



**Annex to GR Chapter 3 Competition Licensing
Rule Changes Becoming Effective December 1, 2022**

***Affecting Hunter or Jumper Competitions Being Licensed for the
2023 Competition Year and Beyond***

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CHAPTER 3 COMPETITION LICENSING

SUBCHAPTER 3-B COMPETITION CLASSIFICATION

GR307 Classification

- Licensed Competitions may be classified as Regular Competitions, Local Competitions, Eventing Competitions, Dressage Competitions, Driving Competitions, Endurance Competitions, Reining Competitions, and Vaulting Competitions.
- Divisions and sections of Regular Competitions are classified as follows for the purpose of reckoning points toward the Federation Annual Horse of the Year Awards. (Exception: Jumper Division, see GR1114):
 - A, B, or C; **or Premier (“AA”), National (“A”) or Regional (“B”) hunter**, or
 - To include any of the following, individually or combined:
 - Andalusian/Lusitano;
 - Arabian;
 - Friesian;
 - Hackney;
 - National Show Horse;
 - Morgan;
 - Roadster;
 - American Saddlebred;
 - Shetland;
 - English Pleasure.
- Divisions and sections of Local, Dressage, Driving Competitions, Endurance Competitions, Reining Competitions, Vaulting Competitions, and Eventing Competitions are not rated. However, Dressage Competitions are categorized by levels.
- Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes must be held at a competition that holds at a minimum, a ~~Local~~ **Regional** Hunter Rating. Competitions choosing to offer only Hunter and/or Jumping Seat Equitation classes must obtain a ~~Local~~ **Regional** Hunter License, and the ~~Local Hunter~~ **Regional** mileage will apply (see GR314 Mileage).
- Federation Endorsed Competitions, Divisions, or Levels or those events receiving approval pursuant to the Federation Bylaws.
 - Eventing competitions may be eligible for either licensure or endorsed designation. The Federation may endorse Eventing competitions at the Training Level and below. The Federation may license Eventing competitions at the Modified Level and above. An Eventing Licensed Competition and an Eventing Endorsed Competition may run concurrently.
- Heritage Designations
 - Heritage designations are reserved for those competitions within the sport of Equestrian that have been established for a long period of time and have made a substantial contribution toward the development and promotion of the sport of equestrian, both within the sport and as well as within the broader community, by achieving, maintaining, and promoting the equestrian ideals of sportsmanship and competition.
 - Approval for all Heritage Designations requires:
 - Recommendation by the Federation CEO;
 - Approval by the Federation Affiliate primarily represented by the competition;
 - Approval of the Federation Board of Directors.
 - Heritage designation may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the Federation Board of Directors.
 - Eligibility for Heritage Designation requires:

- Minimum of 25 consecutive years of operation excluding any Act of God interruption;
 - Application by the Competition Licensee;
 - The Competition must be in good standing with both the Federation and the representing affiliate;
 - Significant involvement and support from the community where the competition is held;
 - Significant contribution to promotion of the sport of equestrian;
 - Widely recognized within the sport of equestrian as being a Regional, National or International level of competition, or possessing other characteristics that make it unique within the sport of equestrian.
- Heritage competitions are permitted and encouraged to advertise their status as Heritage competitions.

GR308 National Championships

The Federation shall have the exclusive right to designate national championships in the disciplines for which the Federation is designated as the National Governing Body by the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee and in the disciplines for which the Federation is designated as the National Federation by the Federation Equestre Internationale (Dressage, Driving, Endurance, Reining, Show Jumping, Three-Day Eventing, Para-Equestrian and Vaulting). The allocation of national championships in the foregoing disciplines, including issuance of date approvals, licensing of officials, approval of name and all copyright, trademark, trade name, television, video and other broadcast rights and all sponsorship matters shall be solely reserved to the CEO acting upon the advice and recommendation of the relevant Council. All persons or organizations, including affiliate organizations, organizing committees and/or competitions managements, wishing to receive Federation approval to hold a national championship in the foregoing divisions must apply to the Federation in writing on appropriate form(s) provided by the Federation and received by the Federation's office by the applicable deadline. The CEO shall be entitled to condition the Federation's designation and granting of approval for a national championship in any manner that he deems appropriate in his discretion.

GR309 Special Competitions

For the purposes of this rule, the term "Special" relates to the type of competition license and is not associated with the merits or quality of the competition.

- The Federation Board of Directors, in its sole discretion, may approve or deny an application for Special Competition status in accordance with Federation rules, policy and procedure. If approved, a Special Competition will be added to the USEF Competition Calendar without regard for existing mileage rules and conflicts and will receive no mileage protection from new or existing competitions. A Special Competition may be held as a stand-alone event or in conjunction with an existing Federation Licensed Competition. A Special Competition may not fully meet the requirements to obtain a Federation Competition License.
- Special Competitions are categorized in the following manner and shall be reviewed in accordance with Section 4.
 - Category I – FEI-named Competitions and FEI Championships which are part of a competitive bid process, including but not limited to Olympic Games or Trials; Pan Am Games or Trials; World Equestrian Games or Trials; World Cup Finals or Qualifiers; Nations Cup Finals or Qualifiers; and Nations Cup CIOs. These competitions may or may not include additional FEI-only classes.
 - Category II - Federation National Finals ~~and~~ Federation National Championships, **and Federation Mandatory Outings**, which do not fully meet the requirements to obtain a Federation Competition License.

- Category III - Federation Recognized Affiliate Organization Championships or Finals which do not fully meet the requirements to obtain a Federation Competition License.
- Category IV - A competition for which Federation breed or discipline rules do not exist that an applicant wishes to have approved by the Federation and which the Board of Directors, in their sole discretion, deems to be in the best interest of the sport.

Application Process.

- An application for consideration of a Special Competition must be submitted to the Federation a minimum of 180 days in advance of the start date of the proposed competition. Generally, an application should not be submitted more than 365 days prior to the start date of the proposed competition. However, unusual circumstances may require an earlier submission. Such circumstances must be included on the application and will be considered in the review process.
- An application for a Special Competition will not be considered complete and will not be processed until all applicable fees have been paid, except when the application is part of a competitive application or bid process (e.g. FEI World Cup Qualifiers, certain USEF National Championships, etc.). When an application is part of a competitive application or bid process, the fee will not be required until a determination is made regarding the awarding of the competition.
- An application for a Special Competition must include the following:
 - All classes, sections, demonstrations, and exhibitions to be held during the proposed competition dates, including all prize money, bonus money, or other awards;
 - The basis for competition's inability to meet Federation rules regarding competition licensing; and
 - The basis for competition's inability to meet Federation rules regarding specific breed/discipline rules.
- The inability to meet Federation rules under section (ii) or (iii) above shall not result from a need to obtain an exception to existing Federation rules, or program requirements, or from circumstances within the applicant's control. However, the Federation recognizes that situations may arise whereby an applicant cannot meet Federation rules due to the actions of the FEI or the Federation and such actions may qualify as permissible explanation.
- Special Competitions are not intended as a means of circumventing the Federation's licensing rules in GR Chapter 3. If an application for a Special Competition includes an FEI competition not identified in Section 2(a) above, a national competition, or a combination of both which creates a mileage conflict, that portion of the application will be required to utilize the Mileage Exemption process for approval. In the event of a need for a mileage exemption, the Federation may alter the timelines set forth in GR315.
- For licensing purposes, all jumper prize money from FEI and national competitions will be combined and counted in determining a competition's Jumper Level.
- If a Special Competition is combined with an existing priority date holder competition, the priority date holder competition will retain priority status at its original rating and/or level.

Application Review Process.

Depending on the category of a Special Competition, the application may be reviewed by one or more entities of the Federation and its Recognized Affiliates before being submitted to the Board of Directors for their consideration and final decision. The Board of Directors reserves the right to appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to review applications and render a final decision.

- Applications for a Category I competition shall be reviewed by the applicable Federation Councils.
- Applications for a Category II or III competition shall be reviewed by the applicable Federation Committees and Councils.
- Applications for a Category IV competition shall be reviewed by the applicable Federation Recognized Affiliates, Committees and Councils.

Modifications or Amendments to an Approved Special Competition.
Modifications or amendments to an approved Special Competition are not permitted unless approved by the Federation in writing. A modification to an approved Special Competition must be approved in writing by the Federation after review by the CEO or his designee, following consultation with the Director of Competition Services or his designee and the Director of Sport or his designee(s) for the applicable breed or discipline. Modifications to an approved Special Competition must be received by the Federation at least 30 days prior to the start of competition.

GR310 Restrictions on Local Competitions

- The total cash prizes shall not exceed \$500. Except Open Western Division (see GR310.5), 100% sweepstakes, and Reining Competitions; not including value of trophies offered.
- The designation Local Competition must be stated on the cover of the prize list.
- The Federation and applicable Federation Recognized Affiliate Association non-member/Show Pass fee will not apply.
- Local Competitions benefit from all the general rules of the Federation and must abide by applicable division rules unless class specifications are printed otherwise in the prize list.
- Western Division competitions may retain Local Competition status regardless of the amount of prize money offered.
- ***Hunter Division competitions or competitions restricted to Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation must obtain a Regular Competition License and are not eligible for Local Competition status.***

GR311 Awards Rating Classifications

1. For the purpose of equalizing competitions for the National Horse of the Year Awards, divisions and sections of Regular Competitions fall into one of three classifications: "A", "B," or "C" rated ***or Premier, National or Regional hunter.***
2. ~~In the Hunter division, the Increment System will determine points for ribbons won in any rated section. The point value for ribbons won in "A", "B," or "C" rated hunter sections is determined according to the Increment System utilizing a combination of the base points for each placing at each level of section rating and adding one point for each entry shown in the first performance class.~~ ***In the Hunter division, points for ribbons won in any rated section will be awarded in two awards channels using the applicable point chart. Channel I includes Premier and National rated hunter competitions and Channel II includes Regional rated hunter competitions. Points earned in a channel are exclusive to that award channel.***
 - a. In the Green Hunter 3'0", 3'3", 3'6" and 3'9", Young Hunter 5 and under, Young Hunter 6 and under, Young Hunter 7 and under, High Performance Hunter, Performance Hunter 3'3" and 3'6", Green Conformation Hunter 3'6" and High Performance Conformation Hunter, standings for the National Horse of the Year Awards based on money won will be determined by dollars won in the horses respective sections. See GR1131.

GR312 Determining Ratings

1. A division or section rating or classification is determined from the number of classes, amount of cash premiums offered in these classes and the holding of required classes in certain divisions. A competition may not offer the minimum requirements for a rating higher than the rating approved by the Federation. ***Exception: Hunter competitions.*** See Ratings Charts.
2. A competition may qualify for several different ratings. Some competitions will earn an "A" or "B" rating in all divisions and sections; others may earn a combination of ratings. ***Exception: Hunter competitions will qualify for one rating, Regional, National or Premier.*** If more than the minimum number of classes is offered, prize money should be increased proportionately.

3. The Paso Fino Division is rated "C" regardless of the number of classes or amount of prize money offered. A competition may apply for an "A" rating if offering a minimum of \$2,000 and prior year competition had more than 250 horses. The PFHA National show shall be an "A" rated Federation Licensed Competition as per PF155.1i. Exception: the Paso Fino Division may be offered at Local Competitions.
4. In Stake classes in "A" and "B" divisions or sections **or at Premier and National hunter competitions**, competitions must guarantee amount offered as prize money except where the monies offered in other classes are sufficient to meet the Horse of the Year Award minimum requirements. In such cases, Stake classes may run as sweepstakes.
5. The Connemara and Half-bred Connemara is "C" rated, regardless of the number of classes or amount of prize money offered. Exception: the Connemara and Half-bred Connemara Division may be offered at Local Competitions.
6. **Rated Hunter Sections & Classes** ~~The following are rated "C" regardless of the number of classes or amount of prize money offered: Small Hunter, Hunter Breeding, Ladies Side Saddle Hunter, Adult Amateur Hunter, Children's Hunter, USHJA Hunter 2'0", 2'3", 2'6", 2'9", 3'0" and Thoroughbred Hunter.~~

HUNTER SECTION RATINGS AND CLASSES	"A" Premier/National ("AA"/"A") Min-Max Required Classes	"A" Premier/National ("AA"/"A") Min Money	"B" and "C" Regional ("B") Multi-Day Comp Min/Max Required Classes	"B" and "C" Regional ("B") One Day Comp Min/Max Required Classes	Regional ("B") Min
Open Hunter Sections					
Green Conformation Hunter	4-6*	500	3-5***	3-4***	50 0
High Performance Conformation Hunter	4-6*	500	3-5***	3-4***	50 0
High Performance Hunter	3-5	750**	3-5***	3-4***	200 0
Performance Hunter 3'3"	3-5	400	3-5***	3-4***	50 0
Performance Hunter 3'6"	3-5	500	3-5***	3-4***	400 0
Green Hunter Sections					
Green Hunter 3'0"	4-6	500	3-5***	3-4***	0
Green Hunter 3'3"	4-6	500	3-5***	3-4***	0
Green Hunter 3'6"	4-6	500	3-5***	3-4***	400 0
Green Hunter 3'9"	4-6	500	3-5***	3-4***	400 0
Young Hunter Sections					
Young Hunter 5 and under	3-5	0	3-5***	3-4***	0
Young Hunter 6 and under	3-5	0	3-5***	3-4***	0
Young Hunter 7 and under	3-5	0	3-5***	3-4***	0
Amateur Owner Hunter Sections					
Amateur Owner Hunter 3'6" 18-35	4-6*	500	3-5***	3-4***	400 0

Amateur Owner Hunter 3'6" 36 & over	4-6*	500	3-5***	3-4***	400 0
Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3" 18-35	4-5	500	3-5***	3-4***	400 0
Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3" 36 & over	4-5	500	3-5***	3-4***	400 0
Junior Hunter Sections					
Small Junior Hunter 3'6" 15 & under	4-5*	500	3-5***	3-4***	400 0
Small Junior Hunter 3'6" 16-17	4-5*	500	3-5***	3-4***	400 0
Large Junior Hunter 3'6" 15 & under	4-5*	500	3-5***	3-4***	400 0
Large Junior Hunter 3'6" 16-17	4-5*	500	3-5***	3-4***	400 0
Small Junior Hunter 3'3" 15 & under	4-5*	500	3-5***	3-4***	400 0
Small Junior Hunter 3'3" 16-17	4-5*	500	3-5***	3-4***	400 0
Large Junior Hunter 3'3" 15 & under	4-5*	500	3-5***	3-4***	400 0
Large Junior Hunter 3'3" 16-17	4-5*	500	3-5***	3-4***	400 0
Hunter & Green Hunter Pony Section					
Small Pony Hunter	4-5*	400	3-5***	3-4***	400 0
Medium Pony Hunter	4-5*	400	3-5***	3-4***	400 0
Large Pony Hunter	4-5*	400	3-5***	3-4***	400 0
Green Small Pony Hunter	4-5*	250	3-5***	3-4***	50 0
Green Medium Pony Hunter	4-5*	250	3-5***	3-4***	50 0
Green Large Pony Hunter	4-5*	250	3-5***	3-4***	50 0
Children's Hunter Sections+			3-5	3-4***	
Children's Hunter Younger	4-6/3-5	0	3-5***	3-4***	0
Children's Hunter Older	4-6/3-5	0	3-5***	3-4***	0
Children's Hunter Pony Small/Medium	4-6/3-5	0	3-5***	3-4***	0
Children's Hunter Pony Large	4-6/3-5	0	3-5***	3-4***	0
Low Children's Hunter Horse	4-6/3-5	0	3-5***	3-4***	0
Low Children's Hunter Pony	4-6/3-5	0	3-5***	3-4***	0
Adult Amateur Hunter Sections+					
Adult Amateur Hunter Younger	4-6/3-5	0	3-5***	3-4***	0

Adult Amateur Hunter Middle	4-6/3-5	0	3-5***	3-4***	0
Adult Amateur Hunter Older	4-6/3-5	0	3-5***	3-4***	0
Low Adult Amateur Hunter	4-6/3-5	0	3-5***	3-4***	0
Miscellaneous Hunter Sections		0	3-5***	3-4***	
Ladies Side Saddle	4-6/3-5	0	3-5***	3-4***	0
Hunter Breeding	4-6/3-5	0	3-5***	3-4***	0
Small Hunter	4-6/3-5	0	3-5***	3-4***	0
Thoroughbred Hunter	4-6/3-5	0	3-5***	3-4***	0
USHJA Hunter Sections					
<i>* "C" rated only</i>					
USHJA Hunter 2'0"	3-5	0	3-5***	3-4***	0
USHJA Hunter 2'3"	3-5	0	3-5***	3-4***	0
USHJA Hunter 2'6"	3-5	0	3-5***	3-4***	0
USHJA Hunter 2'9"	3-5	0	3-5***	3-4***	0
USHJA Hunter 3'0"	3-5	0	3-5***	3-4***	0

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

(+ Denotes sections which may have USHJA Zone Specifications that govern number of classes and prize money)

(*See HU161.3, HU117 regarding Model Classes, and other class requirements).

