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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.

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.

HU101 Ponies Shown By Juniors

Ponies shown by a junior in any rated pony hunter sections (i.e. Children's Hunter Pony, Green Pony Hunter, Regular Pony Hunter), WIHS Pony Equitation, or USEF Pony Medal cannot be shown by an adult at the same competition. Exception: Breeding classes in hand and breed restricted sections at a multi-breed/discipline competition. (See also EQ103.4)

SUBCHAPTER HU-2 COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS

HU102 Competition Requirements – Rider or Handler

In order to compete in any Hunter, Hunter Breeding, Pony Hunter Breeding, Junior Hunter, or Pony Hunter classes at licensed competitions as an exhibitor, rider, trainer, or his/her agent(s), a person must be an Active member of the United States Hunter Jumper Association, Inc., or pay a Show Pass fee to the United States Hunter Jumper Association, Inc. Exception: Local Competitions, competitions restricted to a particular breed, classes restricted to breeds with Federation Recognized National Affiliate status, and exceptions listed in GR901.9.

HU103 Competition Requirements – Horse & Pony

1. USHJA Horse Registrations.
 - a. All horses competing in Federation licensed and/or USHJA sanctioned competitions with Hunter, Hunter Breeding, Jumper and Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes not restricted by breed must be properly identified in accordance with GR1101, and must also be registered with USHJA (see GR1101.1). The USEF/USHJA registration number for each horse must be entered on all entry forms for licensed competitions.
 - b. Applications for USHJA Registration can be completed online at www.ushja.org or www.usef.org using the USEF Horse Registration application form. This form is also available from the USHJA or Federation office, as a download from the USHJA or Federation website or from competition management. Competition management is responsible for notifying exhibitors of this requirement in their prize list.
2. The Hunter Division is open to horses, stallions, mares or geldings. (For rules pertaining to exhibitors who are 18 years of age or older riding ponies, see HU101)

HU104 Microchipping

1. In addition to the provisions of HU103.1, on or after December 1, 2017, all horses competing in classes that require USHJA horse registration must provide a microchip number that verifies their animal's identity in order to compete for points, money won or be eligible for Federation and/or USHJA programs and awards where horses are required to be recorded or registered.
2. A microchip used to verify identity must be a fifteen-digit ISO compliant 11784/11785 chip and be implanted in the nuchal ligament of the animal.
3. This rule will have a transition period from December 1, 2017 to November 30, 2018. During this period, animals that are not in compliance with this rule will not receive points or be eligible for Federation and/or USHJA programs and awards. After this period, all horses that are competing in classes which require USHJA registration which are not microchipped will be ineligible to compete in Federation licensed competitions. Exceptions: USHJA Outreach and those activities enumerated in GR901.9, items 1-9.

SUBCHAPTER HU-3 ATTIRE, TACK AND EQUIPMENT

HU105 Tack

1. Snaffles, pelhams and full bridles, all with cavesson nose bands, are required.
 - a. Judges may penalize, but may not eliminate, a horse or pony that competes in a snaffle, pelham, or full bridle that is unconventional. Unconventional snaffles, pelhams, or full bridles include, but are not limited to, hunter gags, kimberwickes, etc.
 - b. Judges must eliminate a horse or pony that competes in illegal bits or nosebands. Illegal bits include, but are not limited to, three rings, gags (other than the hunter gag), et cetera... Illegal nosebands include, but are not limited to, drop, flash and figure eight nosebands.

2. Horses must return to the ring for conformation or soundness wearing a snaffle, pelham or full bridle with a cavesson noseband.
3. Martingales of any type are prohibited in Under Saddle, hack and tie-breaking classes. Standing and running martingales used in the conventional manner are allowed for all over fences classes. All other martingales are considered illegal. A judge must eliminate a horse or pony that competes in a martingale other than a standing or running martingale used in the conventional manner.

HU106 Equipment

1. Light pads and bar shoes are permissible, however, bar shoes indicate a weakness and in Conformation classes a judge may penalize accordingly. All artificial appliances, including but not limited to nasal strips, boots, wraps and bandages are prohibited. In the case of inclement weather competition management may permit the use of bell boots.
2. Electronic Communication Devices
 - a. No mounted exhibitor may wear or carry an electronic communication device (i.e., cellular telephone, pager, walkie talkie, iPod, etc.) while in the competition ring. The penalty for wearing or carrying a forbidden device if observed by the judge may be elimination from the class during which the device was worn or carried.
 - b. Electronic communication devices used for purposes of coaching, etc., between competitors and individuals outside the ring shall be prohibited in all classes.
 - c. Exhibitors who have a chronic condition may apply for a Presidential Modification exempting them from the provisions of this rule in accordance with GR153. Riders may not use these devices in over fences classes.
 - d. An exhibitor who has a chronic condition and has previously been granted at least one annual presidential modification related to the condition, may submit an application for approval of a special three-year presidential modification related to the same condition. The application must be accompanied by sufficient supporting documentation that the condition is unlikely to improve during the three-year period.
3. Any rider competing and or riding anywhere on the competition grounds with their stirrup, stirrup leather, or foot tied and/or secured in any manner, will automatically be eliminated from the entire competition. The steward will note the trainer name(s) on the stewards report and further disciplinary actions may be taken by the Federation.
4. Whips. Competitors are prohibited from carrying a whip that is longer than 30" (75cm) while jumping or schooling over fences. A rider may not carry more than one whip. Whips that are weighted at the end are prohibited. (Exception: Ladies Side Saddle and appointments classes. See HU148.)
5. No exhibitor may carry a whip longer than 30" while competing.

HU107 Attire

1. Protective headgear. All riders must wear protective headgear. See GR801.2. While competing in a jumping class, if a rider's chin strap becomes unfastened, the rider may stop, re-fasten the chin strap and continue his/her round without penalty or elimination. A judge may, but is not required, to stop a rider and ask them to refasten a chin strap which has become unfastened, again without penalty to the rider.
2. Attire. Riders are required to wear conservatively colored coats (black, blue, green, grey or brown) which are free from adornment which in the judge's opinion is overly distracting. Shirts must have a choker, similar collar or tie. Breeches may be buff, canary, tan, rust or white.
3. Formal Attire. Riders are required to wear scarlet or dark coats; white shirts with white stock; white, buff or canary breeches. Members of the Armed Services or the Police may wear the Service Dress Uniform.
4. Inappropriate attire. When management permits Hunter or Hunter Seat Equitation riders to ride without jackets, riders must wear traditional, short, or long-sleeved riding shirts with chokers or ties. Polo shirts and full chaps are not permitted except in unjudged warm-up classes. Management or Judge may eliminate an exhibitor who is inappropriately attired.

HU108 Hunt Colors

1. In classes restricted to members, subscribers or staff of a Hunt recognized by the Masters of Foxhounds Association, all riders who wear colors must carry a letter dated within the current year signifying that they are eligible. This letter must include the name of the Hunt and the color of the collar and must be signed by the Master or Honorary Secretary of that Hunt. The show committee must appoint a competent person to check these letters before riders compete in classes. If a rider holds a current letter but does not have it in his immediate possession or is entitled to receive one, the show committee may accept a signed statement to that effect which must be submitted to the Federation.
2. In classes restricted to junior exhibitors, rules concerning hunt colors will be strictly enforced. Unless a junior wears scarlet, brown boot tops are prohibited.

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 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.

HU110 Course Diagrams

1. Course diagrams must be posted at least one half-hour before scheduled time of class unless they have been illustrated in the prize list. The plan or diagram of the course must show the obstacles which must be taken in the order indicated by numbers but apart from this the rider is not bound to follow a compulsory track. An arrow is used on the diagram to indicate the direction in which each obstacle is to be taken. When distances between related fences in all classes, rated or unrated, are 100' or less, the distance must be included on the posted course diagram.
2. If the area of the courtesy circle is to be restricted by a mandatory line, the line must be indicated on the diagram and a corresponding barrier must be erected on the course. As this becomes part of the judging specifications, this policy must be clearly stated in the prize list (see GR901.10) and announced at least one hour prior to the class.
3. All posted courses at Federation-licensed competitions must include the numbers of fences to be jumped (i.e. Fences 1-8).

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 3'0"
- b. Young Hunter 3'3"
- c. Young Hunter 3'6"

3. High Performance Hunter: 4' minimum in "A" rated sections at Premier rated competitions; 3'9" minimum in "A" rated sections at National rated competitions, and "B" and "C" sections. 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

14. 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.

