add-backs must be clearly indicated in the prize list.~~ \*Money from model classes does not count towards this requirement.
  - ~~b. A maximum of \$5,000 of Hunter Classic, USHJA National Hunter Derby, USHJA Pony Hunter Derby, USHJA Green Hunter Incentive, and/or USHJA Green Hunter Challenge prize money can be used towards calculating the \$24,000 of prize money, including add-back money if any, which must be paid for a Premier rated competition.~~
  - c b.** If sections are canceled or entries are insufficient to award all prize money, then additional money not awarded must be pooled and redistributed 60% to the champions, and 40% to the reserve champions of the remaining "A" rated hunter sections. Model classes do not count towards the number of required classes to meet the rating requirement, therefore the prize money offered in Model classes cannot be used to determine the amount of required prize money to calculate the Premier rating.

## HJ110 National Rated Competitions

1. Must be held and judged over a minimum of three days on the same competition grounds.
2. Number of horse entries required for a National rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of seventy-five (75).
3. A minimum of ten “A” **National** rated hunter sections listed in GR312.6 must be offered.
4. A minimum of five “A” and/or “C” **National** rated hunter sections listed in GR312.6 must be held and judged. Ladies Side Saddle does not count towards these requirements.
5. Scheduling
  - a. A minimum of two performance classes from two different “A” **National** rated Hunter sections must be scheduled and judged on each of the three days.
  - b. Classes in recognized sections must be held on consecutive days (Exception: Hunter Classics)
6. The High Performance Hunter section must be offered.
7. Prize Money
  - a. Minimum Prize Money paid - **A National rated competition must offer a minimum of \$5,000 in prize money in rated hunter sections and classes. A minimum of 50% of the total hunter money offered in rated hunter sections or classes must be paid out.** ~~A minimum of \$5,000 in prize money must be paid in the rated Hunter sections of a National competition. \*Money from model classes does not count towards this requirement.~~
  - b. ~~How prize money from special classes counts- A maximum of \$2,000 of Hunter Classic, USHJA Pony Hunter Derby, USHJA National Hunter Derby, USHJA Green Hunter Incentive, and/or USHJA Green Hunter Challenge prize money can be used towards calculating the \$5,000 of required prize money for a National rated competition.~~

## HJ111 National Rated Junior/Amateur Restricted Competitions

1. Must be held on a minimum of two consecutive non-school days within the public school system, at the location of the competition, on the same competition grounds.
2. Two day National Junior/Amateur restricted competitions will have a Horse Entry Number requirement of fifty (50).
3. A minimum of six “A” **National** rated Hunter sections listed in GR312.6 must be offered.
4. A minimum of three “A” and/or “C” **National** rated hunter sections listed in GR312.6 must be held. Ladies side saddle does not count towards these requirements.
5. For scheduling see requirements for National Competitions (HJ110.5)
6. At Federation licensed Junior/Amateur competitions, the only rated Hunter sections that may be held are those which are restricted by definition to the participation of juniors and amateurs (example: Junior, Amateur, Children’s, Adult and Pony). Exception: Pony Hunter Breeding and Hunter Breeding classes.
7. Prize Money
  - a. ~~Minimum Prize Money paid-~~ **At National competitions restricted to Juniors and/or Amateurs A a minimum of \$3,000 in prize money, must be paid offered in the rated Hunter sections and classes. A minimum of 50% of the total hunter money offered in rated hunter sections or classes must be paid out.** ~~of a National competition restricted to Juniors and/or Amateurs. \*Money from model classes does not count towards this requirement.~~
  - b. ~~How prize money from special classes counts- A maximum of \$1,000 of Hunter Classic and/or USHJA National Hunter Derby prize money can be used towards calculating the \$3,000 of required prize money for a National rated competition restricted to Juniors and/or Amateurs.~~