**At Premier competitions, minimum prize money for High Performance Hunter must be \$1500. See HU150.2 for requirements regarding minimum number of classes to award a championship.

***No more than two (2) one-day **Regional** 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 HJ422 **112** and HJ423 **113**).

- All classes offered in a licensed Open Western Division shall be conducted in accordance with GR818, unless the competition has applied for and received a rating. (See ratings chart GR312.)
- Any breed-restricted division, or combination of breed-restricted divisions, may be offered at Local Regular Competitions, in accordance with GR310.

9. **IMPORTANT:** See Chapter HU and HJ. There are special conditions and requirements for determining the ratings of Hunter sections. Management's attention is directed to these conditions in particular, HU131 and HJ127 - 133.

SUBCHAPTER 3-C COMPETITION MILEAGE

GR314 Mileage

1. Determining Applicable Mileage.
 - a. Mileage is applied Division by Division as defined in the Federation Rulebook.
 - b. To determine a mile radius, the distance shall be measured using mapping software to measure the distance between the locations where the competitions are being conducted (i.e. address of the facility where each of the competitions will be held or the longitude and latitude if an exact address does not exist), except between Long Island and the mainland. Application of this process will not adversely affect the license rights of competitions already licensed.
 - c. In any instance where the shortest road mileage distance between the competition facility locations is greater than one and one half (1 1/2) times the radial mileage between the competition facility locations, the required mileage distances between competitions shall be based upon the road mileage distance rather than radial mileage.
 - d. Mileage between competitions within Zones or Regions utilizing different mileage will be subjected to the lower of the mileage requirements.
 - e. Long Island, N.Y. The distances between competitions held on Long Island, NY, and competitions held on the mainland shall be determined by measuring a straight line distance from the point at which Interstate Highway 278 (across the Triborough Bridge) intersects the shore of Long Island, to the location where the Long Island competition is being conducted (i.e. address of the facility where each of the competitions will be held or the longitude and latitude if an exact address does not exist) and by measuring the mile radius from the bridge to the location where the other competition is being conducted (i.e. address of the facility where each of the competitions will be held or the longitude and latitude if an exact address does not exist). The application of this process will not adversely affect the license rights of competitions already licensed.
 - f. If the mileage between competitions is less than the applicable distance specified by this rule, conflicting dates may be approved by the Federation in accordance with GR315 and providing all other requirements for recognition are met.
 - g. The foregoing distance rules do not apply to events comprised exclusively of classes recognized by the FEI and the USOPC (example: Olympic Trials or Olympic Games). The National Championships for Dressage and Dressage Competitions offering Federation High Performance qualifying or selection trials, or observation classes and National classes held in conjunction with a CDI are exempted from the mileage rule. When a CDI is approved on one or more days where another competition has date priority, national classes can only be held on the day of the FEI Jog and on days where at least one CDI class is held or is not held due to no entries. When CDI classes are not held on all approved CDI dates (except due to no entries) the competition might not be granted approval for those dates in subsequent years. Certain competitions held in conjunction with events also holding FEI competitions and/or selection trials for international competitions, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, may be exempted from the mileage rule.
 - h. Existing competition is a licensed competition that may or may not be within the mileage indicated of the new license applicant.
 - i. Proposals to change mileage rule or rules may be submitted for consideration by the Federation Board of Directors. Any such mileage rule change will have an effective date of December 1 of the following calendar year. In no event will changes to mileage become effective in less than 12 months from the date of the rule change approval. Proposals for mileage rule changes submitted by Affiliates may only be considered after they have been considered at the annual meeting of the appropriate recognized National Affiliate.
2. Mileage Boundaries. Mileage consideration may be applicable to more than one mileage provision.

- a. The below divisions will be conducted under the following mileage:
1. Andalusian/Lusitano: 250 miles;
 2. Arabian: 250 miles;
 3. Friesian: 250 miles;
 4. Hackney: 100 miles;
 5. Morgan: 100 miles;
 6. National Show Horse: 50 miles;
 7. Roadster: 100 miles;
 8. Shetland: 100 miles;
 9. American Saddlebred: 100 miles;
 10. Local Regular: Any breed competition restricted to one breed or multi-breed competition including any of the above listed breeds (1-9), regardless of number of classes offered: 50 miles;
 11. Western Dressage: 100 miles.
- b. Mileage Boundaries for Hunter and/or Jumper Sections.
1. Hunter and/or Jumper competitions are categorized by Rating and/or Level. Additional criteria required for each Rating and/or Level in the Hunter and Jumper Mileage Charts can be found on the Federation website at www.usef.org under Competitions.
 2. Jumper Levels are based on the prize money offered. See JP104.
 3. Hunter mileage shall be independent of the Jumper mileage and applied separately to each division of a competition.
 4. The distances between Licensed Competitions held in USHJA Zones 1 & 2 (ME, NH, VT, MA, CT, RI, NJ, NY, and PA) offering hunter or jumper divisions shall be in accordance with the mileage tables (H1 & J1) shown below effective 12-01-22.

Hunter Mileage Chart – H1 USHJA Zones 1&2				
Priority Date Holders	New Competitions w/ Same Rated Division			
		Premier (“AA”)	National (“A”)	Regional (“B”)
	Premier (“AA”)	125	125	0
	National (“A”)	125	125	0
	Regional (“B”)	0	0	50

Jumper Mileage Chart – J1 USHJA 1 & 2						
Priority Date Holders	New Competitions w/ Same Rated Division					
		Level 5 & 6	Level 4	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1
	Level 5 & 6	125	125	90	0	0
	Level 4	125	125	90	0	0
	Level 3	90	90	75	0	0
	Level 2	0	0	0	0	0
	Level 1	0	0	0	0	0

5. The distances between Licensed Competitions held in USHJA Zones 3 thru 10 and Canada [with the exception of Florida in the first trimester - December through March – see GR314.5] offering hunter or jumper divisions shall be in accordance with the mileage tables (H2 & J2) shown below effective 12-01-22.

Hunter Mileage Chart – H2 USHJA Zones 3 thru 12 and Canada (excluding FL in 1st trimester)				
Priority Date Holders	New Competitions w/ Same Rated Division			
		Premier (“AA”)	National (“A”)	Regional (“B”)
	Premier (“AA”)	250	250	0
	National (“A”)	250	250	0
	Regional (“B”)	0	0	50

Jumper Mileage Chart – J2 USHJA Zones 3 thru 12 and Canada (excluding FL in 1st trimester)						
Priority Date Holders	New Competitions w/ Same Rated Division					
		Level 5 & 6	Level 4	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1
	Level 5 & 6	250	250	100	0	0
	Level 4	250	250	100	0	0
	Level 3	200	200	100	0	0
	Level 2	0	0	0	0	0
	Level 1	0	0	0	0	0

6. The distances between Licensed Competitions held in Florida in the first trimester (December through March) offering hunter or jumper divisions shall be in accordance with the mileage tables (H3 & J3) shown below effective 12-01-08.

Hunter Mileage Chart – H3 (1st trimester Florida)				
Priority Date Holders	New Competitions w/ Same Rated Division			
		Premier (“AA”)	National (“A”)	Regional (“B”)
	Premier (“AA”)	225	200	0
	National (“A”)	200	200	0
	Regional (“B”)	0	0	50

Jumper Mileage Chart – J3 (1st trimester Florida)						
Priority Date Holders	New Competitions w/ Same Rated Division					
		Level 5 & 6	Level 4	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1
	Level 5 & 6	225	200	100	0	0
	Level 4	200	200	100	0	0
	Level 3	200	200	100	0	0
	Level 2	0	0	0	0	0
	Level 1	0	0	0	0	0

- a. Mileage Boundaries for Dressage Competitions.
 1. In the case of a Regular or Local Competition holding Open Dressage Division classes, the question of conflict shall be determined with reference only to those dates, inclusive, during which Open Dressage classes are to be held. See DR127.15 for a map of USDF regions.
 2. Applicable Mileage:
 - a. A 75 mile radius shall apply to Dressage Competitions held in contiguous USDF regions, for which different distances are specified, in the case of Dressage Competitions, Regular Competitions, or Local Competitions holding “open” Dressage Division classes.
 - b. A 50-mile radius shall apply for Dressage Competitions in USDF Regions 1, 2, 6, & 8 holding “open” Dressage classes (excluding competitions restricted to one breed).
 - c. A 100-mile radius shall apply for Dressage Competitions in USDF Regions 3, 4, 5, 7 and 9 holding “open” Dressage classes (excluding competitions restricted to one breed).
 3. Two or more Dressage Competitions may not be held at the same or adjacent locations on the same days.
 - a. Exception: Dressage Competitions that are limited to Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes may be held at the same or adjacent location or within the applicable mileage radius as another Dressage Competition that does not offer Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes.
 4. All dressage competitions are categorized by Level. See DR126 for criteria for each level.
- b. Mileage Boundaries for Eventing Competitions.
 1. Eventing competitions are categorized by level offered, and mileage is applied to the applicant competition. Where an Eventing competition hosts more than one level, the highest applicable mileage radius will apply. Exception: For Eventing competitions occurring on December 1, 2022 and thereafter, the mileage rule will not apply to FEI CCI4-L, CCI4-S, CCI3-L, or Federation Advanced level competitions or any other level hosted therewith, e.g. the mileage rule will not apply to a CCI3-S hosted with an Advanced level competition.
 2. The USEA American Eventing Championship is not subject to the modification process, and is eligible for renewal at a new location as needed. For Eventing competitions occurring on December 1, 2022 and thereafter, the radius will be zero for CCI4-L, CCI4-S, Advanced, and CCI3-L levels and the mileage chart for remaining levels will apply only to those competitions not hosting FEI CCI4-L, CCI4-S, CCI3-L, or Federation Advanced levels:

Eventing Mileage Chart Areas 1, 2, 3, and 8	
Level	Radius
CCI4-L	600
CCI4-S	250
Advanced	200
CCI3-L	600
CCI3-S	200
Intermediate	200
CCI2-L	300
CCI2-S	100
Preliminary	100
CCI1	100
Modified	100

Eventing Mileage Chart Areas 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, and 10	
Level	Radius
CCI4-L	600
CCI4-S	400
Advanced	400
CCI3-L	600
CCI3-S	200
Intermediate	300
CCI2-L	300
CCI2-S	200
Preliminary	200
CCI1	200
Modified	200

CHAPTER 10 LICENSED OFFICIALS

SUBCHAPTER 10-C CLASSIFICATIONS - JUDGES

GR1009 Registered Judge

1. A Registered judge ('R') may officiate alone at any competition in the divisions in which he is Registered.
2. Registered Dressage judges may officiate in classes at Fourth Level and below except for FEI Dressage Tests for 5 and 6-year-old horses. Registered Dressage judges may officiate in FEI Junior Tests, FEI Pony Tests, FEI Childrens Tests, FEI Para-Equestrian Dressage Tests, FEI and USEF Dressage Tests for 4-year-old horses, and USEF and FEI Eventing Dressage Tests at all levels. Registered Dressage judges may not officiate in any classes above Fourth Level.
3. ~~Rated Hunter sections at Premier competitions must be judged by two Registered ('R') judges.~~ A Registered Eventing judge may officiate the intermediate level and below (see also EV171.1c).
4. A Registered Western Dressage Judge may officiate at any level of Western Dressage including Western Dressage Suitability, Western Dressage Hack and Western Dressage Seat Equitation classes.

GR 1010 Recorded Judge

1. A Recorded judge 'r' may officiate alone or independently in the following divisions:
 - a. American Saddlebred;
 - b. Andalusian/Lusitano, except for National Championship competitions;
 - c. Arabian;
 - d. Carriage Pleasure Driving that do not exceed one day or an aggregate of eight hours judging time;
 - e. Connemara;
 - f. English Pleasure, refer to GR1005 for specific licenses required to officiate this division;
 - g. Friesian;
 - h. Hackney;
 - i. Morgan;
 - j. National Show Horse;
 - k. Reining;
 - l. Roadster;
 - m. Saddle Seat Equitation: in any open division except in the USEF Saddle Seat Medal Championship/Finals;
 - n. Shetland;
 - o. Vaulting: may also be President of the Ground Jury at any Federation licensed Vaulting competition.
2. The following divisions have specific limitations for 'r' recorded judges:
 - a. Combined Driving - A 'r' recorded Combined Driving judge may officiate at any level as a member of the ground jury. The President of the Ground Jury must be a Federation 'R' Registered Combined Driving judge.
 - b. Dressage - A Recorded Dressage judge may officiate at Second Level and below and may not officiate at the Third Level and above. Recorded Dressage judges may not officiate in FEI or USEF Dressage Tests for 4 and 5-year-old horses, FEI Childrens Tests, or in FEI Pony Tests, or FEI Para-Equestrian tests. Recorded Dressage judges may officiate in Eventing equivalent to Second Level or below. Recorded Dressage judges may officiate in Eventing Competitions at the Intermediate Level or below.
 - c. Eventing - A Recorded Eventing judge may officiate at the Preliminary level and below (see also EV169).

- d. Hunter - A 'r' recorded judge may ~~is~~ not **permitted to** officiate alone or independently in a 'AA' Premier or 'A' National division or section. **Exception: Recorded 'r' judges are permitted to officiate alone or independently in the following sections: Children's Hunter, Children's Pony Hunter, Adult Amateur Hunter, Low Children's Hunter Horse or Pony, Low Adult Amateur Hunter, Small Hunter, Thoroughbred Hunter, Ladies Side Saddle, Hunter and Pony Hunter Breeding, and any USHJA Hunter section.**
- e. Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation - A 'r' recorded judge may not officiate alone or independently in any of the following Hunter/Jumping Seat Medal classes at a National or Premier rated Hunter competition: USEF Show Jumping Talent Search class, USEF Hunter Seat Medal Class, USEF Pony Medal Class, ASPCA Horsemanship class, WIHS Equitation, WIHS Pony Equitation, National PHA Medal class, USHJA Jumping Seat Equitation class.
- f. Jumper - A 'r' recorded judge may not officiate alone or independently in a Jumper class offering more than \$2,500.
- g. Paso Fino - A 'r' recorded judge may not officiate alone or independently in an 'A' or division or section.
- h. Welsh - A 'r' recorded judge may not officiate alone or independently in a 'AA', 'A' or 'B' division or section, however a Federation licensed Hunter judge may officiate in 'A' rated Welsh Pony Hunter classes and 'A', 'B', and 'C' rated Welsh Pleasure classes without a Guest Card. See GR 1005.
- i. A recorded ('r') Andalusian/Lusitano judge may officiate alone in any Andalusian/Lusitano class except for National Championship competitions.
- j. A Recorded Western Dressage judge may officiate Introductory, Basic, and Level 1 only and also Western Dressage Suitability, Western Dressage Hack and Western Dressage Seat Equitation classes.