15. Green Pony Hunter: 2'3" for small, 2'6" for medium and 2'9" for large

16. Regular Pony Hunter: 2'3" for small, 2'6" for medium and 2'9" - 3'0" for large

17. Three-Year-Old Hunter: Not to exceed 2'9"

18. Small Hunter Sections: 3'

19. Thoroughbred Hunter: 3'0"

HU112 Type

1. Obstacles must simulate those found in the hunting field such as natural post and rail, brush, stone wall, white board fence or gate, chicken coop, aiken, hedge, oxer, etc.
2. Chicken coops hinged at the top and free at the bottom; triple bars and hogs back; striped rails; targets; any spread over 4' and square oxers are prohibited.
3. Every course must have at least four different type obstacles. (Exception: see HU173.10). The jumpable portion of all obstacles must be a minimum width of eight feet wide.
4. A minimum 2" difference is required for the back element of an obstacle. A ground line is required for all obstacles except in Handy Hunter classes.
5. The top element of all obstacles must be securely placed with cups at least 1 1/2 inches deep and 3 inches wide so that a slight rub will not cause a knockdown and must be equally secure for different heights in the same class. At all Federation approved competitions, FEI approved safety mechanisms must be used in conjunction with a cup that is at least 1 1/2 inches deep and at least 3 inches wide for the back rail of all oxers. Logs, caps on walls and gates with a separate plank style top element that can be knocked down are permitted.
6. In Handy classes obstacles must simulate those found in trappy hunting country. The course must have at least two changes of direction and at least one in and out as well as three of the following: hand gallop a jump, bending line, rollback turn, fence at the end of the ring or open a gate while mounted or trot over one obstacle (exception: in and outs are optional for Pony Handy courses). Judges must place emphasis on promptness and tight turns with precedence being given in that order. Handiness is defined as time and ground saving movement without adversely affecting performance or style. Brilliance of pace is defined as a faster pace than ordinary, without sacrificing performance or style. Hand Gallop is defined as a significant increase in pace without sacrificing performance or style.

HU113 In and Outs

1. An in and out is considered as two obstacles in the required number of obstacles. It must never be used at the start of a course.
2. An in and out is two jumps set for one or two strides. The distance may be adjusted during a class requiring different fence heights. Exception: The distance must be adjusted in Pony Hunter classes, see HU114.

HU114 Pony Hunter

In the event that any or all of the Pony Hunter sections (Small, Medium, Large) are combined, the course designer may add or remove fill as necessary to meet the requirements of HU114.1 (spread of a jump). Every effort should be made to make the jump look as similar as possible at each height. Any removed fill should not be left next to the jump, and should be placed within an island or decoration, or removed completely from the ring.

1. Heights and Spreads.
 - a. Fences may be a maximum of 3" lower in Zones 11 and 12.
 - b. No minimum height required at Local Competitions.
 - c. If a competition offers a team or pairs class or a pony hunter classic in which ponies of mixed heights are permitted, the prize list must state the height of the fences and stipulate all judging requirements.
2. Distances.
 - a. If the distance between related fences is less than 100' (including in and outs), the distance must be adjusted for each height section.
 - b. In "B", "C" and Local rated sections, there must not be any other fences in the same line as an in and out.
3. Exception: In and outs are optional for Pony Handy Hunter classes.
4. For all hunter classes restricted to Ponies, the first obstacle of all courses must be a vertical. For pony hunter handy courses, leading over one obstacle as well as opening a gate are prohibited.

SUBCHAPTER HU5 – OFFICIALS

HU115 Veterinarian

In reference to GR1211.4.a., every competition must have a qualified veterinarian present throughout the competition if the previous year's competition's entry number was 200 horses or greater.

HU116 Judges

1. In "A" rated sections, at least one judge of Registered status must officiate. Recorded judges with Special judge's card may not officiate alone.
2. All judges who are assigned to a Conformation section must judge the Model class.
3. In "A" rated Hunter sections at Premier rated competitions, a minimum of two 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).

HU117 Course Designers

1. The licensed Hunter Course Designer, or his designated representative, must be present during all Hunter and Hunter Seat Equitation classes for which he has responsibility and over sees the courses are properly set for the competition. Course Designer should be available to report to the judge at any time. (Exception: breed restricted competitions and open competitions with 50% or more breed restricted classes.)
2. A minimum of an "r" license is required to officiate alone at a National or Premier rated competition with a Hunter class offering up to \$4,999 in prize money.
3. An "R" license is required to officiate in any class offering \$5,000 or more in prize money.

SUBCHAPTER HU-6 JUDGING

HU118 General

1. All classes must be judged on performance and soundness and when indicated, conformation, suitability or manners.
 - a. When a horse makes two faults at one obstacle only the major fault will be counted. (Exception: refusals count in addition.)
 - b. When an obstacle is composed of several elements in the same vertical plane, a fault at the top element is the only one penalized
 - c. At an in and out, the faults committed at each obstacle are considered separately. In case of a refusal or runout at the 2nd obstacle of an in and out, the competitor may re-jump both obstacles of the in and out.

- d. Judges must penalize unsafe jumping and bad form over fences, whether touched or untouched.
 - e. Teams, pairs and unicorns (abreast and tandem) should be judged as a single unit, scoring only major faults at each obstacle. (Exception: in cases where two or more horses have knockdowns or refusals, they are scored cumulatively.) In tandem formation, faults for horses not keeping proper hunting distance apart and in abreast formation, faults for horses not keeping abreast will be calculated at the rate of 1/2 fault for each 1/2 horse's length and are cumulative at each obstacle, as well as at each end of the ring; or on an outside course, at each obstacle and between each obstacle. No additional penalty for finishing out of original order.
 - f. In classics and when a class is held on an outside course, brilliance should be emphasized.
2. Circling once upon entering the ring and once upon leaving is permissible.
 3. In all classes over obstacles, all horses being considered for an award must jog for soundness in the judge's order of preference prior to being judged for conformation. Two more entries than the number of ribbons must jog if there are sufficient entries. Horses may not leave the ring until the jog is declared official by the judge. A horse that leaves the ring prior to the jog being declared official will be eliminated. A horse that is unruly, one that breaks away from the handler or one whose actions threaten to endanger the rider, handler, other exhibitors or their entries will be eliminated. (Exception: Hunter Breeding and Pony Breeding). A horse may not be eliminated for receiving outside assistance in the jog.
 4. In classes over obstacles, competitors cannot be requested to show at a walk, trot and canter or to re-jump the course unless eliminations are held. If eliminations are held, the finals are judged as an independent class.
 5. After all competitors have had an opportunity to compete over a course in the High Performance Hunter and Performance Hunter section, competitors with faults which would eliminate the competitor from the ribbons, may be excused by the judge at management's discretion, provided four (4) more competitors than the number of ribbons awarded have completed the course. In Green Hunter classes riders are encouraged to withdraw after a major fault.
 6. In cases of broken equipment or loss of shoe while competing, the rider or handler may choose to continue without penalty. If they decide to stop to address the situation that rider/handler will be eliminated. In the case of the jump(s) falling over due to weather or act of God, the rider must remain in the ring until receiving instructions from the judge(s) or be eliminated. In this instance, the decision of the judge(s) is final.
 7. In the event of elimination, the horse must exit the ring immediately.
 8. In the event of a fall of a horse within the competition ring at a Federation licensed Hunter, Jumper or Hunter/Jumper competition, the judge shall notify a steward, regardless of whether an EMT is called, and the steward must include the details of the incident on his report to the Federation.
 9. Obstacle Not Properly Set. If a competitor jumps an obstacle that has not been reset, or has been reset improperly, due to it being downed by a previous competitor, the weather, or some other factor, the competitor receives no penalty. However, if the competitor knocks down the obstacle he will be penalized accordingly.
 10. Results Record. Competitors in an over fences class shall have the following reasons recorded as applicable on the official show results as follows:
 - a. Did Not Compete (DNC) indicates that the competitor failed to enter the arena for the class. Riders can also scratch from classes, including in the A-rated sections. The competitor will not receive a refund but each horse's respective record will show that the horse did not compete in the scratched classes.
 - b. Did Not Place (DNP): All other competitors that competed but did not place in the ribbons or earn a different recording will be recorded as Did Not Place.
 - c. Judges are encouraged to mark their cards with (RT) for competitors who entered the arena but voluntarily retired before completing the course; (EL) for competitors that were eliminated; and (OC) for competitors that did not adhere to the course as documented and were subsequently eliminated.

