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

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

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

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

#### **TYPES**

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

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

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

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

HJS apply only to the H/J portions of a multi-breed competition and are not applicable to breed restricted competitions.
4. Standards Application.
  - a. All hunter competitions fall into one of the following classifications: Premier ("AA"), National ("A"), or Regional ("B").
  - b. All jumper competitions fall into one of the following classifications: Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, Level 4, Level 5 or Level 6.

For purposes of this chapter, hunter and jumper competitions are considered a single discipline and subject to the same HJS or Basic Standards where applicable.
5. HJS and Basic Competition License Renewal & Fines.

Standards are used as part of the evaluation process for the licensing of competitions. Failure to achieve and to maintain required Standards will be considered a major factor in the decision to renew or not renew a license and/or a rating. Unless the violation of HJS is intentional and/or is related to horse and human safety and welfare no fines relating to HJS standards will be assessed, other than those fines specified in the Federation rules (i.e. Sharps containers \$100 and et cetera).
6. Exemptions from HJS.

A single competition may receive a one-time specific exemption by the Federation for application of the HJS due to unforeseen and/or extenuating circumstances (see ring size exemption provision HJ 102). Exemptions are not permanent and do not modify the requirement to meet the HJS in the future.
7. Other References.

In addition to the requirements set forth in this chapter, additional rules relating to Federation hunter and jumper competitions are located in other chapters of the Federation rule book specifically, GR, HU, EQ, AND

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **HJ103 Definitions**

1. Definitions.
  - a. Rated Hunter competitions are classified as Premier ("AA"), National ("A") or Regional ("B"). Stand-alone International Hunter Derby competitions are a sub-type of the premier hunter rating (see HJ114)
  - b. Jumper competitions are designated as Levels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 based upon prize money. See JP104.
  - c. Rated competitions offering hunter only, or both hunter and jumper will be subject to HJS set forth under the Premier, National or Regional hunter rating.
  - d. HJS for a jumper only competition will be:
    1. Standards set forth under Premier ("AA") required for Jumper Levels 5 and 6
    2. Standards set forth under National ("A") required for Jumper Levels 3 and 4
    3. Standards set forth under multi-day Regional ("B") required for Jumper Level 2
    4. Standards set forth under one-day Regional ("B") required for Jumper Level 1
  - e. Federation Special competitions or Jumper Level 6 competitions may be subject to a Federation approved waiver (GR309) or other modification of a portion of the Standards (including HJS), in connection with the Special competition approval.

2. Whenever two (2) Standards are applicable to a competition, the entire competition is to achieve the highest Standard applicable to any portion of the competition.
3. For multi-breed competitions (see HJ100.3) which contain hunter and/or jumper sections, and for local competitions when operating within an existing rated hunter and/or jumper competition, the highest applicable HJS for any portion of the hunter and/or jumper competition is to be applied to the entire hunter and/or jumper discipline sections only.
4. All competitions must state their competition rating and/or level clearly on the cover of the prize list.

## **HJ104 HJS Competition Standards Horse Entry & Renewal**

1. Number of Horse Entries Required for HJ Competition Rating.
2. No minimum horse entry number is required to achieve the rating for jumper competitions. Prize money is the alternative criteria required for a jumper rating. See JP104
3. Competitions restricted to only conducting Breeding classes are exempt from the Horse Entry standard requirement.
4. Two day National Junior/Amateur restricted competitions will have a Horse Entry Number requirement of fifty (50). Competitions which utilize only one (1) competition ring or which offer only hunter and equitation classes (no jumper classes) will have a Horse Entry Number requirement as follows: Premier – seventy-five (75), National – fifty (50). There is no Horse Entry Number requirement for a Regional competition.
5. Rating and Horse Entry Numbers.  
(See HJ108 for additional HJS requirements)  
Required number of Horse Entries for Regular competition Classification rated hunter or hunter/jumper are:
  - a. Number of horse entries required for a Premier rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of two hundred (200).
  - b. Number of horse entries required for a National rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of seventy-five (75).
  - c. There is no minimum number of horse entries required for Regional rated hunter or HJ competition.
  - d. For the required number of hunter classes per rating for hunter sections see GR312.6.
6. Horse Entry Number Determination and License Renewal Requirements.  
The HJS Horse Entry Number (HJ104) is based on the number of horses entered as determined by drug fees paid for the prior year. Horses used in equitation classes are included in the number of horses entered.
7. New Competition or New Rating Horse Entry Requirement.  
During the first three (3) years of a competition, the minimum number of horse entries is determined based upon the minimum number of horse entries required for the rating applied for by the Licensee and approved by the Federation. During one (1) of the first three (3) years for a competition that is new, or for a competition that is held at a new rating, the minimum Horse Entry Number (HJ104) for the competition must be achieved.
8. Renewal Competition Horse Entry Number Rating Requirements.
  - a. For competitions with three (3) or more years of operation, a competition License may be renewed if they have achieved the HJS Horse Entry Number in at least two (2) of the last three (3) years. The License renewal may be delayed until the completion of the last competition of the existing License, if it is in the best interest of the competition to achieve the HJS Horse Entry Number required for renewal. The other HJS that are applied to a competition must be achieved every year in order to maintain the Rating/Level.
  - b. If the required minimum HJS Horse Entry Number is not achieved during the period set forth, then the competition will be provided with a License at a lower rating consistent with the Horse Entry Numbers achieved. The Licensee may continue to conduct a competition at the same location and on the same dates at the new Rating and/or Level in accordance with HJ104 and subject to achieving other HJS required for the Rating or Level.
9. Renewal License Request at a Higher HJS Horse Entry Number Requirement. Any higher rating for a competition may only occur upon application by the Licensee and approval of the Federation in accordance with established license procedures. When a competition is approved to receive a license for a higher rating

they must conduct at least three (3) competitions at the new rating before they may again apply for a higher rating.

10. Renewal License Request at a Lower HJS Horse Entry Number or Other HJS Requirement. If the competition Licensee is not able to, or does not wish to, meet the applicable HJS to continue their current rating, the Licensee may request and receive a License at a lower rating, subject to meeting the applicable HJS for the new rating and Federation approval.