GR1011 Special Judge

1. A Special judge is a Federation Competing Member already enrolled as a Recorded judge to whom the Licensed Officials Department may grant permission to officiate as a Registered judge in a division in which he is enrolled as a Recorded judge.
2. Such permission, which is not transferable, will be granted upon the request of a Licensed Competition for that competition only. The application must be made on the official form and accompanied by the required fee. The fee is non-refundable. The statement on the form that the competition holds itself responsible that the individual applied for is familiar with the Federation rules and is capable to officiate as requested must be signed by the competition manager.
3. Restrictions:
 - a. Special cards are not issued for the Dressage **Hunter**, or Eventing Divisions.
 - b. ~~Recorded hunter judges with Special judges' cards may not officiate alone in an 'AA' or 'A' rated hunter section.~~
 - b. Recorded Saddle Seat Equitation judges may not receive a Special judges' card to officiate the USEF Saddle Seat Medal Championship/Final.
 - c. Special cards will not be issued to anyone whose application for re-enrollment, promotion or change of status has been denied by the Federation for the respective license applied for.
 - d. Authority to act as a Special judge will not be granted to any person more than twice in a lifetime, in a particular division without the approval of the Licensed Officials Committee Chairmen or their designee, and any two members of the Licensed Officials Committee.

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CHAPTER 11 FEDERATION RECORDS AND AWARDS

SUBCHAPTER 11-F AWARD SECTIONS

GR1131 Hunter and Equitation Divisions

1. Eligibility
 - a. Points toward any Horse of the Year Award for the Hunter Division will not be credited until the applications and fees for the horse's recording, exhibitor's registration, transfer of ownership, name change or addition of owner(s) and owner's Senior Active, Junior Active or Life membership are received by the Federation office. Furthermore, points toward Horse of the Year Awards for the Hunter Division will not be credited until the applications and fees for the horse's USHJA Horse Registration, the owner's USHJA Active or USHJA Life membership are received by the Federation or USHJA offices. Exception: Applications for Federation and USHJA Individual Membership and Horse Recordings submitted at Licensed Competitions.
 - b. USHJA Zone points toward any Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Division Rider of the Year Awards will not be credited until the applications and fees for the horse's USHJA registration, and rider's USEF and USHJA's active membership are received by the Federation or USHJA offices. Exception: Applications for Federation and USHJA Individual Membership and USHJA Horse Registration submitted at Licensed Competitions.
2. Point Tabulation. See GR1113-GR1119.
3. In the Hunter division, points are calculated according to the ~~Increment system~~ **Hunter Division Point Chart**. In "C" and "B" rated sections, points are determined by the number of horses that compete in the first performance class of the section; in "A" rated sections, points are determined by both the rating of the competition (based on scheduling restrictions of Subchapter HJ-4) as well as the number of horses that compete in the first performance class of the section. Exception: National awards for Green Hunter 3'0", 3'3", 3'6" and 3'9", Young Hunter 5 and under, Young Hunter 6 and under, Young Hunter 7 and under, High Performance and Performance Hunter 3'3" and 3'6", Green Conformation Hunter 3'6", and High Performance Conformation Hunter will be calculated using two systems towards two separate sets of national awards. The national Money Won Awards will be based on the money won by each horse in their respective section. The national Points Awards will be calculated according to the ~~Increment System~~ **Hunter Division Point Chart**. Both money won and points won in hunter classics, the USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake, the USHJA International Hunter Derby, and the USHJA Green Hunter Incentive Stake will be included. The money won and points won in the USHJA International Hunter Derby and USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stakes will only be awarded towards a declared Hunter section for HOTY points if a horse competes in the declared section a minimum of five (5) times during the competition year. The money won and points won in the USHJA Green Hunter Incentive Stake will only be awarded toward a declared Hunter section for HOTY points if a horse competes in the declared section a minimum of three (3) times during the competition year.
4. All Hunter competitions are required to offer the minimum number of classes and amounts of prize money listed in GR312 for each approved Hunter section. If sections are canceled or entries are insufficient to award all prize money offered then only money offered to the number of places awarded must be distributed. All Hunter competitions must state their ~~Increment~~ **hunter** rating clearly on the cover of the prize list. See Subchapter HJ-3 for Hunter competition rating requirements.
5. Hunter Division ~~Increment~~ **Point Chart**:
Base points per section rating:

Rating	"C"	"B"	"A"	"AA"
1st	10	15	20	25
2nd	6	10	15	20
3rd	4	8	12	16
4th	3	6	9	12

5th	2	5	8	11
6th	1.5	4	7	10
7th	1	3	6	9
8th	.5	2	5	8

Exhibitors	3-8	9-15	16-25	26+
1st	15	20	25	30
2nd	10	15	20	25
3rd	8	12	16	20
4th	6	9	12	15
5th	5	8	11	14
6th	4	7	10	13
7th	3	6	9	12
8th	2	5	8	11

Hunter Prize Money Chart

For prize money requirements refer to HJ116

Total Prize Money in Rated Hunter Sections

Regional II competitions	N/A
Regional I competitions	N/A
National competitions	\$5000 and over
Premier competitions	Competitions paying \$24,000 and over including add-back money if any.

- Points are calculated according to the Hunter Division **Point Chart based on the number of horses that compete in the first performance class of the section.** Increment System utilizing a combination of the base points for each placing at each level of section rating and adding one point for each entry that competes in the first performance class. (Exception: where individual classes may be entered (High Performance Hunter, Performance Hunter 3'6", and Performance Hunter 3'3") in which case the points will be calculated by the number of entries that competed in each individual class (see HU119). In the under saddle classes points will be calculated on the number of horses entered. ~~Points for competitions offering add-backs will be determined in the Federation Office when results and amount of prize money paid are received.~~
- Bonus points for Hunter Classics will be awarded according to HU174.
- Number of entries. The number of entries for the Hunter Division is determined by the number of entries that compete in the first performance class of the section, except in sections where individual classes may be entered in which case the number of entries will be determined by the number of entries that competed in each individual class (see HU135). In the under saddle classes the number of entries will be determined by the number of horses entered. Competition management must post within 12 hours of the completion of the class, in a prominent place on the competition grounds, the number of entries that compete in the first performance class of each rated Hunter section, signed by the officiating Judge.
- Hunter Division Section champions will be awarded 2.0 times the total 1st place point value of the first class in that section toward any National Horse of the Year point award based on points earned. Section reserve champions will be awarded 1.2 times the total 1st place value of the first class in that section towards any National Horse of the Year award based on points earned. Exception: For National Horse of the Year awards that are based on money won, Section Champions in the Green

Hunter 3'0", 3'3", 3'6", and 3'9", Young Hunter 5 and under, Young Hunter 6 and under, Young Hunter 7 and under, High Performance Hunter, Green Conformation Hunter 3'6", Performance Hunters 3'3", Performance Hunters 3'6", and High Performance Conformation Hunter will be awarded dollars equal to 10% of the total prize money offered for each respective section towards National Horse of the Year awards. Reserve Champions will be awarded dollars equal to the amount of 5% of the total prize money for each respective section.

10. Hunter Division Section Awards

In the Hunter division, points for ribbons won or money won, if applicable, in any rated section will be awarded in two awards channels. Channel I includes Premier ("AA") and National ("A") rated hunter competitions and Channel II includes Regional ("B") rated hunter competitions. Points earned or money won, if applicable, in a channel are exclusive to that award channel.

a. Hunter Division Section awards are offered for the following at the National level from the Federation and at the Zone level from USHJA: Green Conformation Hunter 3'6", Green Hunter 3'0", 3'3", 3'6" and 3'9", High Performance Conformation Hunter, High Performance Hunter, Performance Hunters 3'3", Performance Hunters 3'6", Young Hunter 5 and under, Young Hunter 6 and under, Young Hunter 7 and under, Small Green Pony Hunter, Medium Green Pony Hunter, Large Green Pony Hunter, Small Pony Hunter, Medium Pony Hunter, Large Pony Hunter, Small Junior Hunter 15 yrs. & under, Small Junior Hunter 16-17 yrs., Large Junior Hunter 15 yrs. & under, Large Junior Hunter 16-17 yrs., Amateur Owner Hunter - 18-35 Years Old and Over 35 Years Old, Ladies Side Saddle, Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3" 18-35 Years Old and Over 35 Years Old, Small Hunter, Small Junior Hunter 3'3", 15 yrs. & under, Small Junior Hunter 3'3" 16-17 yrs., Large Junior Hunter 3'3" 15 yrs. and under and Large Junior Hunter 3'3" 16-17 yrs, Children's Hunter Ponies, Children's Hunter Horses, Low Children's Hunter Horse, Low Children's Hunter Pony, Adult Amateur Hunter 18-35 Years Old, Adult Amateur Hunter Over 35 Years Old, Low Adult Amateur Hunter, Small Hunter, USHJA Hunter 2'0", 2'3", 2'6", 2'9" and 3'0", and Thoroughbred Hunter.

b. Awards are offered from USHJA for the following at the Zone level:

Children's Hunter Ponies, Children's Hunter Horses, Adult Amateur Hunter 18-35 Years Old, Adult Amateur Hunter Over 35 Years Old, Small Hunter, Thoroughbred Hunter, USHJA Hunter 2'0", USHJA Hunter 2'3", USHJA Hunter 2'6", USHJA Hunter 2'9" and USHJA Hunter 3'0".

c. The USHJA shall determine the Zone HOTY points to be awarded for its USHJA Hunter Championships, Finals and Classes. The USHJA shall notify the Federation and publish the point scale to be utilized on the USHJA website a minimum of 120 days prior to the start of each event. The USHJA shall determine the Zone HOTY points to be awarded for its USHJA Hunter Championships, Finals and Classes. The USHJA shall notify the Federation and publish the point scale to be utilized on the USHJA website a minimum of 60 days prior to the start of each event.

11. Hunter Competitions Utilizing Federation HOTY Points/money won for Qualification for their Events.

a. Premier and National hunter rated competitions (including those held in conjunction with Jumper Level 1-6 competitions) must utilize the applicable Channel I HOTY points for qualification purposes.

b. Regional hunter rated competitions (including those held in conjunction with Jumper Level 1-3 Jumper competitions) must utilize the applicable Channel II HOTY points for qualification purposes.

c. Green Conformation Hunter 3'6", Green Hunter 3'0", 3'3", 3'6" and 3'9", High Performance Conformation Hunter, High Performance Hunter, Performance Hunters 3'3", Performance Hunters 3'6", Young Hunter 5 and under, Young Hunter 6 and under, Young Hunter 7 and under, Small Green Pony Hunter, Medium Green Pony Hunter, Large Green Pony Hunter, Small Pony Hunter, Medium Pony Hunter, Large Pony Hunter, Small Junior Hunter 15 yrs. & under, Small Junior Hunter 16-17 yrs., Large Junior Hunter 15 yrs. & under, Large Junior Hunter 16-17 yrs.,

~~Amateur Owner Hunter – 18-35 Years Old and Over 35 Years Old, Ladies Side Saddle, Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3" 18-35 Years Old and Over 35 Years Old, Small Hunter, Small Junior Hunter 3'3", 15 yrs. & under, Small Junior Hunter 3'3" 16-17 yrs., Large Junior Hunter 3'3" 15 yrs. and under and Large Junior Hunter 3'3" 16-17 yrs.~~

- d. ~~The USHJA shall determine the National HOTY points to be awarded for its USHJA Hunter Championships, Finals and Classes. The USHJA shall notify the Federation and publish the point scale to be utilized on the USHJA website a minimum of 120 days prior to the start of each event.~~
12. Grand Champion Horse of the Year Awards are based on National points and are offered for the following Hunter sections:
- a. Amateur Owner Hunter: awarded to the horse with the most points from the rider age sections of Amateur Owner Hunter 3'6"
 - b. Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3": awarded to the horse with the most points from the rider age sections of Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3"
 - c. Junior Hunter 15 Years & Younger: awarded to the horse with the most points in the 15 & Under rider age section of the 3'6" Junior Hunters
 - d. Junior Hunter 16-17 Years: awarded to the horse with the most points in the 16-17 rider age section of the 3'6" Junior Hunters
 - e. Pony Hunter: awarded to the pony with the most points from the small, medium and large Regular Hunter Pony sections
 - f. Green Hunter Pony: awarded to the pony with the most points from the small, medium and large Green Hunter Pony sections
 - g. Conformation Hunter: awarded to the horse with the most points from the High Performance Conformation Hunter and Green Conformation Hunter 3'6" sections
 - h. Green Hunter: awarded to the horse with the most points from the Green Hunter 3'0", 3'3", 3'6" and 3'9" sections.
 - i. High Performance Hunter: awarded to the horse with the most points from the High Performance Hunter section
 - j. Young Hunter: awarded to the horse with the most points from the Young Hunter 5 and under, Young Hunter 6 and under, Young Hunter 7 and under sections.

13. USHJA Zone Rider of the Year Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Division Awards.

The following specifications will apply for the Age Group Equitation Hunter section unless addressed by specific USHJA Zone specifications (available at www.ushja.org) *BOD 6/28/21 Effective 12/1/21*

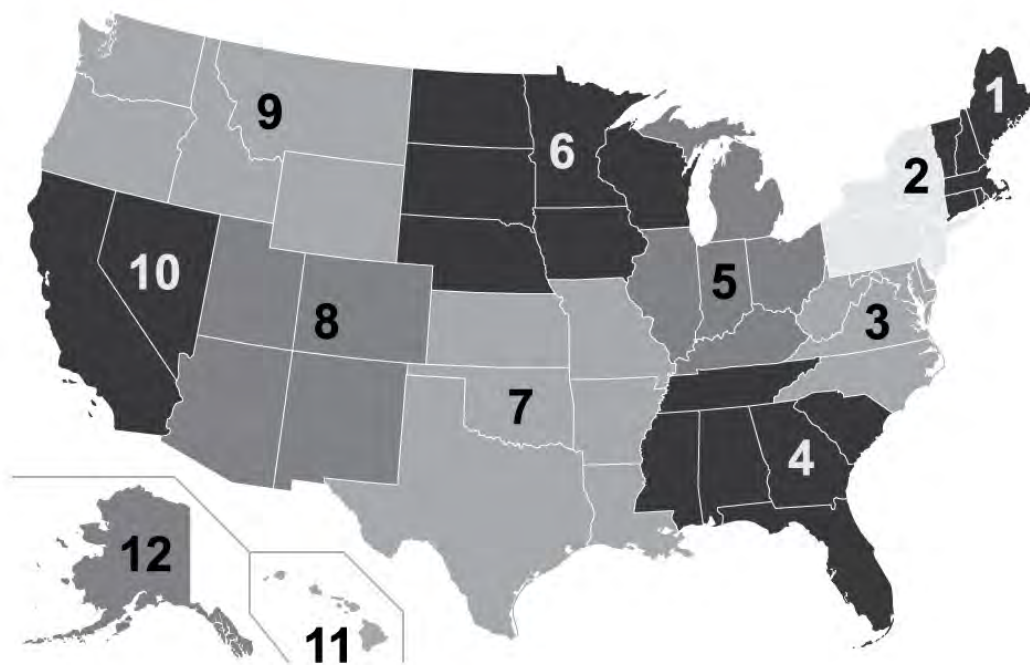
- a. Awards are offered for the following at the Zone level: Equitation 14 and under, Equitation 15-17, Adult Equitation 18-35 and Adult Equitation 36 and over.
- b. Points will be awarded in accordance with the Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Increment Chart.

1st	20
2nd	15
3rd	10
4th	6
5th	5
6th	4
7th	3
8th	2

- c. Section champions will be awarded 2.0 times the total 1st place point value. Section reserve champions will be awarded 1.2 times the total 1st place value.
- d. Competition management may offer Age Group Equitation classes divided at their discretion. Equitation that is offered by age will be awarded points that will be credited to the age groups defined in GR1131.12.a or the relevant Zone Specifications.