## HJ112 Multi-Day Regional † Rated Competitions

1. Number of horse entries required for a **multi-day** Regional † rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of fifty (50).
2. At least three (3) “B” **Regional** rated Hunter sections must be offered. ~~One Children’s Hunter or one Adult Amateur Hunter section may be substituted for two required “B” sections. Divided sections count as a single section.~~
3. No more than two (2) one-day Regional † rated competitions ~~may be held consecutively,~~ **or one (1) multi-day Regional competition may be held** by the same licensee or any entity associated with the same licensee during any calendar week (Monday through Sunday). If the licensee is a business entity, this provision includes all persons listed as principals of the business entity. **(See HJ122 and HJ123). BOD 6/22/20 Effective 12/1/20**

## HJ113 One-Day Regional II Rated Competitions

1. Number of horse entries required for a **one-day** Regional II rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of twenty-five (25).
2. At least two (2) “C” **Regional** rated **sections** must be offered. Divided sections count as a single section. Competitions restricted to side saddle may offer a Ladies Hunter Side Saddle Section as the only “C” rated Hunter section.
3. No more than two (2) one-day Regional II rated competitions ~~may be held consecutively~~, **or one (1) multi-day Regional competition may be held** by the same licensee or any entity associated with the same licensee during any calendar week (Monday through Sunday). If the licensee is a business entity, this provision includes all persons listed as principals of the business entity.

## HJ114 113 Stand-alone International Hunter Derby Competitions

1. Stand-alone International Hunter Derby Competitions are a subtype of the premier Hunter rating and so must meet or exceed all requirements of the premier rating (See rating requirements in HJ109). See below for exceptions.
  - a. Horse Entry Requirements. There is no minimum horse entry requirement for a stand-alone International Hunter Derby competition, however competition management may set a minimum number to hold the competition so long as it is published in the Prize List. Each class must meet minimum entry requirement per the program specifications.
  - b. Prize Money. Stand-alone International Hunter Derby competitions are exempt from prize money requirements listed in HJ109. See USHJA specifications at [www.ushja.org](http://www.ushja.org) for minimum prize money requirements for each Derby or Derby Welcome Stake class.
  - c. Number of Days. Stand-alone International Hunter Derby competitions are exempt from number of days requirements listed in HJ109. See USHJA specifications at [www.ushja.org](http://www.ushja.org) for number of days required for each Derby.
  - d. Number of Sections. Stand-alone International Hunter Derby competitions are exempt from section requirements listed in HJ109.
2. A stand-alone International Hunter Derby Competition must offer an International Hunter Derby. In addition, these competitions may only offer the following classes and one unrated warm-up class per Derby offered: USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake, USHJA National Hunter Derby, USHJA Pony Hunter Derby. If a USHJA National Hunter Derby is offered, a second National Hunter Derby restricted to Juniors and Amateurs may also be offered (see class specifications at [USHJA.org](http://USHJA.org)). Any warm-up class must be open to the same group of horses eligible for the Derby for which it is a warm-up class. No unrecognized, exhibition, or demonstration classes may be held.
3. For the purpose of mileage rules, Stand-alone International Hunter Derby competitions are considered subtypes of the premier rating and will follow the mileage for that rating (see rating requirements in HJ109 and mileage in GR314.2b.) These competitions must follow the mileage exemption rules set forth in GR315.

## HJ115 114 Cancellations

~~“A” or “B”~~ **R**ated sections with four (4) or more entries cannot be canceled.

## HJ116 115 Prize Money

1. Prize money offered in the open sections must be awarded on an escalating scale related to the height of fences.
2. No more than 60% of the prize money in the required classes for an “A” **Premier or National** rated section may be offered on any one day when the division is held on two or more days, exception: “A” **Premier or National** rated sections in which all required classes are held on one day. Prize money offered in Model classes ~~and Classics at Premier rated competitions including add-back money, if any, in rated Hunter sections~~, does not count toward the minimum prize money required for a section’s rating nor is it considered for purposes of determining 60% to be offered.