11. Renewal License Process Review.

The Federation, in its sole discretion, may determine that a competition has been adversely affected in the competitions ability to achieve the HJS as a result of an unforeseen or unavoidable occurrence. If this unusual occurrence adversely impacts the number of horses entered in the competition, the Federation will not consider the affected competition year in determining renewal rating eligibility. In order for the Federation to make their determination, facts must be reported in writing by competition management to the Federation Competitions Department prior to the earlier of the third day or end of writing by competition management to the Federation Competitions Department prior to the earlier of the third day or end of the licensed competition. Unforeseen or unavoidable occurrences may include Acts of God. The Federation, in its sole discretion, may audit competitions to determine that they are faithfully compliant with the HJS Horse Entry Number Requirement. If a competition is found to be non-compliant due to inclusion of inaccurate information in the competition report or other reports to the Federation, Licensee is subject to immediate revocation of all licenses.

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

US Equestrian Minimum Requirements for Hunter Jumper Competitions

### **HJ105 Safety and Welfare**

1. Definitions

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

- b. Mileage to nearest Level 1 Trauma Center.
- 3. In addition to the requirements of GR845, Federation licensed competitions with Hunter, Hunter Breeding, Jumper and/or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes not restricted by breed must do the following:
  - a. Competition management is responsible for ensuring that all appropriate competition officials and competition staff including but not limited to Safety Coordinator, Medical Personnel, In-gate Starters, Licensed Officials, Announcers, Technical Coordinator, Stable Manager, Veterinarian, are provided a written copy of the accident preparedness plan and isolation protocol for horses, prior to the commencement of duties.
  - b. In addition to the requirements of GR1034 the Steward shall submit a copy of the accident preparedness plan signed by the Competition Manager, Safety Coordinator, and Medical Personnel, to the Federation along with their Steward's report.
- d. USEF Safe Sport Information Signage: Signage provided by USEF detailing information regarding USEF SafeSport practices and reporting procedures must be posted in the show office.
- e. Veterinarian:
  - 1. The official competition veterinarian must be on grounds or on call with a contractual written agreement stating that the veterinarian will be on the grounds or on call during the competition. The contractual agreement must be signed by competition management and the veterinarian who will be on duty. A veterinarian is required on grounds if the competition meets the following criteria and/or rating:
    - a. All Premier rated and/or Jumper Level 5/6 competitions;
    - b. A competition in which the previous year's horse entry number exceeds 200 (HU115 and JP105.5); or
    - c. A first-year multi-day competition with Premier or National rated sections.
  - 2. If required on site based on rating, the official competition veterinarian must be provided with a clean area that is protected from the elements and secured from public view to serve as a first aid station or emergency treatment area of ill and injured horses. The first aid area must be lighted, supplied with electricity and running water, and large enough to provide a suitable and safe working environment. See GR1211.5 for additional requirements.
  - 3. An owner or trainer may utilize a veterinarian of their choice without being subjected to an additional fee from the competition for doing so.
- f. Farrier: If required on-site based on rating, the official competition farrier must be provided with a clean area protected from the elements with a level surface. The farrier area must be lighted, supplied with electricity and access to water, and large enough to provide a suitable and safe working environment.
  - 1. An owner or trainer may utilize a farrier of their choice without being subjected to an additional fee from the competition for doing so.
- g. Human Ambulance: A medical vehicle used to respond to medical emergencies and to transport medical patients to the hospital for treatment. Emergency medical service calls must be placed in accordance with applicable local Health Department statutes and regulations.
- h. Qualified Medical Personnel: At Premier rated and/or Jumper Level 5 or higher competitions, at least one of the required qualified medical personnel must be a paramedic. See GR847 for additional medical personnel requirements.
- i. Emergency Horse Transport: An operational vehicle with a designated driver dedicated to the transportation of equines on and/or from the property in the instance of an equine injury or emergency. If the horse ambulance consists of a trailer, the trailer must be sized for horses, equipped with a ramp, and properly attached to an operational towing vehicle with a designated driver throughout the competition.
- j. Automated External Defibrillator (AED): An automated external defibrillator (AED) must be operable and placed in a designated, safe location. All qualified medical personnel must be informed of the AED's location prior to the start of competition.
- k. Privacy screen: Portable screen(s) or curtain(s) that can be assembled during an emergency with the purpose of creating privacy for an injured horse or rider. A privacy screen must be opaque to afford total privacy from spectators and should be sized to adequately cover an area large enough for a prostrate

horse, the treating veterinarian or medical doctor, and any other required emergency personnel. Privacy screens must be readily accessible and located in close proximity to the competition arenas. Use of privacy screens is at the discretion of Competition Management, veterinary, and/or medical staff.

## 2. Minimum Requirements



<b>Minimum Requirements to Obtain Rating</b>	<b>Jumper I</b>	<b>One-Day Regional (“B”)</b>	<b>Multi-Day Regional (“B”) Jumper 2</b>	<b>National (“A”) Jumper 3/4</b>	<b>Premier (“AA”) Jumper 5/6</b>
<b>Potable Water</b>	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
<b>Restrooms</b>	1 per 50 horses entered	1 per 50 horses entered	1 per 50 horses entered	1 per 50 horses entered	1 per 50 horses entered
<b>Accident Preparedness</b>	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
<b>Safe Sport Information Signage</b>	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
<b>Veterinarian (GR1211.5, HU114 and JP105.5)</b>	On call with written agreement unless: 1) previous year’s horse entry number exceeds 200	On call with written agreement; for exception see HJ105.1e	On call with written agreement; for exception see HJ105.1e	On call with written agreement; for exception see HJ105.1e	Onsite with written agreement
<b>Farrier (GR1211.6)</b>	On call with written agreement	On call with written agreement	On call with written agreement	Onsite for entire competition	Onsite for entire competition
<b>Human Ambulance (GR847)</b>	On call	On call	On call	On call	On call
<b>Qualified Medical Personnel (GR847)</b>	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required - at least one must be a paramedic
<b>Emergency Horse Transport</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Onsite for entire competition
<b>AED</b>	n/a	Required	Required	Required	Required
<b>Privacy Screens</b>	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required