- e. Age Group Equitation classes for junior riders to be shown over a course of not less than eight fences and the fence heights cannot exceed 3'6" (or 1.10m when class specifications list fence height in metric) and wings are optional.
 - f. Age Group Equitation classes for adult amateurs to be shown over a course of not less than eight fences and the fence height cannot exceed 3'3" (or 1.0m when class specifications list fence height in metric).
 - g. The USHJA shall determine the Zone HOTY points to be awarded for its USHJA Equitation Championships, Finals and Classes. The USHJA shall notify the Federation and publish the point scale to be utilized on the USHJA website a minimum of 120 days prior to the start of each event.
14. For the purposes of the USHJA Zone awards, ribbons won in any "A" or "B" rated section will receive B points **per GR1131.5**. For the purposes of the USHJA Zone Equitation awards, ribbons won at any competition will receive points per GR1131.12**3b**. USHJA Zone Awards will be distributed according to the Zone map.
 15. Presentation of the USHJA Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be made at Zone meetings at the discretion of Zone Committees and auspices of Zone Committees, only after approval of the USHJA.

ZONE MAP



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GR1133 Jumpers

1. Eligibility.

Points toward any Horse of the Year Award will not be credited until the applications and fees for the horse's recording, exhibitor's registration, transfer of ownership, name change or addition of owner(s) and owner's Senior Active, Junior Active or Life membership are received by the Federation office.

Furthermore, points toward Horse of the Year Awards will not be credit until the applications and fees

for the horse's USHJA Horse Registration, the owner's USHJA Active or USHJA Life membership are received by the Federation or USHJA offices. Exception: Applications for Federation and USHJA Individual Membership and Horse Recordings submitted at Licensed Competitions.

2. Point Tabulation. See GR1113-GR1119. Children's and Adult Jumper USHJA Zone Horse of the Year Awards and Pony, 5-Year Old, 6-Year Old, and 7/8-Year Old Jumper National and USHJA Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be based on the following:

Exhibitors	3-8	9-15	16-25	26+
1st	15	20	25	30
2nd	10	15	20	25
3rd	8	12	16	20
4th	6	9	12	15
5th	5	8	11	14
6th	4	7	10	13
7th	3	6	9	12
8th	2	5	8	11

*Determined by the number of entries that competed (see JP136.13) in the class.

3. The Junior Jumper, Amateur Jumper, U25 and Young Rider Jumper Horse of the Year Awards will be based on one point for every dollar won in their classification at Regular Competitions.
4. The Open Jumper Horse of the Year Award will be based on money won in classes which comply with JP151, classes of \$25,000 or more. One point for every dollar won will be awarded.
5. Award Categories. National awards will be given in the following categories: Low Junior, Medium Junior, High Junior, Low Amateur, Medium Amateur, High Amateur, Open, Pony, Young Rider and U25. Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be given by USHJA in the following categories (see JP119 for Zone specifications): Low Junior, Medium Junior, High Junior, Low Amateur, Medium Amateur, High Amateur CHILDREN'S, ADULT, PONY, YOUNG RIDERS, U25 and Thoroughbred Jumper.

National awards will be offered in two awards channels as follows:

 - a. ***Channel I – Based on placings at standalone Jumper Level 4-6 competitions or Jumper Level 1-6 competitions held in conjunction with a Premier (“AA”) or National (“A”) rated hunter competition.***
 - b. ***Points earned in a channel are exclusive to that award channel.***

Channel II – Based on placings at standalone Jumper Level 1-3 competitions or Jumper Level 1-3 competitions offered in conjunction with a Regional (“B”) rated hunter competition.

 - c. ***Points earned in a channel are exclusive to that award channel.***
6. USHJA Zone awards will be distributed according to the Zone map. ***USHJA Zone awards will be offered in two awards channels as follows:***
 - a. ***Channel I – Based on placings at standalone Jumper Level 4-6 competitions or Jumper Level 1-6 competitions held in conjunction with a Premier (“AA”) or National (“A”) rated hunter competition.***
 - b. ***Channel II – Based on placings at standalone Jumper Level 1-3 competitions or Jumper Level 1-3 competitions offered in conjunction with a Regional (“B”) rated hunter competition.***
 - c. ***Points earned in a channel are exclusive to that award channel.***
7. Presentation of the USHJA Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be made at the discretion and auspices of Zone Committees, only after approval of the USHJA.
8. The USHJA shall determine the National, Zone HOTY points to be awarded for its USHJA Jumper Championships, Finals and Classes. The USHJA shall notify the Federation and publish the point scale to be utilized on the USHJA website a minimum of 120 days prior to the start of each event.
9. ***Jumper Competitions Utilizing Federation HOTY Points for Qualification for their Events.***
 - a. ***Standalone Jumper Level 4-6 competitions or Jumper Level 1-6 competitions held in conjunction with a Premier or National rated hunter competition must utilize the applicable Channel I HOTY points for qualification purposes.***

- b. ***Standalone Jumper Level 4-6 competitions or Jumper Level 1-6 competitions held in conjunction with a Premier or National rated hunter competition must utilize the applicable Channel I HOTY points for qualification purposes.***

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 (“AA”), National (“A”), or Regional (“B”), 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 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 ("**AA**"), National ("**A**"), **or** Regional ("**B**") ~~I, or Regional II~~. Unrated 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 ("**AA**") required for Jumper Levels 5 and 6
 2. Standards set forth under National ("**A**") required for Jumper Levels 3 and 4
 3. Standards set forth under **multi-day** Regional ("**B**") ~~I~~ required for Jumper Level 2
 4. Standards set forth under ~~Local~~ **one-day Regional** ("**B**") required for 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), **There is no Horse Entry Number requirement for a Regional competition.** Regional I – ~~thirty-five (35)~~ and 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. **There is no minimum number of horse entries required for a Regional rated hunter or HJ competition.** ~~Number of horse entries required for a Regional I rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of fifty (50).~~
 - d. ~~Number of horse entries required for a 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.

HJ105 Safety and Welfare

2. 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 ("B") [¶]	Multi-Day Regional ("B") [¶] Jumper 2	National ("A") Jumper 3/4	Premier ("AA") 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

HJ106 Riding and Lunging Areas.

1. 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. *BOD 6/28/21 Effective 12/1/21*
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. At all other ratings, it is recommended that separate schooling arenas be provided for hunters. A separate schooling area and jumps should also be provided for ponies. 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 I	One-Day Regional ("B") ¹	Multi-Day Regional ("B") ¹ Jumper 2	National ("A") Jumper 3/4	Premier ("AA") Jumper 5/6	Additional Requirements for competitions that meet requirements of HJ108 Outdoor	Additional Requirements for competitions that meet requirements of HJ108 Indoor
Main Competition Ring	n/a	n/a	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
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 Schooling Area for each Competition Ring	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Schooling 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		
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. If a competition offers temporary stabling, tent poles or other structures used to support the covering must not be placed in any box stall to be occupied by a horse or pony.
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. *BOD 6/28/21 Effective 12/1/21*

2. Minimum Requirements to Obtain Rating

Minimum Requirements to Obtain Rating	Local Jumper I	One-Day Regional ("B") ^{II}	Multi-Day Regional ("B") ^{II} Jumper 2	National ("A") Jumper 3/4	Premier ("AA") Jumper 5/6
Parking	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Level Measurement Area (HJ131)	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
Lighting in Stabling	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

Waste Containment and Removal	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Sharps Containers	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
Stabling	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required	Required
Public Address System	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required	Required
Portable Communication Devices	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Night Watch	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required	Required
24 hour facility security	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required
Horse Wash Areas	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Competition Office & Staff	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Results Posted	n/a	Required	Required	Required	Required
Competition Website	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required	Required
Online Entry System	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required
Electrical Outlets in Stabling	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required
Separate Motor Vehicle and Horse Traffic	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required if 500+ horses entered in previous year
Drainage System	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required	Required
Food/Beverage Service	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 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 in prize money, including add-back money if any, must be paid in the rated Hunter sections of a Premier competition.~~ **A Premier rated competition must pay a minimum of \$75,000 \$50,001 in prize money in rated hunter sections and classes. If more than the minimum required is guaranteed, the guaranteed amount becomes the minimum required prize money payout. Add backs do not count towards the total prize money requirement.** If an add-back is offered, **the details must be provided in the prize list.** ~~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.~~ **Prize money from a section that did not fill and run may be reallocated in accordance with HJ116 to another section(s) that did fill.**
 - c. If sections are canceled or entries are insufficient to award all prize money, then additional money not awarded must be pooled and redistributed as follows:
 1. 60% **of the pool** to the champions **of the rated hunter sections in which prize money was awarded**, and
 2. 40% **of the pool** to the reserve champions of the ~~remaining~~ “A” rated hunter sections **in which prize money was paid.**

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

Minimum Prize Money paid- **A National rated competition must offer a minimum of \$5,000 and cannot exceed a maximum of \$74,999 in prize money in rated hunter sections and classes. If more than the minimum required is guaranteed, the guaranteed amount becomes the minimum required prize money paid out.**

- a. **Add backs do not count towards the total prize money requirement. If add backs are offered, the details must be provided in the prize list.**
- b. **Prize money from a section that did not fill and run may be reallocated in accordance with HJ116 to another section(s) that did fill.**
- c. **If sections are cancelled or entries are insufficient to award all prize money, then additional money not awarded must be pooled and equally redistributed as follows:**
 - 1. **60% of the pool to the champions of the rated hunter sections in which prize money was paid, and**
 - 2. **40% of the pool to the reserve champions of the rated hunter sections in which prize money was paid.**

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 National rating.

- ~~a. 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 and a maximum of \$74,999 in prize money, must be offered in the rated Hunter sections and classes. If more than the minimum required is guaranteed, the guaranteed amount becomes the minimum required prize money paid out.**
 - b. **Add backs do not count towards the total prize money requirement. If add backs are offered, the details must be provided in the prize list.**
 - c. **Prize money from a section that did not fill and run may be reallocated in accordance with HJ116 to another section(s) that did fill.**
 - d. **If sections are cancelled or entries are insufficient to award all prize money, then additional money not awarded must be pooled and redistributed as follows:**
 - 1. **60% of the pool to the champions of the rated hunter sections in which prize money was paid, and**
 - 2. **40% of the pool to the reserve champions of the rated hunter sections in which prize money was paid.**

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 National rating.

~~of a National competition restricted to Juniors and/or Amateurs. *Money from model classes does not count towards this requirement.~~

- ~~a. 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 I-Rated Competitions

- ~~1. Number of horse entries required for a Regional I rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of fifty (50).~~ **A multi-day Regional rated competition is limited to a maximum of three (3) days. The Federation may waive or amend the three-day restriction if circumstances warrant.**
2. At least three (3) “B” **Regional** rated Hunter sections must be offered. **(Exception: competitions exclusively offering Hunter and/or Jumping Seat Equitation or Hunter Breeding classes).** 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 I 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. **The Federation may waive or amend the restriction on the number of Regional rated competitions held in a calendar week if circumstances warrant.**
4. **Prize Money**
 - a. **At Multi-Day Regional competitions a minimum of \$0 and a maximum of \$24,999 in prize money, must be offered in the rated and miscellaneous hunter sections and classes. If more than the minimum required is guaranteed, the guaranteed amount becomes the minimum required prize money paid out.**
 - b. **Add backs do not count towards the total prize money requirement. If add backs are offered, the details must be provided in the prize list.**
 - c. **Prize money from a section that did not fill and run may be reallocated in accordance with HJ116 to another section(s) that did fill.**
 - d. **If sections are cancelled or entries are insufficient to award all prize money, then additional money not awarded must be pooled and redistributed as follows:**
 1. **60% of the pool to the champions of the rated hunter sections in which prize money was paid, and**
 2. **40% of the pool to the reserve champions of the rated hunter sections in which prize money was paid.**

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 National rating.

HJ113 *One-Day* Regional II Rated Competitions

- ~~1. Number of horse entries required for a Regional II rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of twenty-five (25).~~
1. At least two (2) “C” **Regional** rated **sections** must be offered. **(Exception: competitions exclusively offering Hunter and/or Jumping Seat Equitation or Hunter Breeding classes).** 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.

2. No more than two (2) one-day Regional H 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. **The Federation may waive or amend the restriction on the number of Regional rated competitions held in a calendar week if circumstances warrant.**

3. Prize Money

- a. **At One-Day Regional (“B”) competitions a minimum of \$0 and a maximum of \$24,999 in prize money, must be offered in the rated and miscellaneous hunter sections and classes. If more than the minimum required is guaranteed, the guaranteed amount becomes the minimum required prize money paid out.**
- b. **Add backs do not count towards the total prize money requirement. If add backs are offered, the details must be provided in the prize list.**
- c. **Prize money from a section that did not fill and run may be reallocated in accordance with HJ116 to another section(s) that did fill.**
- d. **If sections are cancelled or entries are insufficient to award all prize money, then additional money not awarded must be pooled and redistributed as follows:**
 1. **60% of the pool to the champions of the rated hunter sections in which prize money was paid, and**
 2. **40% of the pool to the reserve champions of the rated hunter sections in which prize money was paid.**

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 National rating.

HJ114 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 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 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). 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.

- 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 Cancellations

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

HJ116 Prize Money

Total Prize Money in Rated Hunter Sections

Regional (“B”) competitions	<i>\$0 - \$24,999 offered in rated and miscellaneous hunter sections and classes.</i>
National (“A”) competitions	<i>\$5000 - \$74,999 offered in rated hunter sections and classes.</i>
Premier (“AA”) competitions	<i>\$75,000 and over must be paid out in rated hunter sections and classes.</i>

- Prize money offered in the open sections must be awarded on an escalating scale related to the height of fences.
- 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.
- Prize money in all rated classes at all licensed competitions must be distributed as follows: a minimum of 30% for 1st, 22% for second, 15% for 3rd, with the balance to be distributed at competition management’s discretion.***
- Ribbon winners must receive the applicable prize money offered for those placings.***
- Add backs do not count towards the total prize money requirement. If add backs are offered, the details must be provided in the prize list.***
- The following must be published in the competition prize list:***
 - The total amount of hunter prize money being offered at the competition,***
 - The minimum amount of guaranteed hunter prize money payout, and***
 - The total amount of hunter prize money offered, guaranteed, and paid out by the competition in the prior year, unless the competition was not held.***
- The Federation may amend or waive the minimum required prize money payout if circumstances warrant.***
- Prize money offered in a section cannot be decreased if the section fills.***
- If a section does not fill and run, the prize money may be reallocated to another section(s) offered that does fill. However, the entry fee for the section where prize money was reallocated cannot be increased.***

SUBCHAPTER HJ-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.

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 **and National competitions may offer any or all of the Green Hunter sections either separately or combined**. ~~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.

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 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) divided sections and may be divided as stipulated in HU162.6.b.1 **Regional and National competitions may offer any or all of the Amateur Owner Hunter 3'6" sections either separately or combined.**
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. **Regional and National competitions may offer any or all of the Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3" sections either separately or combined.**
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" Rated 3'6" Junior Hunter Sections. At least two sections must be offered in the prize list (large/small or older/younger).~~ **Regional and National competitions may offer any or all of the Junior Hunter 3'6" sections either separately or combined.** 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" 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 **a Premier competition, at least two sections are required to be listed in the prize list. Regional and National competitions may offer any or all of the Junior Hunter 3'3" sections either separately or combined**
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.~~
4. **"C" Regional** rated Sections. See GR312.6. No prize money is required.
5. 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.
6. 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. **Regional and National competitions may offer any or all of the Regular Pony Hunter height sections either separately or combined.**

2. Competitions may offer the Green Pony Hunter Section as ~~three~~ separate sections (small, medium and large) **or combined**; however an "A" or "AA" or **Premier** 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 I 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" or "C" Regional** rated Regular or Green Pony Hunter section.
 - b. ~~"B" 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 or 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.

HJ124 USHJA Hunter Sections

1. **Management may offer up to four sections per fence height per competition:**
 - a. **Open**
 - b. **Junior**
 - c. **Amateur**
 - d. **Horses/ponies in their first year of competition over fences at USEF licensed competitions**
2. **If only one section is offered for a particular fence height, this section must be either open to all exhibitors or restricted to juniors and amateurs.**

CHAPTER HU HUNTER DIVISION

WHEN A SUBJECT IS NOT ADDRESSED IN THESE RULES, IT MUST BE ADDRESSED BY THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE AND THAT COMMITTEE'S INTERPRETATION WILL STAND AS THE RULE UNTIL THE NEXT YEAR WHEN AN APPROPRIATE RULE CHANGE WILL BE SUBMITTED.