HU119 Definition of Competed

A horse has competed in an over fences class when the horse's entry number and a score for at least the first jump are recorded on the judges card. A horse failing to complete the entire course is not eligible to receive points, awards, or prize money. A horse has competed in an under saddle class when the horse has entered the ring. When three or fewer horses compete in an under saddle class, all horses' numbers must be listed on the judges card regardless of whether they receive an award.

HU120 Soundness

All horses must be serviceably sound. All horses being considered for an award must jog for soundness with rider dismounted. (Exception: Under Saddle classes, classes with specifications that do not require horses to jog, unrated classes, and classes at Local Competitions). Horses may not leave the ring until the jog is declared official by the judge. A horse that leaves the ring prior to the jog being declared official will be eliminated. A horse that is unruly, one that breaks away from the handler or one whose actions threaten to endanger the rider, handler, or other exhibitors or their entries will be eliminated. (Exception: Hunter Breeding and Pony Breeding). A horse may not be eliminated for receiving outside assistance in the jog. In classes restricted to ponies a junior must jog the horse for soundness. Horses that are not serviceably sound are ineligible for an award, including under saddle classes.

HU121 Conformation

Quality, substance and soundness. Judges must penalize but not necessarily eliminate horses with structural faults, defects and blemishes (such as pinfiring) in areas which might impair their activity and durability. Horses must be stripped for conformation judging in any class. (Exception: Under Saddle classes.)

HU122 Performance

1. An even hunting pace, manners, jumping style together with faults and way of moving over the course. Manners to be emphasized in Ladies and Amateur classes; brilliance in Corinthian and Formal Hunting Attire classes.
2. When the class is held in a ring, the performance starts as the competitor enters and ends when he leaves. When the class is held outside, the performance starts at any spot designated by competition management and ends at any spot so designated. If the start and finish are not clearly set forth, it is suggested that a judge consider the start approximately 50' before the first obstacle and the finish approximately 50' after the last.

HU123 Faults

1. The following faults are scored according to the judge's opinion and depending on severity or division, may be considered minor or major faults.
 - a. Rubbing the jump
 - b. Swapping leads in a line or in front of a jump
 - c. Late lead changes
 - d. Spooking
 - e. Kicking up or out
 - f. Jumping out of form
 - g. Jumping off the center line of jump
 - h. Bucking and/or playing
 - i. Adding a stride in a line with a related distance
 - j. Eliminating a stride in a line with a related distance
 - k. Striking off on a wrong lead on the courtesy circle. (May be corrected with either a simple or flying change of lead)

2. The following are considered major faults.
 - a. Knockdown
 - b. Refusal
 - c. Refusal or stopping while on course
 - d. Crossing the track. 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
 1. A course diagram that requires a rider to cross his track
 2. Snake or multiple panel jumps that are jumped consecutively
 - e. Dangerous jumping
 - f. Addressing a jump - coming to a stop in front of a jump in order to show the jump to the horse.
 - g. Completely missing a lead change
 - h. Adding or eliminating a stride in an in and out
 - i. Breaking stride, or Trotting while on course. (Exceptions-Where posted on the course diagram i.e. trot jumps, steep banks, etc, and also as outlined above in HU122.1k. Striking off on a wrong lead on the courtesy circle.)
3. The following constitute elimination:
 - a. Three refusals (Exception: USEF Pony Hunter National Championship and USEF Junior Hunter National Championship, exhibitors will be eliminated after two cumulative refusals).
 - b. Off course
 - c. Jumping course before it is reset
 - d. Bolting from the ring
 - e. Fall of horse and/or rider (rider shall not remount in the ring). Refer to HU118.8 for reporting requirements.
 - f. Stopping for loss of shoe or broken equipment
 - g. In model classes, a horse or pony that breaks away from the handler or one whose actions threaten to endanger the rider, handler, other exhibitors or their entries. Exception: Hunter Breeding and Pony Breeding classes.

SUBCHAPTER HU-7 CONDUCT OF CLASSES

HU124 Back to Back Classes

No more than two rounds may be ridden back to back. In sections where three classes over fences are held on one day and the section has eight or fewer exhibitors, all three over fences classes may be held using back to back rounds with the judge's consent. Classes using this format must be jogged, if required, and pinned separately, following the last class. Management may not require back to back rounds in rated classes. Management may not require a judge to score more than three classes concurrently. Classes run back to back must be in the same division (i.e. Hunter or Equitation). Exception: USEF Pony Medal and WIHS Equitation Hunter Phase.

HU125 Jumping Order

1. If a jumping order is established it must be posted in a conspicuous place at least one-half hour before the class. The jumping order must be legible to a mounted rider. If a jumping order is used throughout the section, a systematic rotation of the starting list must be employed so that a complete cycle is made during the competition. Failure to enter the ring within one minute after an audible signal to proceed is given incurs elimination. The time limit for entering the ring must be enforced by competition management. Management may permit a rider to compete out of order to minimize delays and in case of class conflicts.

2. Establishing the Order. (Either manually or via computer) The jumping order for the first round must be established by one of the following procedures:
 - a. The horses' names are drawn individually, starting with the first position and then working down
 - b. The horses' names are listed and their positions drawn
 - c. The horses' names and the positions are both drawn
 - d. The horses' names are listed (with multiple rides pre-spaced) with the first name drawn becoming the first horse to compete in the first round, the remaining horses following from that point (i.e., the horses' name after the one drawn first is second, the next one third, etc.).

HU126 Entry Fees

1. No competition may require a combined entry fee in any "B" or "C" 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" 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

HU127 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.

HU128 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.
2. To be eligible for a Model or Under Saddle class counting toward a Championship in any "A" or "B" rated 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.

HU129 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.)
 - 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.

HU130 Hunter Eligibility and Green Eligibility Status for Horses

1. In all cases, the hunter eligibility and green status of the horse is the responsibility of the owner.
2. Hunter eligibility for a horse begins when a horse of any age, competes for the first time in any over fences class with jumps at three feet (3'0") in height or higher in any Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America.
 - a. For the purposes of eligibility, equivalent heights are:

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| 3'0" | .90 meter |
| 3'3" | 1.0 meter |
| 3'6" | 1.10 meter |
| 3'9" | 1.20 meter |
3. Once a horse begins its hunter eligibility, competing in jumper classes affects its Green Status and Eligibility according to HU130.11.
4. Horses may enter the Green Hunters in any height section for which they are eligible. Further eligibility in the Green Hunter section is determined by the height section in which they enter the system.
5. When a horse begins its hunter eligibility competing in hunter or equitation classes or sections with fence heights of 3'0" - 3'5", it remains eligible for Green Hunter 3'0" and 3'3" for two competition years (not necessarily consecutive).
6. A horse that competes in any Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation class at a recognized competition in the United States or Canada with fence heights of 3'6" or higher is no longer eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'0" section but remains eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'3" section. A horse may compete in any other hunter or equitation class with fence heights of a maximum of 3'6" if otherwise eligible a maximum of four (4) times in one competition year prior to August 1 and remain eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'3". For jumper restrictions see HU130.11.
7. Once a horse competes in a hunter or equitation class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights of 3'6" or higher a fifth time in one competition year, it is no longer eligible for the Green Hunter 3'3" section and it is only eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'6" section for the remainder of the competition year. That competition year will be considered the horse's Green Hunter 3'6" year. If a horse competes in a hunter or equitation class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights of 3'6" or higher after August 1, it is no longer eligible for the Green Hunter 3'3" section and it is only eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'6" section for the remainder of the competition year. That competition year will be considered the horse's Green Hunter 3'6" year. For jumper restrictions see HU130.11.

8. Once a horse competes in a Federation or USHJA National Championship/Event with fence heights of 3'6" or higher he is no longer eligible for the Green Hunter 3'0" or 3'3" sections.
9. Following a horse's Green Hunter 3'6" year, it is eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'9" section for one year. That one year will commence the next competition year that the horse competes in any hunter or equitation class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights of 3'6" or higher. For jumper restrictions see HU130.11.
10. A horse that has completed his Green Hunter 3'9" year is no longer eligible for any Green Hunter section.
11. Once a horse begins its hunter eligibility, the following jumper restrictions apply:
 - a. To remain eligible for Green Hunter 3'0 and 3'3", a horse may not compete in a jumper class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights higher than 3'3" (or 1.0m when class specifications list fence height in metric).
 - b. To remain eligible for Green Hunter 3'6", a horse may not compete in a jumper class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights higher than 3'6" (or 1.10m when class specifications list fence height in metric).
 - c. To remain eligible for Green Hunter 3'9", a horse may not compete in a jumper class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights higher than 3'9" (or 1.20m when class specifications list fence height in metric).
12. In all cases, fence heights will be determined by the specifications of each section regardless of whether or not the fences are actually set at the regulation height.
13. If a competition starts prior to or on November 30th Green status at the start of the competition is maintained throughout the competition.