## HJ106 Riding and Lunging Areas.

1. Riding or lunging may not occur in a riding or lunging area that has been closed for use. Lunging is not permitted in the same area in which horses are being ridden; riding is not permitted in the same area in which horses are being lunged. The prize list must specify the dimensions of each riding and lunging area at the facility.
2. Definitions.
  - a. **Competition Ring:** An area designated with signage and a barrier, with a gate or space for entry and exit, on competition grounds where classes are held for competition of hunters and/or jumpers. All competitions must provide a minimum of one dedicated competition ring. Competition rings may be utilized as an exercise, lunge, or schooling area when not being used for its primary purpose if the ring meets the sizing requirements for each area.
  - b. **Main Competition Ring:** The main competition ring is defined as a competition ring for hunters and/or jumpers which takes priority scheduling over all other competition rings, or holds the class with the largest amount of prize money, and has designated seating for spectators and riders. If one competition ring (defined above) is provided, it will serve as the main competition ring.
  - c. **Schooling Area or Warm-up Area:** A designated area on the competition grounds in which horses are being prepared to compete. A schooling area is required to be designated with signage and on the facility map for each competition ring, and located in close proximity to the competition ring it serves. All horses in the schooling area or warm-up area must have its show number attached to the horse or the individual riding or handling. Any horse without its correct number will be asked to leave the area. Premier competitions must offer a separate schooling area for hunters, jumpers and ponies if running concurrently. At all other ratings, it is recommended that separate schooling arenas be provided for hunters. A separate schooling area and jumps should also be provided for ponies. Schooling areas must be available one hour prior to the start of the first scheduled class until the end of the last scheduled class in the competition ring for which the schooling area is designated. When utilizing an indoor ring as a competition ring, the competition may use schooling breaks between sections within the competition schedule for each day to comply with this Standards requirement. Schooling areas for hunters must contain adequate standards, jump cups and hunter-type rails to make a minimum of a trotting fence, a vertical and an oxer. See also HU Appendix A.
  - d. **Exercise Area:** A designated area on the competition grounds in which horses at the competition may be exercised, or lessons may be held, both on the flat and over fences. All horses in the exercise area must have its show number attached to the horse or the individual exercising. Any horse without its correct number will be asked to leave the area.
  - e. **Lunging Area:** An area designated on the competition grounds that is used to safely lunge horses on the flat only. All horses being lunged in the designated lunging area, or anywhere else on show grounds, must have its show number attached to the horse or the individual lunging. Any horse without its correct number will be asked to leave the area.
  - f. **Lighting:** Lighting must provide full and complete visibility for a safe working environment for horses and personnel if competition rings, schooling areas, exercise areas, and lunge areas are open for use between sunset and sunrise. Horses cannot be required to be exhibited in the competition ring or schooled in the designated schooling areas before sunrise or after sunset unless lighting in accordance with GR 834.2 is provided that assures full and complete visibility.
  - g. **A Judge's Site or Judge's Booth:** A judge's site must offer climate appropriate protection from adverse weather conditions, seating, and visibility of the area being judged. Judges' sites must be provided at each competition ring and all other judging locations.
  - h. **Footing:** The footing in all competition rings, schooling rings, exercise areas and lunge areas must be safe, consistent and appropriate for the intended use and type of competition. These areas must be properly maintained at least daily, and more often depending upon use and weather conditions. Plans and knowledgeable maintenance staff must be in place to monitor the safety of the footing in all riding and lunging areas. Competition licensee or manager must develop a tentative footing maintenance plan for all competition rings, schooling/warm-up areas, exercise areas, and lunging areas prior to and during competition. The maintenance plan should include the type of footing, planned maintenance for each area, weather contingencies, personnel and equipment, and any breaks in the schedule for maintenance.

1. Competition management is required to make appropriate efforts to maintain the best possible footing in competition, schooling, and exercise and lunge areas. Provisions must be made (by having on hand functioning proper equipment and scheduling sufficient breaks in the schedule) to maintain the footing in those areas throughout the competition by dragging, watering, and raking, if necessary.
  2. Water trucks, sprinklers, snow removal, or other climate appropriate system(s) must be used to address climate related conditions, including dust reduction for all riding and lunging areas.
  3. Horses are not permitted in riding and lunging areas while the areas are being serviced by motorized equipment.
- i. Competitor and Spectator Seating: Bleachers, benches, or chairs available adjacent to the main competition ring. Seating must be well-constructed, in good condition, and safe for use.
  - j. Shelter for Horses & Riders: At least one permanent or temporary structure with the capacity to comfortably and safely cover horses and riders and provide protection from sunlight and extreme temperatures. The shelters must be located adjacent to a schooling area or competition ring. Shelters must be well-constructed, in good condition, safe for use, and anchored securely to the ground in order to withstand wind.
  - k. Ring Staff: Jump crew must be assigned to each competition ring in which jumps are used, to replace fences that were knocked down, help with course setting, rake or tamp footing, and aid in the event of an accident or emergency. In-gate personnel must be assigned to each competition ring to ensure the competition runs on schedule and must be equipped with a legible schedule and entry list for each class.
3. Minimum Requirements to Obtain Rating