## SUBCHAPTER H.1.5 SCHEDULING REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIFIC SECTIONS



## HJ117 General

1. “A” **Premier or National** rated Hunter sections may be held and judged on one or more days. If held on one day “A” **Premier or National** sections are limited to a maximum of four classes per section (3 over fences and 1 under saddle). If held on two or more days, three to five performance classes must be offered (Exception: Pony Hunter and Junior Hunter sections).
2. Competitions cannot offer more than the required amount of classes for an “A” or “B” section rating **in a rated hunter section**. Model classes and Classics do not count toward the number of classes required, (Model classes must be offered in “A” **Premier or National** rated Conformation sections in addition to the four or five required classes), therefore, they can be offered as additional classes. In addition, Model and Classics do not count towards the number of required classes to meet the rating requirement, therefore the prize money offered in Model and/or Classic classes cannot be used to determine the amount of required prize money to calculate the Premier rating. (Exception: see HJ110.7 and HJ111.7).
3. No more than three (3) classes in any “A” **Premier or National** rated hunter section at a National or Premier rated competition may be held in one day if the section is held over two days. (Exception: Model classes in Green Conformation Hunter 3’6” and High Performance Conformation Hunter sections may be held as a fourth class. High Performance Hunter, Performance Hunter 3’6” and Performance Hunter 3’3” at National and Premier rated competitions and Pony Hunter sections at National rated competitions may be held on one day.)
  - a. At National and Premier rated competitions, classes in recognized sections must be run on consecutive days.
  - b. (Exception: hunter classics).
4. No more than five (5) classes in any “B” or “C” rated hunter section at a multi-day Regional I, ~~Regional II~~, National or Premier rated competition may be held.
5. No more than four (4) classes in any “B” or “C” rated hunter section at a one-day Regional I or ~~Regional II~~ rated competition may be held.
6. At all Regular Competitions, an Under Saddle class cannot be the first performance class held in a section. (Exception: Ladies Hunter Side Saddle and un-rated sections).
7. A Model class must be offered as the first class in an “A” **Premier or National** rated Conformation Section.
8. All Amateur Owner classes should be scheduled in as short a period of time as possible. *BOD 6/22/20 Effective 12/1/20*

## HJ118 Green Hunter Sections

1. Premier and National competitions offering Green Hunter must offer 3’6” and 3’9” sections separately. They may also offer Green Hunter 3’0” and Green Hunter 3’3”. If all four sections are offered, they must be offered separately:
2. Regional I and ~~Regional II~~ competitions offering Green Hunter must offer all four sections separately.
  - a. Green Hunter 3’0”
  - b. Green Hunter 3’3”
  - c. Green Hunter 3’6”
  - d. Green Hunter 3’9”

## HJ119 Young Hunter Sections

1. Management may offer any or all of the Young Hunter sections either separately or combined.
2. Management may choose to offer any Young Hunter section concurrently with the Green Hunter section. See HU162.3 for conditions. *BOD 6/22/20 Effective 12/1/20*

## HJ120 Conformation Hunter Sections

At Premier competitions, the Conformation sections must be offered separately. At National, **or** Regional I, and ~~Regional II~~ competitions, the Conformation sections may be offered as combined.

## HJ121 120 Amateur Owner Hunter Sections

1. Sections of Amateur Owner Hunter 3’6” held at National or Premier rated competitions must offer at least two (2)

1. Sections of Amateur Owner Hunter 3'6" held at National or Premier rated competitions must offer at least two (2) divided sections and may be divided as stipulated in HU162.6.b.1
2. Sections of Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3" held at National or Premier rated competitions must offer at least two divided sections and may be divided as stipulated in HU162.6.b.2
3. In addition while the sections can be combined if entries warrant, in order for Horse of the Year points to count they must be offered separately in the prize list.