HU131 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" 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.

HU132 Young Hunter Eligibility and Status for Horses

1. Young Hunter age restrictions are defined as:
 - a. Young Hunter 3'0" – horses five years of age and under
 - b. Young Hunter 3'3" – horses six years of age and under
 - c. Young Hunter 3'6" – horses seven years of age and under
2. Horses eligible for the Young Hunters may begin competing in any Young Hunter height section for which they are eligible. Further eligibility in the Young Hunter section is determined by the height section in which they enter the hunter eligibility system. (see HU132.5-9)
3. A horse is eligible to compete in an age-restricted hunter class from December 1 of the competition year in which they reach the applicable age at any time during that same competition year.
4. Age of horse must be verified in accordance with Federation policies and procedures prior to competing for awards in the Young Hunter sections. Age can be verified using only the following documents:
 - a. Registration papers, Certificate of Pedigree, or passport issued from a breed or sport horse registry approved by the Federation.
 - b. Horse Identification Document issued by a breed or sport horse registry approved by the Federation that states the registered name of the horse, the registration number of the horse and age of the horse. *BOD*

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5. When a horse begins its hunter eligibility competing in any Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation class or section with fence heights of 3'0" - 3'5", it remains eligible for Young Hunter 3'0" and 3'3" for two competition years provided it is eligible by age.
 - a. For the purposes of eligibility, equivalent heights are:

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| 3'0" | .90 meter |
| 3'3" | 1.0 meter |
| 3'6" | 1.10 meter |
| 3'9" | 1.20 meter |
6. A horse that competes in any hunter or equitation class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights of 3'6" or higher is no longer eligible to compete in the Young Hunter 3'0" section but remains eligible to compete in the Young Hunter 3'3" section if otherwise eligible. A horse may compete in any other hunter or equitation class with fence heights of a maximum of 3'6" a maximum of four (4) times in one competition year prior to August 1 and remain eligible to compete in the Young Hunter 3'3". For jumper restrictions see HU132.10.
7. Once a horse competes in a hunter or equitation class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights of 3'6" or higher a fifth time in one competition year, it is no longer eligible for the Young Hunter 3'3" section and it is only eligible to compete in the Young Hunter 3'6" section for the remainder of the competition year. That competition year will be considered the horse's Young Hunter 3'6" year. If a horse competes in a hunter or equitation class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights of 3'6" or higher after August 1, it is no longer eligible for the Young Hunter 3'3" section and it is only eligible to compete in the Young Hunter 3'6" section for the remainder of the competition year. That competition year will be considered the horse's Young Hunter 3'6" year. For jumper restrictions see HU132.10.
8. Once a horse competes in a Federation or USHJA National Championship/Event with fence heights of 3'6" or higher, it is no longer eligible for the Young Hunter 3'3" section.
9. A horse that has completed his Young Hunter 3'6" year is no longer eligible for any Young Hunter section.
10. Once a horse begins its hunter eligibility, the following jumper restrictions apply:
 - a. To remain eligible for Young Hunter 3'0 and 3'3", a horse may not compete in a jumper class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights higher than 3'3" (or 1.0m when class specifications list fence height in metric).
 - b. To remain eligible for Young Hunter 3'6", a horse may not compete in a jumper class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights higher than 3'6" (or 1.10m when class specifications list fence height in metric).
11. In all cases, fence heights will be determined by the specifications of each section regardless of whether or not the fences are actually set at the regulation height.
12. If a competition starts prior to or on November 30th, Young Hunter status at the start of the competition is maintained throughout the competition.

HU133 Young Hunter Sections

1. A horse may compete in only one Young Hunter fence height section at any one competition.
2. Young Hunters are not required to jog for soundness.
3. A handy hunter class may be offered in the Young Hunter 3'0", 3'3", and 3'9" sections but is not required.

HU134 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.
2. High Performance Hunter
 - a. Championships must be offered in accordance with HU149.
 - 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 HU128.2)
 - 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 HU161)
3. Performance Hunter 3'6"
 - a. Championships must be offered in accordance with HU149.
 - 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 HU128.2)
 - 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 HU128.2)
 - 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 HU149.
 - 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 HJ135.
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](http://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 HU149.
 - d. This section will be C rated for Zone Horse of the Year Awards as per GR312.6.

HU135 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.

HU136 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. and a maximum of one (1) horse not owned by the rider, or his/her family, in jumper sections and a maximum of one (1) horse not owned by the rider or his/her family in hunter sections, in classes not restricted to amateur owners. (For Amateur rules please see GR1306)
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 Adult Amateur (if Zone Specifications permit), Amateur Owner 3'3" and/or the Amateur Owner 3'6" sections. Horses may not cross enter between the sections.

HU137 Adult Amateur

1. Competitions must offer Adult Amateur Hunter sections in accordance with the specifications of the applicable USHJA zone. Unless the USHJA submits their Zone specifications to the Federation by August 1 of the previous year, the following specifications will apply for the Adult Amateur Hunter section:
 - 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 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. (Exception: USHJA National Hunter Derby).
 - 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.

HU138 Hunter Eligibility and Green Status for Ponies

1. In all cases, the hunter eligibility and green status of the pony is the responsibility of the owner.
2. Determining Hunter eligibility for ponies. Hunter eligibility for a pony begins when a pony of any age, competes for the first time in any over fences class with jumps at 2'3" or higher for small ponies, 2'6" or higher for medium ponies and 2'9" or higher for large ponies in Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America.
 - a. For the purposes of eligibility, equivalent heights are:

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| 2'3" | .70 meter |
| 2'6" | .80 meter |
| 2'9" | .85 meter |
| 3'0" | .90 meter |
3. Determining Green Status for ponies. Ponies that have not broken their Green Status must jump less than their regulation height or their Green Status will be broken. The Green status of a pony is determined by the following factors in competition experience at Hunter or Hunter /Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America:
 - a. The height of fences (determined by the class, section or division specifications) over which a pony has competed.
 - b. The number of competition years a pony has competed at regulation height. A pony that has competed in such classes for one (1) or more competition years, without receiving a reinstatement, is no longer eligible to compete in the Green section.
4. In all cases, fence heights will be determined by the specifications of each section regardless of whether or not the fences are actually set at the regulation height.
5. If a competition starts prior to or on November 30th, Green status at the start of the competition is maintained throughout the competition.
6. Green Pony Status.
 - a. A green pony is a pony not exceeding 14.2 hands of any age, which is eligible to compete in the Green Pony section. A pony's Green Hunter eligibility, regardless of age, begins the first time the pony competes in any over fences class with jumps at 2'3" or higher for small ponies, 2'6" or higher for medium ponies and 2'9" or higher for large ponies in Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America.
 - b. A pony is eligible to compete as a Green Pony for a maximum of one (1) year regardless of age or change to measurement status. A pony that has changed height sections in its green year may complete the green year at its new height.
 - c. In its first year of showing at regulation height or higher, a green pony may also compete in the Regular Pony Hunter section at its respective height.
 - d. Once a pony begins competing in any class that restricts Green status, it may no longer compete in any Jumper class held at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America or it will lose its Green status.
 - e. A Pony Hunter Green reinstatement may be granted one time. A pony is not eligible for a green reinstatement if it has competed in a USHJA Pony Hunter Derby or the US Hunter and/or Jumper Pony Championship.
7. Green Pony Reinstatement. A pony cannot return to compete in the section for which the reinstatement application was made until written notification has been received from the Federation that the reinstatement has been granted.

A pony's eligibility to compete in restricted sections may be reinstated for a future competition year provided that:

- a. The pony was not shown at the regulation height or higher at more than four (4) competitions prior to September 1st of the current competition year.
- b. The pony was not shown at the regulation height or higher on or after September 1st of the current competition year.
- c. The pony no longer competes at the regulation height or higher immediately upon application for reinstatement.
- d. The pony is otherwise eligible for a reinstatement under Federation rules.
- e. The horse or pony is actively recorded with the Federation at the time of the request. If the horse or pony is not actively recorded at the time of request, it must be recorded/renewed at that time. If the horse or pony is not recorded/renewed at the time of application, the reinstatement request will automatically be denied.