<b>Minimum Requirements to Obtain Rating</b>	<b>Jumper 1</b>	<b>One-Day Regional ("B")</b>	<b>Multi-Day Regional ("B") Jumper 2</b>	<b>National ("A") Jumper 3/4</b>	<b>Premier ("AA") Jumper 5/6</b>	<b>Additional Requirements for competitions that meet requirements of HJ108 Outdoor</b>	<b>Additional Requirements for competitions that meet requirements of HJ108 Indoor</b>
<b>Main Competition Ring</b>	n/a	n/a	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
<b>Competition Ring - 1 Outdoor</b>	20,000 sq. feet	20,000 sq. feet	24,000 sq. feet	28,000 sq. feet	28,000 sq. feet	n/a	n/a
<b>Competition ring - 1 Indoor</b>	14,000 sq. feet	14,000 sq. feet	16,000 sq. feet	18,000 sq. feet	20,000 sq. feet	n/a	n/a
<b>Designated Schooling Area for each Competition Ring</b>	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
<b>Schooling Area 1</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	45,000 sq. feet	30,000 sq. feet
<b>Exercise Area - 1 Outdoor</b>	Required	Required	16,000 sq. feet	20,000 sq. feet	24,000 sq. feet	Combined w/lunging area requirement	Combined w/lunging area requirement
<b>Exercise Area - 1 Indoor</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	18,000 sq. feet	18,000 sq. feet	n/a	n/a
<b>Lunging Area</b>	2,500 sq. feet	2,500 sq. feet	10,000 sq. feet	10,000 sq. feet	15,000 sq. feet	45,000 sq. feet + additional 10,000 sq. feet per 100 horses	30,000 sq. feet + additional 10,000 sq. feet per 100 horses
<b>Lighting</b>	Required if night or early morning classes are held	Required if night or early morning classes are held	Required if night or early morning classes are held	Required if night or early morning classes are held	Required if night or early morning classes are held		
<b>Judges' site</b>	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required		
<b>Footing</b>	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required		

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

## HJ107 Facilities.

### 1. Definitions

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

2. Overnight stabling, on the competition grounds, must be provided for any accepted and confirmed entry in a section held on multiple days that has requested and paid for the stall(s) by the closing date of entries. Subject to competition management approval, additional entries may be accepted without stalls with exhibitor prior consent.
- g. Public Address (PA) System: An electronic system comprising microphones and amplifiers used for the purpose of making announcements on competition grounds. The PA system must be audible and clear in all areas of the facility.
    1. Competition management must test all communication systems prior to the start of competition to ensure that each component is operable, charged, and offers clear and consistent communication in all areas of the facility. Faulty components must be repaired or replaced prior to the start of competition.
  - h. Portable Communication Devices: The following people must be equipped with an operable communication device, such as handheld transceivers or personal cell phones, during each licensed competition day
    1. All licensed officials;
    2. Main secretary(ies);
    3. Safety coordinator;
    4. At least one qualified medical employee;
    5. Competition manager and/or facility manager;
    6. The official on-site veterinarian, if applicable;
    7. The official on-site farrier, if applicable; and
    8. Anyone serving a role critical to the efficient operation of the competition.

If communication devices are provided by competition management, competition management must ensure that all communication systems are operable, charged, and offer clear and consistent communication in all areas of the facility. Faulty components must be repaired or replaced prior to the start of competition.
  - i. Night Watch: Security and monitoring service offered to exhibitors, which must be available to contract at an additional cost, for horses stabled on the grounds.
  - j. 24-Hour Facility Security: Security personnel in place to protect the facility against unauthorized entry and respond to emergencies.
  - k. Horse Wash Areas: A minimum of one horse wash area for each fifty (50) horses entered in the prior year must be available. Each horse wash area must have an operational water spigot, hose, and properly maintained drainage, so that water drains away from the wash area and stabling into a routed area or storm drain.
  - l. Competition Office & Staff: Office must be operated with enough staff to process workload in a timely manner. Office must keep current and accurate records of event participants, staff and officials, and contact information. The competition office must clearly state its hours of operation outside the office on each licensed day.
  - m. Results Posted: Results must be available at the show office or on the internet within four hours of the conclusion of the section.
  - n. Competition Website: The competition website must provide current information and resources applicable to the facility and competition, including prize list, entry form or access to online entry system, updated schedules, class entry numbers, competitor services, facility map, and any other relevant information useful to competitors and trainers.
  - o. Online Entry System: The online entry system must meet all requirements for USEF competition entries.
  - p. Electrical Outlets in Stabling: If provided, electrical outlets or receptacles must comply with applicable sections of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), National Electrical Code, National Electrical Safety Code, and state-adopted electrical codes.

- q. Separate Motor Vehicle and Horse Traffic: In high traffic areas, well-maintained paths must be in place throughout the facility that separate motor vehicles from horses and pedestrians and designated with legible signage.
  - r. Competitions requiring multiple stewards must offer each steward a safe means of motorized transportation. The rule only applies to competitions which utilize golf carts, either for competition staff or officials.
  - s. Drainage System: Drains must be in place at each stabling area and wash area so that water drains away from stabling into a routed area or storm drain. Each must be operable, safe, well-maintained, and cleared periodically, to prevent the accumulation of rain and ground water.
  - t. Food and Beverage Service: At least one staffed food and beverage service area must be available on the competition grounds. Hours of operation must be posted and announcements notifying exhibitors of closing times must be made at least one hour prior to closing.
2. Minimum Requirements to Obtain Rating



<b>Minimum Requirements to Obtain Rating</b>	<b>Jumper 1</b>	<b>One-Day Regional ("B")</b>	<b>Multi-Day Regional ("B") Jumper 2</b>	<b>National ("A") Jumper 3/4</b>	<b>Premier ("AA") Jumper 5/6</b>		
<b>Parking</b>	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required		
<b>Level Measurement Area (HJ131)</b>	Required if classes that require measurement are offered	Required if classes that require measurement are offered	Required if classes that require measurement are offered	Required if classes that require measurement are offered	Required if classes that require measurement are offered		
<b>Lighting in Stabling</b>	Required if stabling is offered	Required if stabling is offered	Required if stabling is offered	Required if stabling is offered	Required if stabling is offered		
<b>Waste Containment and Removal</b>	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required		
<b>Sharps Containers</b>	1 container per 50 occupied stalls or 1 container per 75 horses entered	1 container per 50 occupied stalls or 1 container per 75 horses entered	1 container per 50 occupied stalls or 1 container per 75 horses entered	1 container per 50 occupied stalls	1 container per 50 occupied stalls		
<b>Stabling</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required	Required		
<b>Public Address System</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required	Required		
<b>Portable Communication Devices</b>	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required		
<b>Night Watch</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required	Required		
<b>24 hour facility security</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required		
<b>Horse Wash Areas</b>	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required		