SUBCHAPTER HU-1 DEFINITIONS

HU100 Horse Welfare

1. The following acts are prohibited:
 - a. Riding an exhausted horse.
 - b. Excessive pressuring of a tired horse.
 - c. Riding or lunging an obviously lame horse.
 - d. Excessive use of a whip on any horse in a stall, aisle, schooling area, competition ring or elsewhere on the competition grounds. The use of a whip must be for a good reason, done at the appropriate time, in the proper place and with appropriate restraint. Excessive whipping will not be tolerated.
 - e. Any striking of the horse's head (on the poll or forward of the poll) shall be deemed excessive.
 - f. Repeated jerking on the reins and sawing on the bit unless applied to an unruly horse that is jeopardizing his own safety or the safety of his rider.
 - g. Improper use of the bit resulting in bleeding, broken skin or broken mucous membrane.
 - h. Excessive use of the spurs or spurring resulting in broken and bleeding skin.
 - i. Rapping the legs of a horse with the butt end of a riding crop or other implement.
 - j. Use of any substance to induce temporary heat causing hyper-sensitization.
 - k. Poling.
 - l. Use of a wire or chain in conjunction with any schooling jumps.
 - m. Use of electronic shock devices in schooling or showing.
 - n. Use of shackles, hock hobbles and similar devices, with the exception of kicking chains while the horse is in the stall or in transport. This does not prohibit the use of rubber or plastic exercising devices.
 - o. Showing a horse with hypersensitive, raw or bleeding sores around the cornets, pasterns, legs or body.
 - p. Use of laser beam devices anywhere on the competition grounds, except in an exhibition or if required in class specifications. (Exception: Lasers used in a therapeutic manner).
 - q. Withholding of feed or water for prolonged periods.
 - r. Letting blood from a horse for other than diagnostic purposes.
 - s. Inhumane treatment of a horse in a stall, aisle, schooling area, competition ring or elsewhere on the competition grounds, by any person.
 - t. Use of any device capable of emitting a flame or spark in and around the schooling/warm-up and competition rings during scheduled competition sessions.
 - u. Use of any attention getting device that emits a spray, mist, or fog while competing in the ring, such as an aerosol can or spray bottle.
2. ~~Regular and local competitions.~~ Competitors found to be in violation of these rules by the Competition Steward or other Federation Official shall be eliminated/disqualified from competing within the upcoming 24-hour period and shall forfeit all entry fees for such competition. In addition, after consultation between Competition Management, the Steward, or other official involved, and a Senior Judge in the division, additional penalties including disqualification from the balance of the competition may be imposed. All such violations must be recorded in the Steward's Report and, if

cruelty or abusive behavior is evident, it will be reviewed by the Federation for such action as may be deemed appropriate to the particular circumstances. *BOD 6/28/21 Effective 12/1/21*

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SUBCHAPTER HU-4 COURSES

HU109 General

1. All obstacles, except those noted below, must be set at required height. The required height may have a variance of no more than 2" over or under. Exceptions:
 - a. Walk fences may not exceed 2' in height and spread.
 - b. Trot fences may not exceed 3' in height and spread for horses and 2' in height for ponies in classes restricted to ponies.
 - c. Brush obstacles, hedges, split-rail fences, simulated rock or stone walls, ditches, banks and other specialty jumps designed to simulate natural obstacles found in the hunt field.
 - d. The first fence of any hunter course.
2. Except in case of inclement weather, broken equipment or similar emergency a course must not be altered except by written permission of all exhibitors. If one or more original obstacles are rendered unusable during a class and no duplicate exists, management may substitute obstacles which approximate as nearly as possible the originals.
3. In classes where Federation course requirements have not been met and the violation has not been observed and corrected prior to the third competitor's performance, the class must be completed without altering the course and the results will stand for the purposes of the Championship.
 - a. With the exception of a course set at an improper height, competitors who have gone over the course with the violation have the option of re-jumping the course.
 - b. Classes conducted over improper courses are ineligible for Federation Horse of the Year Award points.
4. Horses must be shown over a minimum of eight obstacles the required height in all "A", "B" or "C" rated sections.
5. In all rated Hunter sections, at least two different courses are required. At least one change of direction (change of lead) is required in every course. All "A" rated sections at National and Premier rated shows, except for Green Hunter Pony, Green Hunter 3'0" and 3'3", and Young Hunter sections, must offer an over fence class as a Handy Hunter. This Handy Hunter class may not be the first class of a section nor can it be the designated first round of a classic when using one round of a section as the first round of a classic.
6. No course may have exhibitors trotting or cantering through the in-gate or out-gate; any exhibitor choosing to trot or canter through the in-gate or out-gate will be eliminated.
7. In over fences classes, riders shall not be required to hand gallop the first fence of a line consisting of a measured distance.
8. A track is established once a horse has landed from a fence or completes a required test and follows the horse until the consecutive fence is jumped or the next test is executed. Upon completion of each consecutive fence or performance of the next test, the track is erased. Crossing a track between obstacles and/or required tests shall constitute a disobedience and will be penalized by the judge(s). Exceptions:
 - a. A course diagram that requires a rider to cross his track.
 - b. Snake or multiple panel jumps that are jumped consecutively.
9. For the purposes of eligibility and cross entry corresponding heights are:

Height (metric equivalent height)	Corresponding JP/EQ metric class fence heights used for Hunter and Equitation cross entry and eligibility
2'3" (.69 meters)	.70 meters
2'6" (.76 meters)	.75 meters
2'9" (.84 meters)	.85 meters
3'0" (.91 meters)	.90 meters
3'3" (1.00 meters)	1.00 meters
3'6" (1.07 meters)	1.10 meters
3'9" (1.14 meters)	1.15 meters
4'0" (1.22 meters)	1.20 meters
4'3" (1.30 meters)	1.30 meters
4'6" (1.37 meters)	1.40 meters

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HU111 Height of Obstacles

When a range of fence heights is allowed in a class or section, the minimum height must be used unless a higher height is specified in the prize list. In all cases, the spread of jump may not exceed height and must be measured including flowers, brush and ground lines.

1. Green Hunter Sections:
 - a. Green Hunter 3'0"
 - b. Green Hunter 3'3"
 - c. Green Hunter 3'6"
 - d. Green Hunter 3'9"

(Exception: Fences may be a maximum of 3" lower in Zones 11 and 12)
2. Young Hunter Sections:
 - a. Young Hunter 5 and under – 2'9"
 - b. Young Hunter 6 and under – 3'0"
 - c. Young Hunter 7 and under – 3'3"
3. High Performance Hunter: 4' minimum in "A" **Premier** rated sections at Premier rated competitions; 3'9" minimum in "A" **National** rated sections at National rated competitions, and "B" and "C" **in Regional rated** sections **at Regional rated competitions**. Obstacles may not exceed 4'6".
(Exception: Fences may be a maximum of 3" lower in Zones 11 and 12)
4. Performance Hunter 3'3"
5. Performance Hunter 3'6"
6. Green Conformation Hunter 3'6"
7. High Performance Conformation Hunter: 3'9"
8. Amateur Owner Hunter Sections:
 - a. Obstacles at National and Premier rated competitions must be 3'6"
 - b. Obstacles at competitions in Zones 11 and 12 may be 3'3" or 3'6"
 - c. If a 3'3" Amateur Owner Hunter Section is offered, obstacles are to be 3'3"
 - d. If a competition offers both 3'3" and 3'6" Amateur Owner Hunter sections, regardless of the competition's rating, the obstacles must be set at 3'3" and 3'6" respectively
 - e. ~~No minimum height required at Local Competitions~~
9. Adult Amateur Hunter Sections: See individual USHJA Zone specifications. For those USHJA Zones that do not provide specifications, obstacles will be 2'9" to 3'3". ~~No minimum height required at Local Competitions.~~

10. ~~Local Competitions: No minimum in any section.~~
11. Non-rated sections: Heights determined by competition management unless otherwise specified
12. Ladies Side Saddle Sections: 3'13. Junior Hunter Sections:
 - a. Obstacles must be 3'6" in all classes. (Exception: Fences may be 3" lower in Zones 11 and 12 and in the Junior Hunter 3'3" section.)
 - ~~b. No minimum height required at Local Competitions~~
13. Children's Hunter Sections: Obstacles will be 2' for small ponies and medium ponies; 2'6" for large ponies and 2'9" to 3'3" for horses. No minimum height required at Local Competitions.
14. Green Pony Hunter: 2'3" for small, 2'6" for medium and 2'9" for large
15. Regular Pony Hunter: 2'3" for small, 2'6" for medium and 2'9" - 3'0" for large
16. Three-Year-Old Hunter: Not to exceed 2'9"
17. Small Hunter Sections: 3'
18. Thoroughbred Hunter: 3'0"

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HU116 Judges

1. In "A" **National** rated sections, at least **a minimum of one Registered** judge of Registered status must officiate. ~~Recorded judges with Special judge's card may not officiate alone.~~ **Exception: Judges of either Registered or Recorded status may officiate the following sections alone or independently: Children's Hunter, Children's Pony Hunter, Adult Amateur Hunter, Low Children's Hunter Horse or Pony, Low Adult Amateur Hunter, Small Hunter, Thoroughbred Hunter, Ladies Side Saddle, Hunter and Pony Hunter Breeding, and any USHJA Hunter section.**
- ~~1. All judges who are assigned to a Conformation section must judge the Model class.~~
- ~~2.~~ **2. In Premier rated sections, the following applies:**
 - a. A minimum of two **Registered** judges must officiate. They may officiate independently or together. If judging independently, no more than 60% of the classes in the section may be officiated by the same judge. (Exception: High Performance Working Hunter, Performance Hunter 3'6, Performance Hunter 3'3" and Pony Hunter sections held on one day).
 - b. Judges of either Registered or Recorded status may officiate the following sections alone or independently: Children's Hunter, Children's Pony Hunter, Adult Amateur Hunter, Low Children's Hunter Horse or Pony, Low Adult Amateur Hunter, Small Hunter, Thoroughbred Hunter, Ladies Side Saddle, Hunter and Pony Hunter Breeding, and any USHJA Hunter section.**
- 3. All judges who are assigned to a Conformation section must judge the Model class.**

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HU127 Entry Fees

1. No competition may require a combined entry fee in any "B" or "C" **Regional** rated section. A horse that is entered in a section that requires a combined entry fee may be entered in individual classes in another section for which he is qualified. (Exception: the horse may not be entered in the stake class unless it has met all qualifications.) A horse that is exhibited in the first performance class of an **"A" Premier or National** rated section must pay a combined entry fee. After the first performance class exhibitors may enter individual classes at management's discretion.
2. A Model class may not be included in a combined entry fee. It must always be offered separately as an optional class.

- ~~3. Prize money in all rated classes at all licensed competitions must be distributed as follows: a minimum of 30% for 1st, 22% for 2nd, 15% for 3rd, with the balance to be distributed at competition management's discretion.~~

SUBCHAPTER HU-8 HUNTER SECTIONS

HU128 General

Hunter classes are to be judged on performance, way of moving and soundness. All horses being considered for an award must be serviceably sound.

HU129 Under Saddle and Hack Classes

1. In Under Saddle and Hunter Hack classes, horses are shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. They should not be eliminated for slight errors. Judges may ask horses to hand gallop collectively, one way of the ring. (Exception: green classes.) No more than eight will be asked to hand gallop at one time. (Exception: Hunter National Championships see Championship Specifications) All horses being considered for an award must be serviceably sound. Judges must work competitors in groups of (20) or less or they must work a larger group in one direction, line up their selected competitors before working those remaining on the rail in the second direction, excusing the unselected competitors, and judging the selected competitors in the second direction.
2. To be eligible for a Model or Under Saddle class counting toward a Championship in any "A" or "B" rated **hunter** section, horses must be entered in at least one full point class over obstacles in the same section during the competition. To maintain awards or points won in the aforementioned classes the competitor must complete the course in at least one class.

HU130 Non-rated Classes

1. The following classes have no point value for Championships or for Horse of the Year Awards. Judging percentages are left to the discretion of competition management. (Exception: Hunter Hack for Ladies Side Saddle.) **Unrated classes are not required to jog for soundness.**
 - a. MAIDEN, NOVICE, LIMIT HUNTERS. Open to horses which have not won a blue ribbon, three blue ribbons, six blue ribbons in Hunter over fences classes at Regular Competitions.
 - b. HUNTER HACK. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. At least eight horses, if available, are required to jump two obstacles and gallop one way of the ring. Horses are not to gallop in Green Hunter classes.
 - c. BRIDLE PATH HACK (Hunter type). To be shown at a walk, trot and canter and hand gallop. To back easily and stand quietly. Emphasis is placed on actual suitability to purpose.
 - d. THREE-YEAR-OLD HUNTER. Section must include two or three Over Fences classes and one Under Saddle class with a Championship and Reserve Championship awarded. If possible, this section should be held immediately after the Three-Year-Old Hunter Breeding class. Courses are to be simple. One Over Fences class must be judged on at least 25% conformation.
 - e. Walk-Trot.
 1. Classes that the exhibitor is asked to walk and trot only. These classes are exempted from non-member fees per GR901.9(5).
 2. The horse must give the appearance of being a safe and suitable mount for the class. The safety of all exhibitors is of primary concern in walk-trot Hunter, walk-trot pleasure and walk-trot equitation classes.

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HU132 Green Hunter Sections

1. A horse may compete in only one Green Hunter fence height section at any one competition.
2. Green Hunters are divided into Green 3', Green 3'3", Green 3'6" and Green 3'9".
3. Green Hunters are required to jog for soundness.
4. "A" **Premier or National** rated Green Hunter 3'6" and 3'9" sections must offer an over fence class as a Handy Hunter. A Handy Hunter class may be offered in any Green Hunter 3'0" and 3'3" sections but is not required.