HU139 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 HJ135).
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, 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.

HU140 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.

HU141 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" 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" 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" 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" 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 1.20m 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. If an under saddle class is divided by age and a rider has two or more horses entered, all riders must be juniors but need not be eligible by age.

HU142 Children's Hunter Sections

1. If fence heights are changed to accommodate ponies in Children's Hunter classes, measurement cards in accordance with HJ135 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. Unless the USHJA submits their Zone specifications to the Federation by August 1 of the previous year, the following specifications will apply for the Children's Hunter section:
 - 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.

SUBCHAPTER HU-9 HUNTER & PONY HUNTER BREEDING

HU143 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 HU189 or HU190. At these competitions tThe 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 HU190 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 HU189 and HU190. 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 HU190 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.

HU144 Hunter Breeding

1. The Hunter Breeding Section is open to horses only.
 - a. Horses shown as a Thoroughbred must have been either registered with The Jockey Club or meet one of the criteria below. All competitions must require verification of registration on the day of the competition 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.
2. Division of Classes. Breeding classes may be divided as to a) thoroughbred, and b) other than thoroughbred and include: Foals (colts, geldings and/or fillies); Yearlings (colts, geldings and/or fillies); Two-year-olds (colts, geldings and/or fillies); Three-year-olds; Mares (3 years old or over, with or without foal); Mares (3 years old or over, without foal but having been bred); Broodmares (with foal at foot; 50% mare and 50% foal or 75% mare and 25% foal); Stallions (3 years old and over); Stallion (with 1, 2 or 3 of get; 50% stallion and 50% get or 75% stallion and 25% get). See also HU144.1 and GR907.2 for breed registry requirements.
3. Class Specifications.
 - a. Breeding classes are judged on conformation, way of moving, quality, substance, soundness and suitability to become or in the case of sires and dams apparent ability to produce or beget hunters. Possible inheritable conformational defects are only to be considered in the case of sires and dams or prospective sires and dams. Horses are to be judged for conformation before being walked and/or trotted. Broodmares and weanlings are to walk. Yearlings, Two year-olds and Three year-olds are to walk and trot. Horses that are not sound are ineligible for an award. Entries should be lined up in the order of preference before the ribbons are pinned.
 - b. Foals in Breeding classes may wear leather halters. All animals of yearling status and older must be shown in a bridle. Only a snaffle or straight bar bit may be used. A properly fitted in hand leather lead and chain, such as a new market or "V" shank type may be substituted for reins. A properly fitted in hand leather lead may also be substituted for reins. A properly fitted chain should be short enough to prevent the horse from getting it in his/her mouth and should never be placed over the nose or tightly under the chin.
 - c. Four classes must be offered consisting of Yearlings, Two-year-olds, Three-year-olds and Best Young Horse. Classes may not be combined. Classes may be divided by sex and/or breeding and competition management is encouraged to divide classes where entries warrant. Only these classes will count for Federation Horse of the Year Awards. A Best Young Horse class must be offered and judged as a separate class. Winners in all qualifying classes may show in the Best Young Horse class. Second place winners may return. Federation Horse of the Year points will be awarded in the Best Young Horse class regardless of the number of entries.
4. Conduct. A competition may not offer more than two Hunter Breeding divisions to count for HOTY awards at any one competition. Each division must be judged by a different judge or judges, with neither judge conferring with the other concerning the judging until the divisions are completed. The prize list must clearly state which classes count

for Federation points. Additional classes and division championships may be offered but will not count for Federation points.

HU145 Pony Hunter Breeding

1. Pony Hunter Breeding classes are open to ponies.
2. Unless the USHJA submits their Zone specifications to the Federation by August 1st of the previous year, the following specifications will apply for the Pony Hunter Breeding Division:
 - a. Ponies in the Pony Hunter Breeding Division are not required to have a measurement card. However, a pony may be subject to measurement by the competition steward to verify a height that does not exceed 14.2 hands.
 - b. Division of Classes. Foals (colts, geldings and/or fillies); Yearlings (colts, geldings and/or fillies); Two year-olds (colts, geldings and/or fillies); Three year-olds (colts, geldings and/or fillies); Broodmares (with foal at foot and/or bred with a breeding certificate); Stallions (three year olds and over); Produce of Dam (two ponies produced by the same mare); Get of Sire (two ponies sired by the same stallion). Animals shown in the Produce or Get classes must be three years of age or younger.
 - c. Conduct. A Competition may not offer more than two Pony Hunter Breeding divisions to count for HOTHY Zone awards at any one competition. Each division must be judged by a different judge or judges, with neither judge conferring with the other concerning the judging until the divisions are completed and the cards are turned in. The prize list must clearly state which classes count for Federation Zone points. Additional classes and division championships may be offered but will not count for Federation Zone points.
3. Class Specifications.
 - a. Breeding classes are judged on conformation, way of moving, quality, substance, soundness and suitability to become Pony Hunters. Transmissible unsoundness is only to be considered in the case of sires and dam or prospective sires and dams. Ponies are to be judged for conformation before being walked and/or jogged. Broodmares and weanlings are to walk. Yearlings, Two year-olds and Three year-olds are to walk and jog. Ponies that are not sound are ineligible for an award. If the section has only one judge and thus one set of points, the entries should be lined up in order of preference before the ribbons are pinned. If this is a two-judge section, with two sets of points, the entries are not lined up in the order of preference until both judges have turned in their cards. The announcer or ringmaster will line up Judge #1's entries in his/her order of preference before awarding the ribbons. After the entries have been pinned for the first judge, Judge #2's entries will line up in his/her order of preference before the awarding of ribbons.
 - b. All entries may either be shown in a bridle or a leather halter.
 - c. Four classes must be offered consisting of Yearlings, Two year-olds, Three year olds and Best Young Pony. Classes may not be combined. Classes may be divided by sex. Management is encouraged to divide classes where entries warrant. Only these classes will count for Federation Zone Horse of the Year Awards.
 - d. A Best Young Pony class must be offered and judged as a separate class. Winners in all qualifying classes may show in the best Young Pony Class. Second place winners may return. Federation Zone Horse of the Year Points will be awarded in the Best Young Pony class regardless of the number of entries.

SUBCHAPTER HU-10 LADIES SIDE SADDLE

HU146 Ladies Side Saddle Classes

(See also EQ104.1)

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.
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 HU147-HU148. 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.

HU147 Ladies Side Saddle Attire

1. Hat: See GR801.2
2. Neckwear: Plain white hunting stock neatly tied and fastened with a plain gold safety pin. Latter should be horizontal.
3. Habit: Melton or other cloth of black or dark blue color, unless bona fide member of a recognized hunt whose livery color is different; then hunt livery color with hunt colors is permissible. Lining must match.
4. Breeches: Same color as habit.
5. Collar: Same material and color as coat unless bona fide member of a recognized hunt has been invited to wear the hunt colors in which case, the collar should conform to the livery of the hunt and be worn only on coats of the hunt livery color.
6. Vest: Of plain white, buff or yellow material, unless bona fide member of a recognized hunt has been invited to wear the hunt's livery in which case, the vest should conform to the livery of the hunt and be worn only with habits of the hunt livery color.
7. Buttons: Must conform to hunt livery. Usual specifications are: Brass or bone on vest. Black bone on black or dark blue coat. If bona fide member of a recognized hunt has been invited to wear the hunt button, it should be engraved with the hunt emblem, otherwise it should be plain.
8. Boots: Black, without tops: of plain black calf without tabs. Boot garters, if worn, plain black. Zippers and laces are not permitted.
9. Spur: Optional. If worn, must be regular hunting spur, without rowels—worn high on the heel.
10. Whip: Light hunting whip with thong required.
11. Gloves: Plain; heavy wash leather or brown leather gloves.
12. Rain Gloves: White or light colored rain gloves. Should be carried on off (right) side under billets and just showing in front of saddle flap.—Fingers forward, thumbs in.
13. Jewelry: Except for finger rings and small plain stud earrings for pierced ears, jewelry is not permitted.
14. Hair: With hair net, preferably in bun. Must be neat and unobtrusive.
15. Boutonniere not permitted.
16. Mane and Tail: Must be braided. (Exception: roached mane and pulled tails).