<b>Minimum Requirements to Obtain Rating</b>	<b>Jumper 1</b>	<b>One-Day Regional ("B")</b>	<b>Multi-Day Regional ("B") Jumper 2</b>	<b>National ("A") Jumper 3/4</b>	<b>Premier ("AA") Jumper 5/6</b>		
<b>Competition Office &amp; Staff</b>	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required		
<b>Minimum Requirements to Obtain Rating</b>	<b>Local Jumper 1</b>	<b>Regional II</b>	<b>Regional I Jumper 2</b>	<b>National Jumper 3/4</b>	<b>Premier Jumper 5/6</b>		
<b>Results Posted</b>	n/a	Required	Required	Required	Required		
<b>Competition Website</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required	Required		
<b>Online Entry System</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required		
<b>Electrical Outlets in Stabling</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required		
<b>Separate Motor Vehicle and Horse Traffic</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required if 500+ horses entered in previous year		
<b>Drainage System</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required	Required		
<b>Food/Beverage Service</b>	Required	Required	Required	Required - hot and cold	Required - hot and cold		

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **HJ109 Premier Rated Competitions**

1. Must be held and judged over a minimum of five (5) days on the same competition grounds.
2. Number of horse entries required for a Premier rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of two hundred (200).
3. A minimum of fifteen (15) Premier rated Hunter sections listed in GR312.6 must be offered.
4. A minimum of ten Premier rated hunter sections listed in GR312.6 must be held and judged. Ladies Side Saddle does not count towards these requirements.
5. Scheduling
  - a. A minimum of two performance classes from two different Premier rated Hunter sections must be scheduled and judged on four of the five days.
  - b. Classes in recognized sections must run on consecutive days. (Exception: Hunter Classics)
6. The High Performance Hunter section must be offered.
7. Prize Money

- a. A Premier rated competition must pay a minimum of \$75,000 in prize money in all rated hunter sections and classes (See GR312.6). If more than the minimum required is guaranteed, the guaranteed amount becomes the minimum required prize money payout. If an add-back is offered, the details must be provided in the prize list.
- b. Prize money from a section that did not fill and run may be reallocated in accordance with HJ116 to another section(s) that did fill.
- c. If sections are canceled or entries are insufficient to award all prize money, then additional money not awarded must be pooled and redistributed as follows:
  1. 60% of the pool to the champions of the rated hunter sections in which prize money was awarded, and
  2. 40% of the pool to the reserve champions of the rated hunter sections in which the prize money was paid.

Model classes do not count towards the number of required classes to meet the rating requirement, therefore the prize money offered in Model classes cannot be used to determine the amount of required prize money to calculate the Premier rating.

## **HJ110 National Rated Competitions**

1. Must be held and judged over a minimum of three days on the same competition grounds.
2. Number of horse entries required for a National rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of seventy-five (75).
3. A minimum of ten National rated hunter sections listed in GR312.6 must be offered.
4. A minimum of five National rated hunter sections listed in GR312.6 must be held and judged. Ladies Side Saddle does not count towards these requirements.
5. Scheduling
  - a. A minimum of two performance classes from two different National rated Hunter sections must be scheduled and judged on each of the three days.
  - b. Classes in recognized sections must be held on consecutive days (Exception: Hunter Classics)
6. The High Performance Hunter section must be offered.
7. Prize Money

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

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

Model classes do not count towards the number of required classes to meet the rating requirement, therefore the prize money offered in Model classes cannot be used to determine the amount of required prize money to calculate the National rating.

## **HJ111 National Rated Junior/Amateur Restricted Competitions**

1. Must be held on a minimum of two consecutive non-school days within the public school system, at the location of the competition, on the same competition grounds.
2. Two day National Junior/Amateur restricted competitions will have a Horse Entry Number requirement of fifty (50).
3. A minimum of six National rated Hunter sections listed in GR312.6 must be offered.
4. A minimum of three National rated hunter sections listed in GR312.6 must be held. Ladies side saddle does not count towards these requirements.
5. For scheduling see requirements for National Competitions (HJ110.5)

6. At Federation licensed Junior/Amateur competitions, the only rated Hunter sections that may be held are those which are restricted by definition to the participation of juniors and amateurs (example: Junior, Amateur, Children's, Adult and Pony). Exception: Pony Hunter Breeding and Hunter Breeding classes.
7. Prize Money
  - a. Minimum Prize Money paid- At National competitions restricted to Juniors and/or Amateurs, a minimum of \$3,000 and a maximum of \$74,999 in prize money, must be offered in the rated Hunter sections and classes. If more than the minimum required is guaranteed, the guaranteed amount becomes the minimum required prize money paid out.
  - b. If add backs are offered, the details must be provided in the prize list.
  - c. Prize money from a section that did not fill and run may be reallocated in accordance with HJ116 to another section(s) that did fill.
  - d. If sections are cancelled or entries are insufficient to award all prize money, then additional money not awarded must be pooled and redistributed as follows:
    1. 60% of the pool to the champions of the rated hunter sections in which prize money was paid, and
    2. 40% of the pool to the reserve champions of the rated hunter sections in which prize money was paid.

Model classes do not count towards the number of required classes to meet the rating requirement, therefore the prize money offered in Model classes cannot be used to determine the amount of required prize money to calculate the National rating.

## HJ112 Multi-Day Regional Rated Competitions

1. A multi-day Regional rated competition is limited to a maximum of three (3) days. The Federation may waive or amend the three-day restriction if circumstances warrant.
2. At least three (3) Regional rated Hunter sections must be offered. (Exception: competitions exclusively offering Hunter and/or Jumping Seat Equitation or Hunter Breeding classes).
3. No more than two (2) one-day Regional rated competitions or one (1) multi-day Regional competition may be held by the same licensee or any entity associated with the same licensee during any calendar week (Monday through Sunday). If the licensee is a business entity, this provision includes all persons listed as principals of the business entity. The Federation may waive or amend the restriction on the number of Regional rated competitions held in a calendar week if circumstances warrant.
4. Prize Money
  - a. At Multi-Day Regional competitions a minimum of \$0 and a maximum of \$24,999 in prize money, must be offered in the rated and miscellaneous hunter sections and classes. If more than the minimum required is guaranteed, the guaranteed amount becomes the minimum required prize money paid out.
  - b. If add backs are offered, the details must be provided in the prize list.
  - c. Prize money from a section that did not fill and run may be reallocated in accordance with HJ116 to another section(s) that did fill.
  - d. If sections are cancelled or entries are insufficient to award all prize money, then additional money not awarded must be pooled and redistributed as follows:
    1. 60% of the pool to the champions of the rated hunter sections in which prize money was paid, and
    2. 40% of the pool to the reserve champions of the rated hunter sections in which prize money was paid.