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HU135 High Performance, Performance, Small Hunter and Thoroughbred Hunter – Definition and Classifications

1. A High Performance or Performance Hunter is a horse of any age and is not restricted by previous showing. **High Performance Hunters and Performance Hunters are required to jog for soundness.**
2. High Performance Hunter
 - a. Championships must be offered in accordance with HU150.
 - b. Number of classes and prize money must be offered in accordance with GR312.6.
 - c. Individual classes may be entered. (Exception: Under Saddle classes. See HU129.2)
 - d. In a section with three (3) classes, the under saddle will count half points towards champion and reserve.
 - e. The High Performance section must offer the greatest amount of prize money of all hunter sections at the competition. (Exception: When the High Performance Hunter section is combined with the Performance Hunter or the Green Hunter, see HU162)
3. Performance Hunter 3'6"
 - a. Championships must be offered in accordance with HU150.
 - b. Number of classes and prize money must be offered in accordance with GR312.6.
 - c. Individual classes may be entered. (Exception: Under Saddle classes. See HU129.2)
 - d. In a section with three (3) classes, the under saddle will count half points towards champion and reserve.
4. Performance Hunter 3'3"
 - a. Championship and Reserve must be offered in accordance with HU150.
 - b. Number of classes and prize money must be offered in accordance with GR312.6.
 - c. Individual classes may be entered. (Exception: Under Saddle classes. See HU129.2)
 - d. In a section with three (3) classes, the under saddle will count half points towards champion and reserve.
5. Small Hunter
 - a. Fences set at 3'.
 - b. Championships must be offered in accordance with HU150.
 - c. This section will be C rated for Horse of the Year Awards as per GR312.6.
 - d. Individual classes may be entered.
 - e. A small Hunter is a horse over 14.2 hands and not to exceed 16 hands.
 - f. A measurement card is required for all horses entered as per HJ127.
 - g. Small Hunters are not required to jog for soundness.**
6. Thoroughbred Hunter

- a. Thoroughbred restricted classes are open only to horses that are registered with USHJA and are in possession of Breed Registry papers. Horses must have been either registered with The Jockey Club or meet one of the criteria below. All horse shows must require riders to verify registration on the day of the horse show through one of the following methods:
 1. The Jockey Club Certificate of Foal Registration or a copy thereof
 2. The horse's lip tattoo, the horse's 5-cross pedigree and the successful tattoo lookup result from The Jockey Club's Tattoo Identification Services, (located at www.registry.jockeyclub.com)
 3. If neither of the above is available, a letter from The Jockey Club verifying the horse's identity.
- b. Cross entry into other sections is allowed unless otherwise stated in the prize list.
- c. Championships must be offered in accordance with HU150.
- d. This section will be G rated for Zone Horse of the Year Awards as per GR312.6.
- e. **Thoroughbred Hunters are not required to jog for soundness.**

HU136 Conformation Hunter Sections

1. Model Classes for Green Conformation Hunter 3'6" and High Performance Conformation Hunter:
 - a. To be shown at a walk and trot. To be judged on conformation, way of moving and soundness.
 - b. All horses being considered for an award must be serviceably sound.
 - c. Model classes to count 1/2 points.
2. In a combined section, if a horse is eligible for more than one section; the exhibitor must declare to the Competition Secretary which height section the points are to count toward.
3. No horse may compete in more than one height section of a combined division.
4. No credit will be given in combined sections unless three entries have competed.
5. A horse must be eligible for the Green Hunter 3'6" in order to be eligible for Green Conformation Hunter 3'6".
6. High Performance Conformation Hunter fences to be 3'9" and open to all horses.
7. All Conformation sections are to be judged 70% on performance, 30% on conformation.
8. **Conformation Hunters are required to jog for soundness**

HU137 Amateur Owner Hunter

1. To be ridden by Amateur Owners 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.
2. 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:
 - a. Equitation classes
 - b. Under Saddle classes
 - c. 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)
3. To be judged on performance and soundness. If conformation is to be judged, it may not count more than 25%. All horses being considered for an award must be serviceably sound.
4. If an Under Saddle class is divided by age and a rider has two or more horses entered, provided at least one horse is ridden by the Amateur Owner or an amateur member of the owner's family, the additional horse(s) entered may be ridden by another amateur regardless of rider's age.
5. Cross entry. Riders may cross enter between the Amateur Owner 3'3" and/or the Amateur Owner 3'6" sections. Horses may not cross enter between the sections.
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- b. Horses and riders entered in the Adult Amateur Hunter sections may not compete in the Amateur Owner Hunter section at the same competition. Riders entered in the Adult Amateur Hunter sections may not compete in any other class in which obstacles are required to exceed 3'9" (1.15m) at the same competition.
 - c. Horses may be entered in Junior Hunter sections at the same competition if ridden by a member of the same family.
 - d. Cross entry into other sections is allowed unless otherwise stated in the prize list.
2. To be judged on performance and soundness, suitability to count. All horses being considered for an award must be serviceably sound.
 3. If an under saddle class is divided by age and a rider has two or more horses entered, all riders must be amateurs but need not be eligible by age.
 4. When a section is divided by age of rider no horse may compete in more than one section. *BOD 6/28/21 Effective 12/1/21*

5. Amateur Owner Hunters are required to jog for soundness

HU138 Adult Amateur

1. Competitions must offer Adult Amateur Hunter sections in accordance with the specifications of the applicable USHJA zone. The following specifications will apply for the Adult Amateur Hunter section unless address by specific USHA Zone specifications (available at www.ushja.org)
 - a. To be ridden by exhibitors who have reached their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year and who hold a current Federation Amateur Status.
 - b. Horses and riders entered in the Adult Amateur Hunter sections may not compete in the Amateur Owner section at the same competition. Riders entered in the Adult Amateur Hunter sections may not compete in any other class in which obstacles are required to exceed 3'9" (1.15m) at the same competition. *BOD 9/16/19 Effective 12/1/19.*
 - c. Horses may be entered in Junior Hunter sections at the same competition if ridden by a member of the same family.
 - d. Cross entry into other sections is allowed unless otherwise stated in the prize list. *BOD 6/28/21 Effective 12/1/21*
2. To be judged on performance and soundness, suitability to count. All horses being considered for an award must be serviceably sound.
3. If an under saddle class is divided by age and a rider has two or more horses entered, all riders must be amateurs but need not be eligible by age.
4. When a section is divided by age of rider no horse may compete in more than one section.

5. Adult Amateur Hunters are not required to jog for soundness.

HU139 Low Adult Amateur

1. Competitions must offer Low Adult Amateur Hunter sections in accordance with the specifications of the applicable USHJA zone. The specifications as shown below will apply unless addressed by specific zone specifications (available at www.ushja.org)
 - a. To be ridden by exhibitors who have reached their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year and who hold a current Federation Amateur Status.
 - b. Riders may not cross enter into any class or section where fences exceed 2'9" at the same competition (Exception 3'0" Equitation). *BOD 6/28/21 Effective 12/1/21*

2. Low Adult Amateur Hunters are not required to jog for soundness

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HU141 Ages, Sizes and Restrictions for Ponies

1. No animal may be shown in a performance class in this division unless the owner possesses a current measurement card or valid measurement form issued by the Federation (see HJ127).
2. Regular classes are open to all ponies not exceeding 14.2 hands. Qualifications must follow as nearly as possible those outlined for Hunters.
3. Small ponies:
 - a. Small ponies are not to exceed 12.2 hands
 - b. No junior over 12 years of age may ride in a Regular Small Pony Hunter Section.
4. Medium ponies:
 - a. Medium ponies are over 12.2 and do not exceed 13.2 hands
 - b. No junior over 14 years of age may ride in a Regular Medium Pony Hunter Section.
5. Large ponies:
 - a. Large ponies are over 13.2 and do not exceed 14.2 hands.
6. Green ponies:
 - a. Riders under the age of 18 years may ride in any Green Hunter Pony section. The rider age restrictions for the Regular Hunter Pony sections do not apply to the Green Hunter Pony section.
7. Riders under 18 years of age may ride for other exhibitors who have more than one entry in the Under Saddle class and/or exhibit the pony in the model class.
8. Ponies must be handled by junior exhibitors in all phases of a class, except in breeding classes in-hand.
9. Restrictions:
 - a. Stallions are prohibited from all Pony Hunter classes except breeding classes.
 - b. Number that may be shown:
 1. No rider may show more than three ponies in any Green Pony Hunter height section.
 2. In the Regular Pony Hunter sections, a rider may ride three ponies in one height section and a maximum of two ponies in each remaining height section at Premier rated competitions.
 3. At National, **or** Regional ~~I or Regional II~~ rated competitions, a rider may ride a maximum of 3 ponies in each height section.
 - c. Junior riders showing ponies cannot compete in any class where fences may be set higher than 3'6" at the same competition (Exception Children's Jumpers, USHJA International Hunter Derby, Junior Hunter Classics, Pony Jumpers and WIHS Equitation Jumper Phase.) Additionally, junior riders competing Green Ponies but not Regular Ponies are exempt from this fence height restriction.

HU142 Pony Hunter & Green Pony Hunter

1. Manners of the pony and suitability of the pony to the rider must be emphasized in all classes. Extreme speed must be penalized. Suitability of a pony for a rider is determined by height of rider as related to the height of the pony. Judges must penalize but not necessarily eliminate an entry not having such suitability and manners.
2. Class Specifications.
 - a. Classes are the same as those listed for Hunters. Maiden, Novice, Limit and Green Ponies are not to gallop.
 - b. Conformation must not exceed 25% in any class except a Model class.
 - c. Appointment classes are prohibited in all competitions. Uniformity and similarity may count 15% in Team and Pair classes.
 - d. Model and Conformation classes should occur on the same day. If a Model class is held it must be the first class held in any section.
3. Separate Championships must be offered when all classes are divided into height sections but cannot be offered unless they are divided. See HU149 – HU152 for all requirements.

4. Championships. Show Champions and Reserve Champions are selected as outlined in GR808.
5. **Pony Hunters and Green Pony Hunters are required to jog for soundness.**

HU143 Junior Hunter 3'3" and 3'6"

1. Riders must not have reached their 18th birthday (See GR128).
2. All horses showing in the Junior Hunter Section at Regular Competitions must have a Federation measurement card.
 - a. A large Junior Hunter is over 16 hands.
 - b. A small Junior Hunter is 16.0 hands and under.
3. Junior Hunter. In all classes manners will be emphasized and extreme speed will be penalized.
4. Conformation is not to exceed 25% in any class except a Model class. In Junior Working Hunter sections no more than 50% of the classes may be judged on conformation.
5. Show championships:
 - a. Separate Championships must be offered when all classes are divided but cannot be offered unless they are divided.
 - b. The Champion and Reserve titles are awarded to the top two of the four horses which have acquired the most points performing over a regulation course in the Junior Hunter section. In addition to these points only these horses will receive half points for ribbons won in Model classes and full points for ribbons won in Under Saddle classes if otherwise qualified. The prize list must specify which classes will count.
6. Restrictions for all Junior Hunter sections:
 - a. Stallions are prohibited from all Junior Hunter classes.
 - b. Ponies may not be entered in Junior Hunter classes if Pony Hunter classes are offered at the same competition.
 - c. Horses cannot be entered in more than one age section of the same class.
 - d. If two or more sections are offered, horses cannot be entered in more than one section.
 - e. Number of horses ridden
 1. In "A" **Premier or National** rated Junior Hunter sections divided by age of rider only, no exhibitor may ride more than two (2) large and two (2) small Junior Hunters in any section.
 2. In "A" **Premier or National** rated Junior Hunter sections offered by the height of horse, an exhibitor may not ride more than two (2) horses in any section. If sections offered by height of horse are combined, an exhibitor may not ride more than two (2) large and two (2) Small Junior Hunters in the combined section.
 3. In "A" **Premier or National** rated Junior Hunter sections divided by height of horse and age of rider an exhibitor may not ride more than two (2) horses in each section.
 4. In "B" and "C" **Regional** rated and Local Junior Hunter sections, no exhibitor may ride more than three (3) horses in a class.
7. Junior Hunter 3'3" restrictions:
 - a. Riders may not cross-enter into any class at 3'6" or higher in the Hunter division, higher than 3'9" in the Equitation division or higher than 1.25m in the Jumper division at the same competition.
 - b. Horses entered in the Junior Hunter 3'3" section may not cross-enter into the Junior Hunter 3'6" section at the same competition.
8. If the Junior Hunter section is split by height of animal, the horse may be shown over fences by different riders as long as they are from the same age group.
9. Any junior rider may show a Junior Hunter under saddle.
10. **Junior Hunters are required to be evaluated for soundness using one of the methods in HU118.3.**

HU144 Children's Hunter Sections

1. If fence heights are changed to accommodate ponies in Children's Hunter classes, measurement cards in accordance with HJ127 are required for all entries.
2. Children's Hunter
Competitions must offer Children's Hunter sections in accordance with the specifications of applicable USHJA Zone. The following specifications will apply for the Children's Hunter section unless addressed by specific USHJA Zone specifications (available at www.ushja.org):
 - a. To be ridden by exhibitors who have not reached their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year.
 - b. Restrictions:
 1. Riders entered in Children's Hunter sections may not compete over fences in any other class at the same competition in which obstacles are required to exceed 3'3". (Exception: USHJA National Hunter Derby).
 2. Horses and ponies entered in Children's Hunter classes may not cross enter into Junior Hunter 3'6" sections or Pony Hunter sections at the same competition.
 3. Ponies shown in Children's Hunter Pony sections may not be shown by an adult at the same competition, except in breeding classes in-hand.
 4. Horses entered in Children's Hunter classes may be shown in the Amateur Owner Hunter section at the same competition if ridden by a member of the child's family.
 5. Cross entry into other sections is allowed unless otherwise stated in prize list.
 6. Stallions are prohibited from all Children's Hunter classes.
 7. If two or more sections are offered, horses cannot be entered in more than one section. *BOD 6/28/21 Effective 12/1/21*
3. ***Children's Hunters are not required to jog for soundness.***

HU145 Low Children's Hunter Horse Sections

1. Competitions must offer Low Children's Hunter Horse sections in accordance with the specifications of applicable USHJA Zone. The specifications as shown below will apply unless addressed by specific zone specifications (available at www.ushja.org).
 - a. To be ridden by exhibitors who have not reached their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year.
 - b. Restrictions: Riders may not cross enter into the Children's Hunter, Large Pony Hunter, or any class/section where fences exceed 2'9" at the same competition (Exception: 3'0" Equitation).
 - c. Stallions are prohibited from all Low Children's Hunter Horse classes. *BOD 6/28/21 Effective 12/1/21*
2. ***Low Children's Hunters are not required to jog for soundness***

HU146 Low Children's Hunter Pony Sections

1. ***Competitions must offer Low Children's Hunter Pony sections in accordance with the specifications of the applicable USHJA Zone. The specifications as shown below will apply unless addressed by specific zone specifications (available at www.ushja.org).***
 - a. ***To be ridden by exhibitors who have not reached their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year.***
 - b. ***Stallions are prohibited from all Low Children's Pony Hunter classes.***

HU147 USHJA Hunter Sections

1. ***USHJA Hunter 2'0". Fences 2'0", oxers are optional, combinations are not permitted. To be shown over a course of at least eight (8) fences.***

2. **USHJA Hunter 2'3". Fences 2'3", oxers are optional, combinations are not permitted. To be shown over a course of at least eight (8) fences.**
3. **USHJA Hunter 2'6". Fences 2'6", combinations are permitted. To be shown over a course of at least eight (8) fences.**
4. **USHJA Hunter 2'9". Fences 2'9", combinations are permitted. To be shown over a course of at least eight (8) fences.**
5. **USHJA Hunter 3'0". Fences 3', combinations are permitted. To be shown over a course of at least eight (8) fences**

SUBCHAPTER HU-9 HUNTER & PONY HUNTER BREEDING

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.)
2. Classes must be offered as printed in the prize list. Classes may not be combined however they may be split if the number of entries warrant.
3. Ribbons in all classes must be presented to the winners while in the ring.
4. At Premier and National rated competitions a handler may not exhibit more than one horse in any Hunter Breeding classes listed in HU145 or HU146. At these competitions the same handler must present the horse in all phases of the class, including the jog and lineup. Entries must be presented for conformation, walked, and/or trotted under the review of the judge. Horses must be judged for conformation before being walked and/or trotted. After completing a review of each horse in the class, the judge(s) must line up the entries in order of preference (exception see HU146 for ponies). Judge(s) then have one last opportunity to review the horses collectively, and may move horses in the lineup as preferred based on the Hunter Breeding judging standards.
5. At Regional I and Regional II rated competitions a handler may exhibit multiple horses in any Hunter Breeding classes listed in HU145 and HU146. At these competitions the same handler must present the horse in all phases of the class, including the jog (exception, lineup). Entries must be presented for conformation, walked, and/or trotted under the review of the judge. Horses must be judged for conformation before being walked and/or trotted. After completing a review of each horse in the class, the judge(s) may line up the entries in order of preference (exception see HU146 for ponies). Judge(s) then have one last opportunity to review the horses collectively, and may move horses in the lineup as preferred based on the Hunter Breeding judging standards.
6. A competition may not offer more than one Hunter Breeding division to count for National or Zone HOTY Awards and one Pony Hunter Breeding division to count for Zone HOTY awards.
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.