HU148 Ladies Side Saddle Tack and Equipment

1. Sandwich Case: Required for appointments. Must be combined sandwich case and flask. Sandwich case must contain a plain white-meat sandwich, crusts removed, cut on the diagonal, wrapped in wax paper; a linen handkerchief or napkin is optional and flask must contain sherry or tea.
2. Bridle: Must be either double or pelham. First definitely preferable. All leather must be flat. A cavesson noseband must be used. Rubber, laced, and plaited reins are not permissible. Stitched in leather preferred.
3. Breastplate: Optional, but preferred. All leather must be flat.
4. Martingales: Not permitted on the flat or in Hunter Hack, permitted in over fences classes.
5. Saddles: Must be plain English type. May have doeskin or suede seat and pommel. Lining may be leather or linen.
6. Girths: Triple fold leather. No elastic permitted. Cannot be shaped. Balance girth, either separate or stitched to triple fold girth, is necessary. First definitely preferable. Girth cover not permitted.
7. Irons: Should be regular side saddle iron with oval eye or safety stirrup. Should be large, workmanlike and polished, without pads.

SUBCHAPTER HU-11 SHOW CHAMPIONSHIPS

HU149 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 compete in at least two over fences classes and one under saddle class (Exception: Ladies Side Saddle, see HU146; Performance Hunter, High Performance Hunter, and any other sections where individual classes may be entered, see HU149.3). 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 compete. 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.

HU150 Show Championship Eligibility

1. General.
 - a. The Champion and Reserve Champion titles are awarded to the top two of the four horses that acquired the

most points performing over a regulation course with obstacles at the full height required in the section in which shown, except under the provisions of HU149. In addition to these points, only these four horses, receive half points for ribbons won in Model classes and full points for ribbons won in one Under Saddle class. Exception: High Performance and Performance Hunter sections with three classes receive half points for the under saddle class, see HU134.

- b. The prize list must state the numbers of the full point and half point classes counting towards the Championship in each section.
2. The following classes do not count towards nor make a horse eligible for Championships: Appointment, Breeding, Local, Junior, Consolation, Maiden, Novice, Limit, Owners, Hunter Hack, Pairs, Teams and any class restricted unless complementary classes are offered. Points won in one section do not count towards nor make a horse eligible for the Championship in another section.

HU151 Ties

1. In case of a tie score the Championship and/or Reserve is awarded to the horse that accumulated the most points over fences. If horses have an equal number of points over fences and no points under saddle, the tied horses will be asked to compete in a hack off, or independent under saddle class, to be judged on soundness and performance at the walk, trot and canter. Competitors may be asked to hand gallop at the discretion of the judge. (Exception: Green Hunters and Young Hunters.) Any competitor may concede to the other if they choose not to hack off, or if both competitors agree, they may choose to break the tie with a coin toss. If horses have an equal number of points over fences, under saddle, and model (i.e. Green Conformation Hunter 3'6" or High Performance Conformation Hunter) the tie will stand as is and both horses will receive Horse of the Year Points in their respective Champion and/or Reserve position.
2. If all tied horses are declared unsound, selection of the winner among such tied competitors is left to the discretion of the judges.

HU152 Combination Hunter Championship

All competitions with a limited number of Hunter classes, including events in more than one section (i.e. High Performance Conformation or Green Conformation Hunter 3'6", Green, High Performance or Performance Hunter), may count points won in such classes toward a Combination Hunter Championship. A Combination Hunter Championship and Reserve are awarded to two of the four horses which have acquired the most points performing over a regulation Hunter course with fences the height required in the section in which shown. In addition to these points, only these horses receive half points for ribbons won in Model, Maiden, Novice, Limit and Green classes and full points for ribbons won in one Under Saddle class or, if not held, in one Hunter Hack class, if otherwise qualified. The prize list must specify which classes count. This Championship does not count toward a Federation Horse of the Year Award except for Amateur Owners Hunters.

HU153 Challenge Trophies

If a Challenge Trophy for a Championship is being offered in a section that has not previously been divided it must be awarded to the horse which has obtained the most points towards the Championship in its respective section. If a Challenge Trophy for a class is being offered in a class that has not previously been divided it shall be awarded to the first place winner with the best performance.

SUBCHAPTER HU-12 COMBINING AND DIVIDING OF SECTIONS OR CLASSES

HU154 General

1. 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 HU161.1b.

2. 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:
 - Green Hunter (HU161.2)
 - Young Hunter (HU161.3)
 - Junior Hunter (HU161.5)
 - Amateur Owner Hunter (HU161.6)
 - “B” and “C” rated Pony Hunter sections (HU161.8)
 - Children’s and Adult Amateur Hunter sections refer to HU161.9; HU161.10 and sections governed by USHJA Zone Specifications.
3. 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.

HU155 Prize money

Prize money must be doubled whenever a section is divided.

HU156 Methods of Dividing

1. California Split (see HU157 below for definition)
2. Random Split (see HU158 below for definition)
3. Floating Split (see HU159 below for definition)
4. Junior/Amateur (see HU160 below for definition)
5. Size of Horse
6. Age of Rider

HU157 Definition of a California Split:

1. The California Split is used to divide large classes. The judge keeps track of twice the number of placings required for either ribbons or the jog order. At the completion of the jog, the judge creates two separate orders using alternating numbers in the following manner: the highest score is first in Section A, the second highest score is first in Section B, the third highest score is second in Section A, the fourth highest score is second in Section B and so on until all placings are awarded or the jog order is complete. The result is two sections of the same class being pinned separately. Competition Management may choose to split classes using the California Split after the class has started.

Example:

| Horse’s Placing | Prize Awarded |
|-----------------|---------------|
| 1st | 1st |
| 2nd | 1st |
| 3rd | 2nd |
| 4th | 2nd |
| 5th | 3rd |
| 6th | 3rd |
| 7th | 4th |
| 8th | 4th |
| 9th | 5th |
| 10th | 5th |

| | |
|------|-----|
| 11th | 6th |
| 12th | 6th |
| 13th | 7th |
| 14th | 7th |
| 15th | 8th |
| 16th | 8th |

2. Jog. The judge will call one jog order of up to twenty (20) horses. Once the horses have jogged for soundness and the jog has been made official, the A and B sections will be pinned using the California Split.
3. Under Saddle. A Section with twelve (12) or less must be judged as one class using the California Split. Sections that are judged under the California Split must have results for Section A and B. A random split will be used for under saddle classes of more than twelve (12).
4. In reckoning Championship points, the top eight horses that receive the most points in the Over Fences classes are awarded points for the Under Saddle and/or Model class(es). The Championship is awarded as follows: Horse with most points—Champion Number 1. Horse with second highest points— Champion Number 2. Horse with third highest points—Reserve Champion Number 1. Horse with fourth highest points—Reserve Champion Number 2.

HU158 Definition of a Random Split

A random split allows management to draw horses for a section either by hand or a computer-generated draw. The number of horses in each section must be equal with a variable of one.

HU159 Definition of Floating Split

A Floating Split allows management to adjust sections offered split by age in the prize list either up or down in one year increments until the minimum number of entries required for each new section has been reached. As long as the minimum requirements for splitting sections are met, management may split the sections using the age split they deem most appropriate for their competition. Rider age must be given on the entry blank.

HU160 Definition of Split by Junior Amateur

If there are 30 or more entries in a section that is open to all competitors, Competition Management may choose to divide the section and offer one of the divided sections as restricted to Juniors and Amateurs (See GR128 and GR1306-GR1307 for definition of Junior and Amateur).

HU161 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 HU149.
- ## 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 HU161.1)
 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" rated Green Hunter 3'0" and/or 3'3" sections are combined with "A" 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" 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. 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, 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.
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 HU156 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 re-divided 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" 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 re-divided. Management may determine a cut off time for entering before re-dividing 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, 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.
3. At Premier, National, 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 re-divided using either a Floating or California Split. (See HU159 & HU157 for definition of a Floating and California Split.) Management may determine a cutoff time for entering before re-dividing 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 HU159 & HU157 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 HU138.
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" 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" 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” 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 HU162 USEF Hunter Breeding National Championships

1. In order to compete in the USEF Hunter Breeding National Championship, the horse and owner must be recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA on or before the first day of the competition. The owner must be an Active member of the Federation and USHJA.
2. Points for the USEF Hunter Breeding National Championship for Yearlings, Two Year olds and Three Year olds will be awarded as follows:

| Number in Class: | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th | 6th |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 | 2 | | | | | |
| 2 | 4 | 2 | | | | |
| 3-10 | 10 | 6 | 4 | 2 | | |
| 11+ | 20 | 12 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 2 |

Points awarded for the Championship and Reserve Championship are based on the total number of horses entered in all rated classes of the Hunter Breeding section.

| Total Number | Champion | Reserve |
|--------------|----------|---------|
| 1-14 | 10 | 6 |
| 15 or more | 20 | 12 |

HU163 USEF Pony Hunter

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 the breeding of quality Hunter ponies and the proper basic training for them.
3. Eligibility.
 - a. The pony 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 pony must be an Active member in good standing of the Federation and USHJA, i.e. ponies must be shown in accordance with GR1102 and GR1108 in order to be eligible to qualify.