Model classes do not count towards the number of required classes to meet the rating requirement, therefore the prize money offered in Model classes cannot be used to determine the amount of required prize money to calculate the National rating.

## HJ113 One-Day Regional Rated Competitions

1. At least two (2) Regional rated sections must be offered. (Exception: competitions exclusively offering Hunter and/or Jumping Seat Equitation or Hunter Breeding classes).
2. No more than two (2) one-day Regional rated competitions, or one (1) multi-day Regional competition may be held by the same licensee any entity associated with the same licensee during any calendar week (Monday through Sunday). If the licensee is a business entity, this provision includes all persons listed as principals of the business entity. The

Federation may waive or amend the restriction on the number of Regional rated competitions held in a calendar week if circumstances warrant.

### 3. Prize Money

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

Model classes do not count towards the number of required classes to meet the rating requirement, therefore the prize money offered in Model classes cannot be used to determine the amount of required prize money to calculate the National rating.

## HJ114 Stand-alone International Hunter Derby Competitions

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

## HJ115 Cancellations

Rated sections with four (4) or more entries cannot be canceled.

## HJ116 Prize Money

Total Prize Money in Rated Hunter Sections

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

1. Prize money offered in the open sections must be awarded on an escalating scale related to the height of fences.
2. No more than 60% of the prize money in the required classes for Premier or National rated section may be offered on any one day when the division is held on two or more days, exception: Premier or National rated sections in which all required classes are held on one day. Prize money offered in Model classes at Premier rated competitions including add-back money, if any, in rated Hunter sections, does not count toward the minimum prize money required for a section's rating nor is it considered for purposes of determining 60% to be offered.
3. Prize money in all rated classes at all licensed competitions must be distributed as follows: a minimum of 30% for 1<sup>st</sup>, 22% for second, 15% for 3<sup>rd</sup>, with the balance to be distributed at competition management's discretion.
4. Ribbon winners must receive the applicable prize money offered for those placings.
5. If add backs are offered, the details must be provided in the prize list.
6. The following must be published in the competition prize list:
  - a. The total amount of hunter prize money being offered at the competition,
  - b. The minimum amount of guaranteed hunter prize money payout, and
  - c. The total amount of hunter prize money offered, guaranteed, and paid out by the competition in the prior year, unless the competition was not held.
7. The Federation may amend or waive the minimum required prize money payout if circumstances warrant.
8. Prize money offered in a section cannot be decreased if the section fills.
9. If a section does not fill and run, the prize money may be reallocated to another section(s) offered that does fill. However, the entry fee for the section where prize money was reallocated cannot be increased.

## **SUBCHAPTER HJ-5 SCHEDULING REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIFIC SECTIONS**

### **HJ117 General**

1. Premier or National rated Hunter sections may be held and judged on one or more days. If held on one day Premier or National sections are limited to a maximum of four classes per section (3 over fences and 1 under saddle). If held on two or more days, three to five performance classes must be offered (Exception: Pony Hunter and Junior Hunter sections).
2. Competitions cannot offer more than the required amount of classes in a rated hunter section. Model classes and Classics do not count toward the number of classes required, (Model classes must be offered in Premier or National rated Conformation sections in addition to the four or five required classes), therefore, they can be offered as additional classes. In addition, Model and Classics do not count towards the number of required classes to meet the rating requirement, therefore the prize money offered in Model and/or Classic classes cannot be used to determine the amount of required prize money to calculate the Premier rating. (Exception: see HJ110.7 and HJ111.7).
3. No more than three (3) classes in any Premier or National rated hunter section at a National or Premier rated competition may be held in one day if the section is held over two days. (Exception: Model classes in Green Conformation Hunter 3'6" and High Performance Conformation Hunter sections may be held as a fourth class. High Performance Hunter, Performance Hunter 3'6" and Performance Hunter 3'3" at National and Premier rated competitions and Pony Hunter sections at National rated competitions may be held on one day.)
  - a. At National and Premier rated competitions, classes in recognized sections must be run on consecutive days.
  - b. (Exception: hunter classics).

4. No more than five (5) classes in any rated hunter section at a multi-day Regional, National or Premier rated competition may be held.
5. No more than four (4) classes in any rated hunter section at a one-day Regional rated competition may be held.
6. At all Regular Competitions, an Under Saddle class cannot be the first performance class held in a section. (Exception: Ladies Hunter Side Saddle and un-rated sections).
7. A Model class must be offered as the first class in a Premier or National rated Conformation Section.
8. All Amateur Owner classes should be scheduled in as short a period of time as possible.

### **HJ118 Green Hunter Sections**

1. Premier competitions offering Green Hunter must offer 3'6" and 3'9" sections separately. They may also offer Green Hunter 3'0" and Green Hunter 3'3". If all four sections are offered, they must be offered separately:
2. Regional and National competitions may offer any or all of the Green Hunter sections either separately or combined.

### **HJ119 Young Hunter Sections**

1. Management may offer any or all of the Young Hunter sections either separately or combined.
2. Management may choose to offer any Young Hunter section concurrently with the Green Hunter section. See HU162.3 for conditions.

### **HJ120 Conformation Hunter Sections**

At Premier competitions, the Conformation sections must be offered separately. At National or Regional competitions, the Conformation sections may be offered as combined.