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SUBCHAPTER HU-10 LADIES SIDE SADDLE

HU149 Ladies Side Saddle Classes

(See also EQ105.1)

1. To be ridden by ladies who are no longer eligible to compete as junior exhibitors.
2. Stallions not permitted.

3. To be judged on performance and soundness with emphasis on manners 75%; formal hunting attire, appointments and general overall appearance of horse and rider 25%. Judges should give particular consideration to quality, condition and cleanliness of tack. Mane and tail must be braided, (Exception: roached manes or pulled tails). Judges must line up exhibitors in order of preference before checking appointments.
4. All horses being considered for an award must be serviceably sound, **but are not required to jog for soundness.**
5. Over Fences: To be shown over a course of at least eight fences 3' in height. No in and out to be used.
6. Under Saddle: To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring in formal hunting attire with appointments. See HU148-HU149. If the Under Saddle class is not scheduled as the first class of the section, the schedule must allow at least two hours to prepare before the start.
7. Hunter Hack: To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Judges may ask for a hand gallop but no more than eight to hand gallop at one time. To jump two fences at 2'6". To be judged on performance and soundness with an emphasis on manners. Under Saddle performance to count 50%, Over Fences performance to count 50%.
8. Three classes must be offered: Over Fences, Under Saddle and Hunter Hack.
 - a. All three classes will count equally for the Championship.
 - b. In cases of ties, horses are to hack off for Champion and Reserve.
 - c. HOTY points will be awarded in the Over Fences classes to entries that place, provided that there are at least three horses entered and shown in the Over Fences class.
 - d. At least three entries must compete in the Under Saddle class and the Hunter Hack class for HOTY points to count.

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SUBCHAPTER HU-11 SHOW CHAMPIONSHIPS

HU152 General

1. Show Championships must be offered in "A" and "B" 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 HU147; Performance Hunter, High Performance Hunter, and any other sections where individual classes may be entered, see HU150.3). 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. 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.

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SUBCHAPTER HU-12 COMBINING AND DIVIDING OF SECTIONS OR CLASSES

HU157 General

1. ***Unless stated otherwise in Federation rules, a competition may offer sections as combined or divided. However, if originally offered as combined, but later divided, each subsequent divided section must offer the minimum amount of prize money offered in the original combined section (see HU158).***
2. Sections must be divided or combined based on the number of entries in the first over fences class and may not be combined or divided after the first class. Exception: Performance/High Performance Working Hunter, see HU162.1b.
3. No section may be divided if there are less than 30 entries with the exception of those sections required to split sections based on the number of entries for a particular fence height, horse size, or rider age section i.e.:
 - a. Exception:
 1. Green Hunter (HU162.2)
 2. Young Hunter (HU162.3)
 3. Junior Hunter (HU162.5)
 4. Amateur Owner Hunter (HU162.6)
 5. "B" and "C" **Regional** rated Pony Hunter sections (HU162.8)
 6. Children's and Adult Amateur Hunter sections refer to HU162.9; HU162.10 and sections governed by USHJA Zone Specifications.
4. Any section with 50 or more entries at the beginning of the first class must be divided. If there are 50 or more entries remaining in a section after it has been divided, the section must be redivided by every other number. Once a section has been redivided it may not be divided further.

HU158 Prize money

Prize money must be doubled ***Whenever a section is divided, the prize money offered in each divided section must be the same as offered in the original section. Additionally, the prize money offered per class and per placing in each of the divided sections must be no less than the amounts offered in the original undivided section.***

HU159 Methods of Dividing

1. California Split (see HU158 **160** below for definition)

2. Random Split (see HU459 **161** below for definition)
3. Floating Split (see HU460 **162** below for definition)
4. Junior/Amateur (see HU464 **163** below for definition)
5. Size of Horse
6. Age of Rider

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HU164 Combining and Dividing Specific Sections

1. Performance Hunter, High Performance Hunter and any sections where individual classes may be entered.
 - a. Combining
 1. At all licensed competitions, if there are fewer than six entries in either the Performance Hunter 3'3" or Performance Hunter 3'6" they must be combined, but they cannot be combined with any other Hunter sections, except High Performance Hunter. If there are six or more entries in each Performance Hunter section, they must be held separately. If the Performance Hunter 3' 6" and the Performance Hunter 3'3" sections have fewer than three entries after they have been combined they may be further combined with the High Performance Hunter section.
 2. If there are fewer than three entries in the High Performance Hunter section it must first be combined with the Performance Hunter 3'6" section or the Green Hunter 3'9" section (or with Green Hunter 3'6"/3'9" if offered combined). If the High Performance Hunter section is combined with the Performance Hunter 3'6" section it may then further be combined with the Performance Hunter 3'3" section, but may not be combined with the Green Hunter section(s).
 3. When the High Performance Hunter section is combined with the Performance Hunter section the following applies:
 - a. When combining High Performance Hunter with Performance Hunters, the combined sections must offer the same number of classes offered by the Performance Hunter section(s) with which it is combined.
 - b. When combining High Performance Hunter with another section, if different amounts of prize money or entry fees were offered in the original sections, the combined sections will use the lower amount for both prize money and entry fees.
 4. When the High Performance Hunter section is combined with the Green Hunter section the following applies:
 - a. If, after combining, there are still fewer than three entries in the combined section, it must be further combined with the Green Hunter 3'6" section
 - b. If combined Green Hunter sections have fewer than three entries, they must be combined with High Performance Working Hunter.
 - c. A horse that is eligible for more than one section must be declared and compete in only one. Horses will jump the respective height for the entered section.
 - d. When combining High Performance Working Hunter with another section, if different amounts of prize money or entry fees were offered in the original sections, the combined sections will use the lower amount for both prize money and entry fees.
 - e. When combining a section of High Performance Hunter with either a section of Green Hunter 3'6", Green Hunter 3'9", or both, the combined sections must offer the same number of classes offered by the Green Hunter section(s) with which it is combined. In addition, a section entry fee will be required and individual classes may no longer be entered for the combined section.
 - f. The High Performance Hunter section may be combined with a combined Green Hunter 3'6"/3'9" section but may not be combined with any Green Hunter 3'3" or 3'0 sections.

- b. Dividing:
 1. In Performance Hunter, High Performance Hunter and any other sections where individual classes may be entered, 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. For Championships, see HU150.
2. Green Hunter
 - a. Combining:
 1. Green Hunter section(s) may not be combined with any other hunter section(s). (Exception; The High Performance Hunter section may be combined with the Green Hunter 3'6" and 3'9" sections, see HU162.1)
 2. Regardless of competition rating, each Green Hunter section that is offered separately must be held separately when there is a minimum of three entries.
 3. If there are fewer than three entries in a Green Hunter section, that section must be combined with a contiguous fence height section of the Green Hunter.
 4. If, after combining, there are still fewer than three (3) entries in the combined section, it must be further combined with the next contiguous fence height section of the Green Hunter.
 5. In the case where there are no entries in the fence height section that bridges the gap between the two non-contiguous fence height sections those two non-contiguous fence height sections may be combined.
 6. If "A" **Premier or National** rated Green Hunter 3'0" and/or 3'3" sections are combined with "A" **Premier or National** rated Green Hunter 3'6" and/or Green Hunter 3'9" sections a Handy Hunter class is not required. The combined sections must meet class number requirements for "A" **Premier or National** rated Green Hunter 3'6" and Green Hunter 3'9" and use the lower amount for both prize money and entry fees.
 7. When the High Performance Hunter section is combined with the Green Hunter section the following applies:
 - a. If, after combining, there are still fewer than three entries in the combined section, it must be further combined with the Green Hunter 3'6" section
 - b. If combined Green Hunter sections have fewer than three entries, they must be combined with High Performance Working Hunter.
 - c. A horse that is eligible for more than one section must be declared and compete in only one. Horses will jump the respective height for the entered section.
 - d. When combining High Performance Working Hunter with another section, if different amounts of prize money or entry fees were offered in the original sections, the combined sections will use the lower amount for both prize money and entry fees.
 - e. When combining a section of High Performance Hunter with either a section of Green Hunter 3'6", Green Hunter 3'9", or both, the combined sections must offer the same number of classes offered by the Green Hunter section(s) with which it is combined. In addition, a section entry fee will be required and individual classes may no longer be entered for the combined section.
 - f. The High Performance Hunter section may be combined with a combined Green Hunter 3'6"/3'9" section but may not be combined with any Green Hunter 3'3" or 3'0" sections.
 - b. Dividing:
 1. Regardless of competition rating, any Green Hunter section that is offered combined must be split by fence height, and sections held separately when there is a minimum of three entries in any one fence height section provided at least three (3) entries remain in each of the other two sections, which would also be held separately, or as one other combined section. Contiguous fence height sections should be combined before combining non-contiguous fence height sections.
3. Young Hunter
 - a. Combining:

1. Young Hunter section(s) may not be combined with any other Hunter section.
2. At Competition Management's discretion, and with at least three (3) Young Hunters entered in any section, the Young Hunter Section(s) may run concurrently with the corresponding Green Hunter height section or Combined Green Hunter Section. Horses that are entered in both the Young Hunter and Green Hunter section(s) will be eligible for awards in both sections. Horses that are not entered in both sections will only be eligible for awards in the section in which they are entered. If there are fewer than three (3) entries in any of the Young Hunter section(s) they must be combined for awards per HU162.3. A separate entry fee for the Young Hunter Section will apply. The Green Hunter section requirements by rating listed in HU162.2 will still apply.
3. Regardless of competition rating, each Young Hunter section that is offered separately must be held separately when there is a minimum of three entries. If there are fewer than three (3) entries in a Young Hunter section that section must be combined with a contiguous fence height section of the Young Hunter. If, after combining, there are still fewer than three (3) entries in the combined section, it must be further combined with the next contiguous fence height section of the Young Hunter. In the case where there are no entries in the fence height section that bridges the gap between the two non-contiguous fence height sections those two non-contiguous fence height sections may be combined.
 - b. Dividing:
 1. Regardless of competition rating, any Young Hunter section that is offered as a combined section must be split by fence height, and sections held separately when there is a minimum of three entries in any one fence height section provided at least three (3) entries remain in each of the other two sections, which would also be held separately, or one other combined section. Contiguous fence height sections should be combined before combining non-contiguous fence height sections.
4. Green Conformation Hunter 3'6" and High Performance Conformation Hunter
 - a. Combining:
 1. The Green Conformation Hunter 3'6" may only be combined with the High Performance Conformation Hunter. The High Performance Conformation Hunter may only be combined with the Green Conformation Hunter 3'6".
 2. When offered as two sections, if there are fewer than four (4) horses in either the Green Conformation 3'6" or the High Performance Conformation section they must be combined.
 3. When combining Green Conformation Hunter with High Performance Conformation Hunter, if different amounts of prize money or entry fees were offered in the original sections, the combined section will use the lower amount for both prize money and entry fees.
 - b. Dividing: If there are four (4) or more horses in each Conformation section they must be held separately.
5. Junior Hunter
 - a. Combining:
 1. The Junior Hunter 3'6", Junior Hunter 3'3", Amateur Owner Hunter 3'6", and Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3" sections may only be combined with other Junior Hunter or Amateur Owner Hunter sections. See below for conditions.
 2. At Premier, National, ~~or Regional I or Regional II~~ rated competitions if there are fewer than three (3) entries in the Amateur Owner 3'3", the Amateur Owner 3'6", the Junior Hunter 3'3" or the Junior Hunter 3'6" sections, Competition Management may choose to combine the sections. The Competition Management may choose to combine the sections as necessary, based on the sections with the lightest entries. If sections are combined, the horses must jump the respective height of the original section entered. 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 **for Premier rated competitions (see HJ122).**

3. It is recommended that when competitions anticipate 50 horses or more this section be divided by age of rider or height of horse when prize list is prepared.
- b. Dividing:
1. When divided, sections must be split using one of the methods from HU157 Methods of Dividing.
 2. If there are 50 or more entries in the section at the beginning of the first class it must be divided and the prize money must be doubled. A section with less than 30 entries cannot be divided.
 3. If there are 50 or more entries remaining in a section after it has been divided, the section must be redivided and the prize money must be doubled. Once a section has been redivided it may be divided further if management so desires.
 4. If the Junior Hunter sections are divided by height of animal, they must be divided into Large and Small. "A" **Premier** rated Junior Hunter 3'6" sections at Premier rated competitions must be offered as four sections (large/younger, large/older, small/ younger, small/older).
 5. If there are six (6) or more entries in each divided section, the divided sections must be held separately. If there are fewer than six (6) entries in any sections divided by age and/or height of animal, those sections must be combined with other sections. If there is a minimum of twelve (12) entries once any sections have been combined, the newly combined section must be redivided. Management may determine a cut off time for entering before redividing any section(s).
6. Amateur Owner Hunter
- a. Combining:
1. The Amateur Owner Hunter 3'6", Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3", Junior Hunter 3'6", and Junior Hunter 3'3" sections may only be combined with other Amateur Owner Hunter or Junior Hunter sections. See below for conditions.
 2. At Premier, National, **or** Regional ~~I or Regional II~~ rated competitions if there are fewer than three (3) entries in the Amateur Owner 3'3", the Amateur Owner 3'6", the Junior Hunter 3'3" or the Junior Hunter 3'6" sections, competition management may choose to combine the sections. The competition management may choose to combine the sections as necessary, based on the sections with the lightest entries. If sections are combined, the horses must jump the respective height of the original section entered. 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 **for Premier rated competitions (see HJ121)**.
 3. At Premier, National, **or** Regional ~~I or Regional II~~ rated competitions if there are fewer than three (3) entries in the Amateur Owner 3'3", the Amateur Owner 3'6", the Junior Hunter 3'3" or the Junior Hunter 3'6" sections, these sections may be combined. The competition management may choose to combine the classes as necessary, based on the sections with the lightest entries. If sections are combined, the horses must jump the respective height of the original section entered.
- b. Dividing:
1. Amateur Owner 3'6" When a section is divided, one section must be offered for amateurs 18-35 and one section for amateurs over 35 years of age. If there are six or more entries in each divided section, the divided sections must be held separately. If there are fewer than six entries in either divided section, they must be combined. If there are a minimum of 12 entries once the sections are combined, the newly combined section must be redivided using either a Floating or California Split. (See HU160 & HU158 for definition of a Floating and California Split.) Management may determine a cutoff time for entering before redividing any section(s). When using a floating split the age groups must be posted at the competition office. Rider age must be given on the entry blank. When divided as to age of rider no horse may compete

- in more than one section. These sections may be further divided by age of rider or by every other number.
2. Amateur Owner 3'3" When a section is divided, one section must be offered for amateurs 18-35 and one section for amateurs over 35 years of age. If there are six or more entries in each divided section, the divided sections must be held separately. If there are fewer than six entries in either divided section, they must be combined. If there are a minimum of 12 entries once the sections are combined, the newly combined section must be re-divided using either a Floating or California Split. (See HU160 & HU158 for definition of a Floating and California Split.) When using a floating split the age groups must be posted at the competition office. Rider age must be given on entry blank. When divided as to age of rider no horse may compete in more than one section. These sections may be further divided by age of rider or by every other number.
7. Pony Hunter
 - a. Combining:
 1. The Regular Pony Hunter Section may not be combined with any other sections.
 2. Height sections may be combined if there are three (3) or fewer entries in any height section. Combined height sections should be either small/medium or medium/large but if possible not small/large.
 - b. Dividing:
 1. Classes for Pony Hunters may be divided by height of pony as outlined in HU140.
 2. If there are 50 or more entries in the division at the beginning of the first class, it must be divided by height of pony and prize money must be doubled.
 3. If there are 50 entries remaining in a section after the section has been divided by height of pony, the section must be re-divided by every other number and the prize money must be doubled.
 4. Once a section has been re-divided it may not be divided further.
 5. If a pony under saddle class has over 30 entries, the class must be split and held in at least two sections with one set of awards.
 6. If there are four (4) or more entries in each height section of an "A" **Premier or National** rated Regular Pony Hunter section, the height sections must be held separately.
 7. If there are a minimum of 10 small/medium ponies combined and 10 large ponies in any "B" or "C" **Regional** rated Regular or Green height Section, the height section must be divided (small/medium and large); ~~prize money need not be doubled~~. If there is a total of thirty (30) ponies, prize money must be doubled.
 8. Green Pony Hunter
 - a. Combining:
 1. The Green Pony Hunter Section may not be combined with any other sections.
 2. Green Pony Hunter Sections at National and Premier rated competitions may be combined if there are less than four (4) entries in any height section.
 - b. Dividing:
 1. National and Premier rated competitions must split (small, medium and large) if there are four (4) or more entries in any height section.
 2. If there are a minimum of 10 small/medium ponies combined and 10 large ponies in any "B" or "C" **Regional** rated Regular or Green height section, the height section must be divided (small/medium and large). ~~prize money need not be doubled~~. If there is a total of thirty (30) ponies, prize money must be doubled.
 9. Adult Amateur Hunter
 - a. Competitions must offer Adult Amateur Hunter sections in accordance with the specifications of each USHJA Zone.
 - b. Notice of the use of a floating split and the age groups must be posted at the competition office. When divided as to age of rider no horse may compete in more than one section. Age must be

given on entry blank. These sections may be further divided by age of rider or by every other number. If there are fewer than six entries in any divided section, the sections must be combined. If there are six or more entries in each divided section, the divided sections must be held separately.