4. Points.

| Model and Under Saddle Phase | | Over Fences Phase (all height sections) | |
|------------------------------|-----|--|-----|
| 1st | 100 | 1st | 250 |
| 2nd | 90 | 2nd | 225 |
| 3rd | 80 | 3rd | 200 |
| 4th | 70 | 4th | 175 |
| 5th | 60 | 5th | 150 |
| 6th | 50 | 6th | 125 |
| 7th | 40 | 7th | 100 |
| 8th | 30 | 8th | 75 |
| 9th | 20 | 9th | 50 |
| 10th | 10 | 10th | 25 |

Overall Top Twenty (all height sections)

| | |
|----------|-----|
| Champion | 500 |
| Reserve | 300 |
| 3rd | 200 |
| 4th | 190 |
| 5th | 180 |
| 6th | 170 |
| 7th | 160 |
| 8th | 150 |
| 9th | 140 |
| 10th | 130 |
| 11th | 115 |
| 12th | 100 |
| 13th | 85 |
| 14th | 80 |
| 15th | 75 |
| 16th | 70 |
| 17th | 65 |
| 18th | 60 |
| 19th | 55 |
| 20th | 50 |

HU164 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" point values as per GR1131.5)

SUBCHAPTER HU-14 USHJA CHAMPIONSHIPS AND SPECIAL CLASSES

HU165 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 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” point values as per GR1131.5).

HU166 International Hunter Derby

1. For full specifications see www.ushja.org.
2. The USHJA International Hunter Derby may only be offered at Federation licensed Premier competitions, National competitions which meet or exceed the competition standards of a Premier rating, but do not meet the prize money and/or horse entry standard requirements of a Premier rating and competitions that have been approved for a Special Competition status. The competition Steward must verify in their report to the Federation that the National competition met all other requirements of a Premier competition. Classes included in the member event series to be determined annually by USHJA.
3. National bonus points will be awarded 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. Horses declared in Open Sections will also be awarded the value of their money won for the declared hunter section (exception: Green Conformation Hunter 3’6” and High Performance Conformation Hunter). National bonus points may not be credited toward the HOTY awards for the Green Conformation Hunter 3’6” or the High Performance Conformation Hunter. The point structure will be as follows:

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

4. Riders, owners, and trainers must be current Active members of USEF and USHJA before the start of the class. Horses must be recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA. Exception: Foreign residents and horses in good standing with their National Federation are eligible to compete in this class. However the points and/or money won will not count for any USEF or USHJA standings or awards unless they are also members of USEF and USHJA, and the horse is recorded with USEF and registered with USHJA. (See GR901.9).
5. The prize money offered in this class does not count to determine the overall rating of the competition. Exception: Premier rated competitions see HJ119

6. Points - USHJA International Hunter Derby Championship

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

HU167 USHJA National Hunter Derby

For full class specifications see www.ushja.org. USHJA National Hunter Derby may be offered at USEF Licensed Premier, National, Regional I or Regional II Competitions and at Competitions approved for a Special Competition Status.

1. Management may choose to offer a second USHJA National Hunter Derby restricted to Juniors and Amateurs. In this case, horses may compete in either class but may not cross enter between the two.
2. The same pony may not compete in the USHJA Pony Hunter Derby and the USHJA National Hunter Derby at the same competition.
3. At Premier or National rated competitions, or competitions approved for Special Competition status, zone HOTY points will be awarded as follows:

| | | |
|------|---|----|
| 1st | – | 75 |
| 2nd | – | 60 |
| 3rd | – | 54 |
| 4th | – | 45 |
| 5th | – | 38 |
| 6th | – | 30 |
| 7th | – | 23 |
| 8th | – | 15 |
| 9th | – | 10 |
| 10th | – | 7 |
| 11th | – | 5 |
| 12th | – | 3 |

4. At Regional I or Regional II rated competitions, zone HOTY points will be awarded as follows:

| | | |
|------|---|----|
| 1st | – | 50 |
| 2nd | – | 40 |
| 3rd | – | 35 |
| 4th | – | 30 |
| 5th | – | 25 |
| 6th | – | 20 |
| 7th | – | 15 |
| 8th | – | 10 |
| 9th | – | 7 |
| 10th | – | 5 |
| 11th | – | 3 |
| 12th | – | 2 |

5. The money won and points won in the USHJA National Hunter Derby will only be awarded towards a declared Hunter section for Zone HOTY points if a horse competes in the declared section a minimum of 1 time during the competition year. National HOTY points will not be awarded.

6. Money won will be awarded for a USHJA National Hunter Derby as determined by USHJA.

7. Prize Money must be distributed in accordance with the official USHJA Class Specifications at www.ushja.org.

8. Riders, owners and trainers must be current active members of the Federation and USHJA to participate in this class. (See GR202). Horses and ponies must be registered with the USHJA to participate in this class. Exception: Foreign residents and horses and ponies in good standing with their National Federation are eligible to compete in this class. Money won in a USHJA National Hunter Derby will only count for any USHJA National Hunter Derby program standings or awards if the rider, owner and trainer are current Active member of the Federation and USHJA and the horse is registered with USHJA. USHJA Zone Horse of the Year bonus points will only be awarded for placing in a USHJA National Hunter Derby if the owner is a current Active member of the Federation and USHJA and the horse is recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA. For additional information and Zone residency requirements see GR1110 and GR1111.

9. The same horse may not compete in the USHJA National Hunter Derby and International Hunter Derby at the same competition.

HU168 USHJA Green Hunter Challenge

For full class specifications see www.ushja.org. USHJA Green Hunter Challenge may be offered at Federation Licensed Premier, National, Regional I or Regional II Competitions and at Competitions approved for a Special Competition Status.

1. USHJA Green Hunter Challenge is open to horses of any age eligible under Federation rules to compete in the Green Hunter 3' or 3'3".

2. National and Zone HOTY points for a USHJA Green Hunter Challenge will count toward the Green hunter 3'0" or 3'3" section and will be awarded as follows:

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, National and Zone HOTY points will be awarded as follows: 1st-40, 2nd-32, 3rd-28, 4th-24, 5th-20, 6th-16, 7th-12, 8th-10, 9th-8, 10th-6, 11th-4 and 12th-2.

b. For a USHJA Green Hunter Challenge which is held as separate two round class, National and Zone HOTY points will be awarded for a as follows: 1st-80, 2nd-64, 3rd-56, 4th- 48, 5th- 40, 6th-32, 7th-24, 8th-20, 9th-16, 10th-12, 11th-8 and 12th-4.

4. Money won will be awarded for a USHJA Green Hunter Challenge as determined by USHJA.

5. Riders, owners and trainers must be current Active members of Federation and USHJA to participate in this class. (See GR202). Horses must be registered with the USHJA to participate in this class. Exception: Foreign residents and horses in good standing with their National Federation are eligible to compete in this class.
 - a. National and Zone Horse of the Year points will only be awarded for placing in a USHJA Green Hunter Challenge if the owner is a current Active member of the Federation and USHJA, the horse is recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA. For additional information and Zone residency requirements see GR1110 and GR1111.

HU169 USHJA Green Hunter Incentive

1. For full class specifications see www.ushja.org.
2. The USHJA Green Hunter Incentive Stake class may be held at any USEF Premier, National, Regional I or Regional II rated hunter competition, or competitions that have been approved for a Special Competition status.
3. Open to horses of any age that are eligible to compete as a Green Hunter under Federation rules. Horses must be enrolled in the USHJA Green Hunter Incentive Program prior to competing in a Green Hunter Incentive Stake class. Additionally, horses must be registered with USHJA and recorded with USEF to participate.
4. The USHJA Green Hunter Incentive classes will count toward National and Zone HOTY points or money won awards.
5. Money won will be awarded for a USHJA Green Hunter Incentive class as determined by USHJA.