### **HJ121 Amateur Owner Hunter Sections**

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

### **HJ122 Junior Hunter Sections**

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



6. If a Model class is offered, it must be in addition to the minimum number of classes required for a section rating.

## HJ123 Pony Hunter Sections

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

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

## HJ124 USHJA Hunter Sections

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

## **SUBCHAPTER HJ-6 LIMITING ENTRIES**

### **HJ125 Limiting Entries at Hunter/Jumper Competitions**

1. A Federation member in good standing has the right to enter any Federation licensed Hunter, Jumper, and/or Hunter/Jumper competition and any division, section, or class for which they and their horse meet the eligibility requirements. (Exception: Management may refuse entries per GR914.)
  - a. Entries may be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis per GR907.1.
  - b. For competitions restricting entries in the Hunter division based on winnings, see HJ126
  - c. For competitions restricting entries in Jumper sections, see JP115.
2. Management may collect a mandatory membership fee for a particular class or events which are part of a league or series. Collection of a mandatory Participation fee for the entire competition must follow GR1210.12.
3. If a competition wishes to limit entries into a class or section that is part of a League or Series, it must award the qualifying classes to licensed competitions on an equal basis or apply to the Federation Board of Directors for approval to set requirements to hold qualifying classes.
4. National and Zone HOTY points will not be awarded to any class or section with restricted entries. (Exception: Competitions approved by the Federation Board of Directors per the process below.)
5. Any Licensed Competition wishing to have HOTY points awarded for a class or section where entries are restricted must submit an application to the Federation at least ninety (90) days prior to the start of the competition where entries are restricted. If the class or section is part of a League or Series the application must be submitted at least ninety (90) days prior to the start of the qualifying period for the League or Series. The Federation Board CEO may refer the application to the appropriate discipline or other committee for its recommendation regarding the application prior to the application and any recommendation being considered by the CEO.
6. The foregoing provisions do not apply to Federation or USHJA National Championships, qualifying events for Federation or USHJA National Championships, and any other events with selection criteria approved by the Federation Board of Directors

### **HJ126 Limiting Entries in the Hunter Division**

Hunter sections restricting entries based on winnings must use the Federation National Horse of the Year points or prize money won, whichever is applicable, as a means of qualification for the specified time period or, alternatively, must use the greatest number of Federation National Horse of the Year points won at a specified number of competitions within a specified time period. (Exception: Green Hunter 3'0", 3'3", 3'6", and 3'9", Young Hunter 3'0", 3'3", and 3'6", Green Conformation Hunter 3'6", High Performance Conformation Hunter, High Performance Hunter, Performance Hunter 3'6" and Performance Hunter 3'3" sections restricting entries based on winnings must accept 50% of the entries from the Federation National Horse of the Year points list and 50% of the entries from the Federation National Horse of the Year prize money won list. If an odd number of entries will be accepted, the Federation National Horse of the Year prize money won list will take precedence. The procedure for determining horses that qualify and their ranking will begin with the top placed horse on the Money Won standings list, then go to the top placed horse on the Points standings list, back to the second placed horse on the Money Won standings list, then on to the second placed horse on the Money Won standings list, continuing down both lists in that order until all available slots have been filled. If during this process a horse appears on either list that has already qualified, skip that horse and go instead to the next horse on the same list. Continue using this process until all slots are filled). Only points awarded in the particular section to count except in Amateur Owner, Adult Amateur, Children's Hunter, and Junior Hunter sections where points from both the younger and older sections shall be counted. If the Horse of the Year list has been exhausted and positions are still available, an alternate system may be used provided it has been published in the prize list or otherwise prior to the end of any specified time period. Whichever method is used, no other restrictive criteria can be imposed. The method chosen may be clearly stated. Management can allow the previous year's Champion and Reserve Champion or Champion to enter the section they were Champion or Reserve Champion in the previous year without qualifying. Management may allow the horse or pony that is leading for the respective Federation Zone Award in its Zone to enter that section.

## **SUBCHAPTER HJ-7 MEASUREMENT**

### **HJ127 General**

1. Horses or ponies competing in any division, section or class where height is a requirement must be measured. Measurements will be conducted in accordance with Subchapter HJ-7 Measurement.
2. Competition Management is required to check measurement cards for horses or ponies showing in divisions, sections, or classes where height is a requirement. Management shall not provide a back number to an animal entered in such sections unless the exhibitor or their agent is in possession of:
  - a. the original or a copy of a measurement card issued by the Federation.
  - b. a copy of a valid measurement form.
3. It is the responsibility of each owner to possess a valid measurement card for horses and ponies showing in divisions, sections or classes where height is a requirement.
4. Failure to comply with this rule by the owner, trainer or competition may result in disciplinary action.
5. Competition management may, at its discretion, confirm any of the foregoing information electronically with the Federation office.
6. All horses and ponies that are presented for measurement of any kind are subject to drug testing.
7. Measurements must be performed by a steward certified to measure and the official competition veterinarian. The official competition veterinarian must confirm the age of the horse or pony and that it was jogged and is serviceably sound. Upon the official competition veterinarian's verification of soundness, the steward's measurement is final. The steward shall sign the measurement form. A steward may not measure a horse or pony that is owned by a member of their family or by any of theirs or their family member's clients. (See GR1041.4)
  - a. Electronic reports of every measurement or attempt to measure must be submitted to the Federation together with the Steward's Report, or the steward may be subject to penalties per Chapter GR7.
  - b. The steward shall be either a steward officiating at the competition or a steward authorized in writing to conduct the measurement by the Federation CEO or their designee. The steward must be certified to measure. If the official competition veterinarian is not present at the competition, or not available when on call (see GR1211.5) the measurement may be conducted by a steward and a judge officiating at the competition, or another steward officiating at the competition; however, the measurement will be for the purposes of that competition only and no measurement card will be issued. Measurement forms will be submitted to the Federation, but will not be given to the owner. (Exception: Exhibitors will not be penalized by having points withheld for measurement forms that are incorrectly filled out by USEF stewards and/or competition management and/or competition veterinarians.
8. Stewards who perform measurements and other competition officials present who measure horses or ponies at a competition are responsible for their true measurement and must use the Federation approved measurement stick (See HJ130). The names of the measuring stewards will be displayed on the measurement card and they and other measuring officials may be subject to penalties per Chapter GR7 if it is subsequently determined that a measurement is incorrect.
9. Measurements are solely for the internal use of the Federation, its Licensed Competitions and its licensed officials in connection with competing for prizes, and do not constitute any representation or warranty regarding measurement information; accordingly, the Federation, its Licensed Competitions and its licensed officials make no representation and shall have no liability whatsoever for measurement errors.
10. Measurements must take place at a Licensed Competition in which the horse or pony is entered to compete. Once the pony or horse has been measured the measurement is effective whether or not the pony or horse does in fact compete; whether or not the pony or horse competes, it is also subject to drug testing.
11. Measurement forms received by the Federation that have inconsistencies or errors may be denied a measurement card at the discretion of the Federation. If the horse or pony is denied a measurement card, the Federation will notify the owner of the horse or pony and the horse or pony must be measured before they are eligible to show.