- c. If there are fewer than six (6) entries in any divided section, the sections must be combined. If there are six (6) or more entries in each divided section the divided sections must be held separately.

10. Children’s Hunter

- a. Children’s Hunter sections must be split in accordance with applicable Zone Specifications
- b. If there are fewer than six entries in any divided section, the sections must be combined. If there are six or more entries in each divided section, the divided sections must be held separately.

SUBCHAPTER HU-13 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS SEP

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HU167 USEF Junior Hunter National Championship

1. Full qualifying criteria and Official Specifications will be posted on the Federation website (www.usef.org) at least 30 days prior to the start of the qualifying period.
2. This competition is designed to encourage and promote the basic training and development of Junior Hunters.
3. Eligibility.
 - a. The horse must be recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA at the time of qualification and 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 GR1108 in order to be eligible to qualify.
4. 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.

	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	

5. Zone or Regional Championships.
 - a. The Chairman of each Zone may request permission of the USHJA to hold a Zone or Regional Championship section. Specifications for these championships will be posted on the USHJA website (www.ushja.org) at least 30 days prior to the start of the qualifying period.
 - 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 Federation.
 - e. The Championships are conducted under the same regulations as the USEF Junior Hunter National Championship. (Exception: All points awarded are based on “AA” **Premier** point values as per GR1131.5)

SUBCHAPTER HU-14 USHJA CHAMPIONSHIPS, PROGRAMS, AND SPECIAL CLASSES

For full specifications see www.ushja.org.

HU168 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. Championship(s) must be run in accordance with USHJA specifications found at 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 GR1108 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 an "A" 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 "AA" **Premier** point values as per GR1131.5).

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HU170 Competition Requirements

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

1. USHJA Hunter Team Challenge – National or Premier;
2. Green Hunter Challenge – National, Premier, **or** Regional I or II;
3. Green Hunter Incentive Stake Class– National, Premier, **or** Regional I or II;
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 I or II;
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
10. Pony Hunter Derby – National, Premier, Regional I or II;
11. Pony Hunter Derby Championship – National, Premier, Regional I or II;
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 I or II;

18. Zone Horse of the Year Championship – National or Premier;
19. Zone Handy Hunter Challenge – any USEF licensed competition;
20. Zone Horsemanship Class/Championship – National or Premier; and
21. Zone Stirrup Cup Championships – Regional I or II

HU171 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	2

- 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	4

- c. USHJA Green Hunter Incentive.

The USHJA Green Hunter Incentive will count towards National and Zone Horse of the Year points/money for each horse's respective Green Hunter height section. See GR1131.3 for restrictions. See chart below for how points are calculated.

Stake Class			
Premier and National Competitions		Regional I and Regional II Competitions	
Place	Points	Place	Points
1st	50	1st	40
2nd	40	2nd	31
3rd	35	3rd	25
4th	30	4th	20
5th	25	5th	15
6th	20	6th	13
7th	15	7th	10

8th	10	8th	7
9th	7	9th	54
10th	5	10th	3
11th	3	11th	2

Regional Championship					
Round 1		Round 2		Overall	
Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
1st	50	1st	50	1st	200
2nd	40	2nd	40	2nd	160
3rd	35	3rd	35	3rd	140
4th	30	4th	30	4th	120
5th	25	5th	25	5th	100
6th	20	6th	20	6th	80
7th	15	7th	15	7th	60
8th	10	8th	10	8th	40
9th	7	9th	7	9th	28
10th	5	10th	5	10th	20
11th	3	11th	3	11th	12
12th	2	12th	2	12th	8

National Championship					
Round 1		Round 2		Final Championship Round	
Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
1st	150	1st	200	1st	400
2nd	140	2nd	185	2nd	370
3rd	130	3rd	170	3rd	340
4th	120	4th	155	4th	310
5th	110	5th	140	5th	280
6th	100	6th	125	6th	250
7th	90	7th	110	7th	220
8th	80	8th	100	8th	200
9th	70	9th	90	9th	180
10th	60	10th	80	10th	160
11th	55	11th	70	11th	140

12th	50	12th	60	12th	120
13th	45	13th	50	13th	100
14th	40	14th	45	14th	90
15th	35	15th	40	15th	80
16th	30	16th	35	16th	70
17th	25	17th	30	17th	60
18th	20	18th	25	18th	50
19th	15	19th	20	19th	40
20th	10	20th	15	20th	30

2. International Hunter Derby

Points to be credited to each horse's respective section as declared at the time of entry. Only Juniors and Amateurs may declare for the applicable Junior or Amateur Owner section. Points may not be credited toward the HOTY awards for the Green Conformation Hunter 3'6" or the High Performance Conformation Hunter. The money won and points won in the USHJA International Hunter Derby and International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake will only be awarded towards a declared Hunter section for HOTY points if a horse competes in the declared section a minimum of five (5) times during the competition year.

Class					
Round 1		Round 2		Overall/Top 12	
Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
1st	50	1st	50	1st	200
2nd	40	2nd	40	2nd	160
3rd	35	3rd	35	3rd	140
4th	30	4th	30	4th	120
5th	25	5th	25	5th	100
6th	20	6th	20	6th	80
7th	15	7th	15	7th	60
8th	10	8th	10	8th	40
9th	7	9th	7	9th	28
10th	5	10th	5	10th	20
11th	3	11th	3	11th	12
12th	2	12th	2	12th	8

Welcome Stake	
1st	50
2nd	40
3rd	35
4th	30

5th	25
6th	20
7th	15
8th	10
9th	7
10th	5
11th	3
12th	2

Championship					
Round 1		Round 2		Overall	
Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
1st	150	1st	200	1st	400
2nd	140	2nd	185	2nd	370
3rd	130	3rd	170	3rd	340
4th	120	4th	155	4th	310
5th	110	5th	140	5th	280
6th	100	6th	125	6th	250
7th	90	7th	110	7th	220
8th	80	8th	100	8th	200
9th	70	9th	90	9th	180
10th	60	10th	80	10th	160
11th	55	11th	70	11th	140
12th	50	12th	60	12th	120
13th	45	13th	50	13th	100
14th	40	14th	45	14th	90
15th	35	15th	40	15th	80
16th	30	16th	35	16th	70
17th	25	17th	30	17th	60
18th	20	18th	25	18th	50
19th	15	19th	20	19th	40
20th	10	20th	15	20th	30

3. National Hunter Derby (Zone Points)

Premier and National Competitions		Regional I and Regional II competitions	
Place	Points	Place	Points

1st	75	1st	50
2nd	60	2nd	40
3rd	54	3rd	35
4th	45	4th	30
5th	38	5th	25
6th	30	6th	20
7th	23	7th	15
8th	15	8th	10
9th	10	9th	7
10th	7	10th	5
11th	5	11th	3
12th	3	12th	2

4. Pony Hunter Derby

Riders must declare the Pony Hunter or Green Pony Hunter section in which to earn HOTY points prior to competing. Only ponies eligible for the Green Pony Hunter Section may declare to earn points in the Green Pony Hunter section.

Base Points		One additional point per pony entered will be added to the base National HOTY points earned	
Place	Points	Place	Points
1st	75	7th	23
2nd	60	8th	15
3rd	54	9th	10
4th	45	10th	7
5th	38	11th	5
6th	30	12th	3

World Championship Hunter Rider

National HOTY points and money won, where applicable, will be awarded for placing in a WCHR Challenge Class. Zone HOTY Points will not be awarded. Horses and ponies must be eligible for the section declared at the time of entry.

In order for the National HOTY points and money won, where applicable, to be awarded:

- Riders must complete the USHJA Exhibitor Declaration Form prior to the conclusion of the competition for applicable Challenge Classes only (Professional and Developing Professional);
- Declaration for the Professional Challenge class may be any one WCHR recognized 3'6" Professional section;
- Declarations for the Developing Professional Challenge Class may be any one WCHR recognized 3'3" or 3' Professional section;
- Riders may only declare one section in which to earn HOTY points;
- The two-rounds stand-alone Hunter Classic point scale will be utilized when awarding National HOTY bonus points. See HU173.9(b); and

- HOTY points and money won will only be awarded towards a declared Hunter section for HOTY points if the horse competes in the declared section a minimum of five (5) times during the current competition year.

WCHR Spectaculars

The Spectacular will count for HOTY points and money won, where applicable, in the section declared at the time of entry, for which the horse must be eligible, and that corresponds to the height jumped in the Spectacular. Zone HOTY points will not be awarded. The two-round stand-alone Hunter Classic point scale will be utilized when awarding National HOTY bonus points. See HU173.9(b). HOTY points and money won for horses qualifying with a bye will only be awarded towards a declared Hunter section for HOTY points if horses competes in the declared section a minimum of five (5) times during the competition year. *BOD 6/28/21 Effective 12/1/21*

HU172 Hunter Classics

1. Any Premier, National, **or** Regional ~~For Regional II~~ rated competition may offer a Hunter Classic.
2. Hunter Classics may be offered for any rated sections offered and held at the same competition. An Open Hunter Classic is a classic that is open to entries from multiple Hunter sections of the same rating. It is permitted for Open Hunter Classics to encompass several fence heights to correspond with the respective Hunter sections being offered. It is not permitted for an Open Hunter Classic to encompass multiple ratings. The prize list must state the specific Hunter sections that are invited to compete in the Open Hunter Classic. If a horse competes in more than one Hunter section qualifying for the Open Hunter Classic, the exhibitor must declare their point section to the Competition Secretary on a declaration form at the time of entry into the Classic. All other provisions of HU170 apply to Open Hunter Classics.
 - a. Six (6) entries are required to conduct a Hunter Classic.
 - b. If there are fewer than six (6) entries in any one Hunter Classic, it may combine with other sections of the same rating, regardless of the combining or dividing rules of the section. Exception: The Adult Amateur Hunter Classic, Low Adult Amateur Hunter Classic, Children's Pony Hunter Classic, Children's Hunter Classic, ~~and~~ Low Children's Hunter Horse Classic **and Low Children's Hunter Pony Classic** may be held with the number of entries indicated in the Zone specifications. If Hunter Classics are combined and a horse is shown in more than one section qualifying for the Hunter Classic, the exhibitor must declare their point section to the Competition Secretary on a declaration form at the time of entry into the Classic.
 - c. Hunter Classics cannot be divided in any manner and held by section if there are fewer than six (6) entries in each divided section. Exception: "A" **Premier or National** rated sections must have twelve (12) entries to divide.
3. All Hunter Classics must be conducted as a two round class. A handy hunter round may not be used as part of a Hunter Classic. A Hunter Classic may be conducted as a separate two round class or a designated Hunter class of the specified Hunter section may be counted as the first round of the Hunter Classic. However, the second round may not be another designated class in the Hunter section, but must be held as a separate round. If a designated class is used as a first round, each round shall count 50%.
4. At National and Premier competitions, in sections with an "A" **National or Premier** rating, Hunter Classics conducted using either a designated Hunter class as the first round or a separate two round class must offer at least \$1000 in prize money, **except Pony Hunter Classics, Children's Hunter Classic, Adult Amateur Hunter Classic, and Low Adult Amateur Hunter Classic must offer a minimum of \$500 in prize money.** ~~and sections with a "B" or "C" rating must offer at least \$500 in prize money.~~ (Exception: Pony Hunter Classics in sections with an "A" or "B" rating must offer at least \$500 in prize money; Children's Hunter Pony, **Low Children's Hunter Horse, and Low Children's Hunter Pony are** is not required to offer prize money). At Regional ~~I and Regional II~~ competitions, in

sections with a “B” or “C” **Regional** rating, Hunter Classics conducted using either a designated Hunter class as the first round or a separate two round class must offer at least \$250 in prize money (Exception: Children’s Hunter Pony and Low Children’s Hunter Horse are not required to offer prize money and if a Children’s Hunter Horse and Children’s Hunter Pony Classics are combined, the competition is not required to offer prize money in the combined Classic). At Premier, National, **or** Regional I and Regional II competitions, when a Hunter Classic is conducted as a separate two round class, the minimum prize money offered **is** as stated above.

5. The entry fee may not exceed 10% of the prize money offered in the Hunter Classic.
6. To be eligible, horses must have entered, shown and completed the course in at least two classes in the Hunter section. All horses being considered for an award must be serviceably sound and may be jogged if so stated in the prize list.
7. A minimum of the top 12 entries, if available, or 50% of the entries in the first round, whichever is greater, will return for the second round. If a horse or pony is eliminated in the first round of competition, they may not return for the second round. If a horse/rider combination does not return for the second round or is eliminated during the second round of a classic, a score of zero will be combined with the first round score and the horse/rider combination will be placed accordingly. If possible, twelve places are to be awarded.
8. The Hunter Classic does not count toward the minimum number of classes required for the section’s rating.
9. Bonus points will be awarded toward Horse of the Year Awards in the horse’s respective section and are based on the number of horses that compete in the classic. In a Hunter Classic using a designated class of the Hunter section as the first round, the number of horses that compete in the classic is determined by the number of horses who have entered and competed in the first round of the classic, not the designated class used as the first round. In a Hunter Classic held as a separate two round class, the number of horses that compete in the classic is determined by the number of horses who compete in the first round of the classic. The bonus points are as follows:
 - a. In a Hunter Classic using a designated class as the first round, the bonus points for Zone HOTY are determined by adding one point for each entry that competes in the first round of a classic to the applicable increment in GR1131.5 and multiplying the result by 1.25.
 - b. In a Hunter Classic held as a separate two round class, the bonus points for Zone HOTY are determined by adding one point for each entry that competes in the first round of a classic to the applicable increment in GR1131.5 and multiplying the result by 1.5.
 - c. In a Hunter Classic using a designated class as the first round, the bonus points for National HOTY are determined by adding one point for each entry that competes in the classic to the applicable increment in GR1131.5 and multiplying the result by 1.75.
 - d. In a Hunter Classic held as a separate two round class, the bonus points for National HOTY are determined by adding one point for each entry that competes in the classic to the applicable increment in GR1131.5 and multiplying the result by 2.
10. The first round of all Hunter Classics must consist of eight (8) to ten (10) obstacles in accordance with HU109. In the second round of all Hunter Classics the course must consist of a minimum of ten (10) obstacles of at least six different types.
11. An open numerical judging system must be used. If there are multiple judging panels, one judging panel must be appointed as the tie breaker.
12. Attire: riders are required to comply with HU107.
13. There is no limit to the number of horses a rider may compete on in a Hunter Classic. Exception: Competitors in a Regular or Green Hunter Pony Classic may only ride two ponies per height section.
14. The same horse/rider combination must compete in both rounds of a Hunter Classic.
15. A horse may not compete in more than one classic per section but may compete in an open classic, a USHJA National Hunter Derby, a USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake or a USHJA International Hunter Derby at the same competition. A horse is limited to competing in a maximum of two classics or derbies or combination of classics and derbies per competition. The USHJA

International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake is considered a “Derby” for the purposes of this rule.
(Exception: Leagues approved by the Federation in accordance with HJ124).

16. The same pony may not compete in the USHJA Pony Hunter Derby and the USHJA National Hunter Derby at the same competition.
17. If more than 30 horses are entered in a Junior Hunter Classic, the classic must be split in accordance with HU161.5b.