HU170 USHJA PONY HUNTER DERBY

1. For full specifications see www.ushja.org.
2. A USHJA Pony Hunter Derby may be offered at Federation licensed Premier, National, Regional I and Regional II rated competitions or competitions that have been approved for a Special Competition classification.
3. Riders, owners, and trainers must be current Active members of the Federation and USHJA to participate in this class. Ponies must be registered with USHJA to participate in this class. Exception: Foreign residents and ponies in good standing with their National Federation are eligible to compete in this class.
 - a. Points earned in a USHJA Pony Hunter Derby will only count for any USHJA Pony Hunter Derby program standings or awards if the rider, owner and trainer are current Active members of the Federation and USHJA, and the horse is registered with USHJA.
 - b. National and Zone HOTY bonus points will only be awarded for placing in a USHJA Pony Hunter Derby if the owner is a current Active member of the Federation and USHJA and the horse is recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA.
4. 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. National HOTY points will be awarded for the overall placings as follows:

| | | |
|------|---|----|
| 1st | – | 75 |
| 2nd | – | 60 |
| 3rd | – | 54 |
| 4th | – | 45 |
| 5th | – | 38 |
| 6th | – | 30 |
| 7th | – | 23 |
| 8th | – | 15 |
| 9th | – | 10 |
| 10th | – | 7 |
| 11th | – | 5 |
| 12th | – | 3 |

Zone HOTY points will be awarded for the overall placings as follows:

| | | |
|------|---|----|
| 1st | – | 50 |
| 2nd | – | 40 |
| 3rd | – | 35 |
| 4th | – | 30 |
| 5th | – | 25 |
| 6th | – | 20 |
| 7th | – | 15 |
| 8th | – | 10 |
| 9th | – | 7 |
| 10th | – | 5 |
| 11th | – | 3 |
| 12th | – | 2 |

HU171 International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake

1. For full class specifications see www.ushja.org

1. A USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake may only be offered at Federation licensed competitions that have been approved for a Special Competition classification and have also been approved to host a USHJA International Hunter Derby.

2. USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake must be offered and run in accordance with official class specifications located at www.ushja.org, including but not limited to:

- a. Remitting the per horse entrant fee
- b. Distribution of prize money

4. Riders, owners, and trainers must be current Active members of the Federation and USHJA to participate in this class. Horses must be recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA to participate in this class. Exception: Foreign residents and horses in good standing with their National Federation are eligible to compete in this class.

- a. Money won in a USHJA IHD Welcome Stake will only count for any USHJA International Hunter Derby program standings or awards if the rider, owner and trainer are current Active members of the Federation and USHJA, and the horse is recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA.
- b. National HOTY points and money won will only be awarded for placing in a USHJA IHD Welcome Stake if the owner is a current Active member of the Federation and USHJA and the horse is recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA.

5. National bonus points will be awarded 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. Horses declared in Open Sections will also be awarded the value of their money won for the declared hunter section (exception: Green Conformation Hunter 3'6" or the High Performance Conformation Hunter. National bonus points may not be credited toward the HOTY awards for the Green Conformation Hunter 3'6" or the High Performance Conformation Hunter. The point

structure will be as follows:

| | | |
|------|---|----|
| 1st | – | 50 |
| 2nd | – | 40 |
| 3rd | – | 35 |
| 4th | – | 30 |
| 5th | – | 25 |
| 6th | – | 20 |
| 7th | – | 15 |
| 8th | – | 10 |
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HU172 USHJA Pony Breeding Championship

1. USHJA at its discretion may choose to conduct an East and/or West Coast Pony Hunter Breeding Championship(s).
 - a. The USHJA Pony Hunter Breeding Championship(s) must be run in accordance with official championship specifications located at www.ushja.org.
 - b. Handlers, riders, owners, and trainers must be current Active members of the Federation and USHJA on or before the first day of the competition.
 - c. Ponies must be recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA on or before the first day of the competition.
 - d. Zone HOTY bonus points will be awarded for the USHJA Pony Hunter Breeding Championship(s) as determined by USHJA.

HU173 Hunter Classics

1. Any Premier, National, Regional I or 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 HU173 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. Exception: The Adult Amateur Hunter Classic, Children's Pony Hunter Classic and Children's Hunter 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" 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” 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 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 is not required to offer prize money). At Regional I and Regional II competitions, in sections with a “B” or “C” 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 is 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, Regional I and Regional II competitions, when a Hunter Classic is conducted as a separate two round class, the minimum prize money offered 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 HU133).
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.

Appendix A. USEF Hunter Schooling Rules

1. Schooling is permitted in accordance with GR834, GR835, GR837 and HU Appendix A.
2. Schooling areas for hunters must contain adequate standards, jump cups and rail and hunter-type rails to make a minimum of a trotting fence, a vertical and an oxer.
3. At Premier Hunter Competitions, the use of FEI Approved Safety Cups to support the back rails of all spread obstacles in all warm-up/schooling areas is mandatory. In National and below Hunter Competitions FEI approved safety cups are strongly recommended however, when FEI approved safety cups are not available, cups with breakable pins, such as wooden dowels, must be used. After December 1, 2019, FEI approved safety cups will be mandatory in all warm-up/schooling areas.
4. The use of any device with ear bud(s) while mounted is prohibited in all hunter schooling areas.
5. It is important to remember that all exercise areas are different in size, type of footing, and jump material provided. Furthermore, the ability of the horse and rider must always be taken into consideration as well when deciding what is permitted and not permitted during preparation.
6. In the schooling/exercise areas during the preparation before competition, a minimum of one vertical and one oxer must be provided. The ground must be in good condition. Management must provide sufficient obstacle material. The jumping area should be large enough to provide sufficient room for the training.
7. Obstacles may be flagged, in which case they must be jumped in the proper direction. The Steward, and/or Schooling Supervisor should decide if the flags may be interchanged.
8. No one may hold a rail or touch a standard while it is being jumped.
9. All rails must be either in cups or totally on the ground (exception: one end of a cross rail may rest on the ground). Rails must be able to fall easily when hit.
10. If a rail is placed on the edge of a cup it must be placed on the far side of the cup, and is only allowed at an oxer if it does not cause the front rail to be higher than the back rail (i.e. offset).
11. Walk rails may be no higher than 12" at the highest point. A walk rail may be parallel to the ground with both ends in cups, or may have one end resting on the ground. Cross rails are NOT allowed. Ground rails are NOT permitted. Horses will approach and depart in a straight line only and may NOT be turned.
12. There may never be more than two (2) rails on the back of an oxer, with the lower rail equal in height to the lowest rail on the front of the oxer. If the oxer is flagged so that it may only be jumped in one direction, there may only be one (1) rail on the back.

13. Ground lines are not mandatory, however if they are used they must be placed either directly below the front of the jump or up to 1 m (3'3") out. If a ground line is used on the landing side of a jump, there must be one on the take off side, and it may not be any further out than the one on the take off side. If an oxer is flagged so it may only be jumped in one direction, the ground line is only permitted on the front of the oxer.
14. If a trot, canter or placement rail is used, it may not be used at a jump higher or wider than 1.30m (4'3"). If used on the take-off side, it may not be closer than 2.50m (8'2"). If used on the landing side of a vertical, it may be no closer than 3.0m (9'10"). If used on the landing side of an oxer, it may be no closer than 20' from the back rail of the oxer.
15. If guide rails are used on the landing side of a jump, the closest part of the rail must be a minimum of 3 m (9'10") from the jump. The schooling supervisor may allow a shorter distance for ponies.
16. A cross rail may be made either by itself, in which case it may not exceed 1.30 m (4'3") in height, or be below a rail at a vertical, or the front of an oxer.
17. Swedish Oxers are permitted with the following stipulations: a) no more than a 6" height difference (low to high points) for ponies, and b) no more than an 18" height difference (low to high points) for horses.
18. If an item (blanket, cooler, etc.) is laid over the rail of an oxer, it may be laid over the front rail. If there is more than one rail on the front of the oxer, the item may be laid over any of those rails.
19. The use of materials which proves dangerous is forbidden.
20. If space and available material allows and safety conditions permit, combinations may be built using correct distances. Bounce jumps may only be used with verticals and may not exceed 1.10m (3'7") in height.
22. Any action deemed not in the best interest of the horse will not be allowed.
23. The schooling supervisor's decision, after consultation with the Senior Steward, or an official competition steward's decision regarding schooling fences, or tack and equipment in the warm-up area is final.
24. The total maximum weight of equipment allowed to be added to a horse's leg, front or hind (single or multiple boots, fetlock rings, etc), is 500 grams or 17.637 ounces (shoe excluded). Failure to comply with this paragraph will incur disqualification.