## HJ122 Junior Hunter Sections

1. **"A" Premier or National** Rated 3'6" Junior Hunter Sections. At least two sections must be offered in the prize list (large/small or older/younger). See GR312.6 for number of required classes and prize money. At Premier rated competitions, four 3'6" Junior Hunter sections must be offered in the prize list (large younger, large older, small younger, small older).
2. **"A" Premier or National** Rated 3'3" Junior Hunter Sections. Junior Hunter 3'3" may not be offered unless Junior Hunter 3'6" is also offered. (Exception: USHJA Zone Championship competitions) See GR312.6 for number of required classes and prize money. If offered at least two sections are required to be listed in the prize list.
3. Management may elect to offer four (4) classes in **"A" Premier or National** rated sections. If four (4) classes are offered at a multiple day competition, no more than two (2) classes may be held on one day and no more than 50% of the prize money may be offered on one day.
4. ~~"B" Rated Sections. See GR312.6. **Renumber below points**~~
5. **"C" Regional** rated Sections. See GR312.6. No prize money is required.
6. Except for Medal classes, Junior Hunter over fences classes and Equitation classes over fences may be combined and held concurrently if separate judges officiate. Flat classes cannot be combined.
7. If a Model class is offered, it must be in addition to the minimum number of classes required for a section rating.

## HJ123 Pony Hunter Sections

1. At a National or Premier rated competition, the Regular Pony Hunter section must be offered as three height sections (small, medium, and large) and the prize money must be tripled.
2. Competitions may offer the Green Pony Hunter Section as three separate sections (small, medium and large); however an **"A" or "AA" or Premier or National** rated Green Pony Hunter Section must be offered as a minimum of two sections (small/medium and large).
3. Competitions cannot offer more than the required amount of classes for a National or Regional † section rating. If a Model class is offered it must be in addition to the minimum number of classes required for a section rating and must be held as the first class in any section.
4. **"A" Premier or National** Rated Sections.
  - a. ~~"A" Premier or National~~ rated Regular and Green Pony Hunter sections may be held on one or more days. ~~"A" Rated Regular and Green pony Hunter sections at Premier rated competitions must be held over two or more days. If held in one day, four (4) performance classes must be offered. If held over two or more days, four (4) or five (5) performance classes must be offered.~~
  - b. A minimum of \$400 prize money must be offered in any Regular Pony Hunter section. A minimum of \$250 prize money must be offered in any Green Pony Hunter section.
  - c. ~~An "A" Premier or National~~ rated Green Pony Hunter section may only be offered in conjunction with an **"A" Premier or National** rated Regular Pony Hunter section.
  - d. National and Premier rated competitions must and all other rated competitions may, run an over fence class as a Handy Hunter. Exception: Green Hunter Pony sections may not offer Handy Hunter classes. Obstacles in this round should simulate those found in hunt country. The course must have two changes of direction and at least one combination. Ponies may be required to trot over one lowered fence on the course. Emphasis should be placed on turns and promptness. This class may not be used as a conformation class or offered as the first class of the section. Exception Green Hunter Pony Section may not have a Handy Hunter class.
5. ~~"B" and "C" Regional~~ Rated Sections.
  - a. Three (3) or four (4) classes must be offered in any **"B" and "C" Regional** rated Regular or Green Pony Hunter section.
  - b. ~~"B" Regional~~ rated Regular Pony Hunter sections must offer a minimum of \$100. ~~"B" rated Green Pony Hunter sections must offer a minimum of \$50. **No prize money is required for Regional rated sections.**~~
  - c. ~~No prize money is required for "C" rated sections.~~

6. Pony Conformation Classes.

In “A” **Premier/National** rated sections, one over fence class must be judged 25% conformation; in “B” **Regional** rated sections, one over fence class may include conformation at management’s discretion. The conformation class must be clearly stipulated in the prize list. A Model class may be offered in addition to the conformation class. If a model class is held, it is recommended that all conformation classes offered in the section will be held on the same day as the model class.