## HJ128 Required Measurements

1. A horse or pony must be measured each competition year until it reaches the age of six. Horses and ponies that are five years and under will be issued a Temporary Measurement card designating the year measured. Horses and ponies that are six years of age and over will be issued a Standard Measurement card which does not need to be renewed. Exception: Horses that measure 16.2 hands or over will receive a standard measurement card regardless of age. The Federation will invalidate a Standard Measurement card that does not comply with this rule.
  - a. Those horses and ponies that are measured (and for which a valid measurement form is received by the Federation office) in the month of December immediately preceding the calendar year in which they turn six years of age will be issued a Standard Measurement card that does not have to be renewed.
  - b. For ponies, with the exception of ponies under six years old, once a pony is issued a Standard Measurement card, a new card will not be issued unless the height of the pony is protested and upheld, or unless an appeal is made and the re-measurement results in the pony moving to a section other than that indicated on its current measurement card.
  - c. For horses, with the exception of horses under six years old, once a horse is issued a Standard Measurement card, a new card will not be issued unless the height of the horse is protested and upheld, or unless an appeal is made and the re-measurement results in the horse moving to a section other than that indicated on its current measurement card.
2. All horses and ponies issued a Standard Measurement card prior to December 1, 2014 are not required to be re-measured for a Standard Measurement card.
3. If an owner fails to present a valid measurement card or form or if Management cannot confirm the measurement electronically with the Federation at more than one (1) competition during the competition year an additional measurement fee will be charged by the Federation for each subsequent re-measurement necessary.

## HJ129 Membership Requirements and Fees

Before any animal is measured the person presenting the animal must have in their possession the owner's Federation and USHJA membership number.

## HJ130 Completing the Measurement Form

1. The measurement form must be filled out completely before measurement takes place. Measurement cards will not be issued if the form is not completely filled out and legible. Exhibitors are cautioned to make sure their measurement forms are filled out accurately and completely.
  - a. It must include the name and date of the competition, the height of the animal, name, color and markings or absence thereof, sex, year foaled which must be verified by the official competition veterinarian at time of measurement.
  - b. It must include the name and email address of the owner and their Federation membership number must be given.
  - c. **For sections or divisions requiring measurement (Hunter Ponies, Jumper Ponies, Junior Hunters, Welsh Ponies, and Equitation), a microchip must be scanned and identified by the competition steward or official veterinarian prior to measurement. This includes measurements for show purposes only. If multiple microchips are found, or the microchip scanned does not match the one on record with the Federation, this information must be included on the Measurement Form prior to submission. Competition management will be responsible for providing a working microchip scanner.**
  - d. **The owner, rider, trainer, or coach who has signed** the entry blank at the competition must furnish the above information immediately before the pony is measured, this individual is certifying that all information is complete and correct. **This individual must be a Federation Senior Active Member.** The form must be signed by the measurement official appointed to measure.
  - e. Disciplinary action pursuant to the Bylaws and GR7 may result for noncompliance with this Rule. If a horse or pony is presented for measurement by a person under the age of 18 and the measurement is submitted to the Federation office, the measurement will be invalid. The official completing the form must designate on the form

that the owner is a current member or that the membership has been applied for (See HJ128) and that the horse or pony is entered in a class at that competition. A copy is provided to the owner or trainer and a copy is submitted to the Federation.

- f. No changes can be made to such information once the form is signed. Any alterations, scratch outs, or rewrites to any part of the height must be clearly indicated and initialed by the measuring official.
2. Before an animal is measured for a measurement card, the animal must be jogged for soundness on a firm, level surface with the official competition veterinarian in attendance, and show no evidence of lameness. If found to be lame by the official competition veterinarian, said animal cannot show at that competition and no measurement may be conducted. If an animal whose height has been protested is found to be lame by the official competition veterinarian, the measurement card will be held by the Federation and the owners must request an appeal measurement in order to reinstate the card.
3. Federation officials will not perform "courtesy", "trial", or repeat measurements. Once a pony or horse is presented for measurement, the owner/agent must accept the resulting measurement.
4. The owner will receive a copy which, when properly signed by the steward who made the measurement, is valid for 45 days from the time the animal is measured, regardless of age.
5. Once a foal year has been submitted to the Federation office, the original date cannot be changed without a copy of the animal's breed registration papers or a signed statement from a veterinarian certifying the animal's age.

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### **HJ131 Measurement Device**

1. Federation Approved Measurement Stick.
2. A Federation approved measurement stick is a straight, stiff, unbendable stick that is equipped with a plumb bob or spirit level to make sure the standard is perpendicular to the ground and that the cross-piece or arm is parallel with the ground surface, and must be shod with metal. All Federation approved measurement sticks will be numbered, carry the Federation logo and the legend "Federation approved".

### **HJ132 Measurement Surface**

1. The measurement surface must be level and under no circumstances should animals be measured on dirt or gravel. A level concrete slab or other paved surface is required.
2. If the steward determines that a suitable surface is not available at a competition, animals without a measurement card or a valid measurement form may nonetheless be measured for the purpose of competing in that competition only, and no measurement form shall be given to the owner.
3. All Licensed Competitions having divisions, sections or classes requiring measurement are responsible for providing a Federation Approved Measurement stick and a suitable surface for measurements.

### **HJ133 Position of Animal**

1. The animal must stand squarely on all four feet in such a position that the front legs are vertical to the ground and the back of the hocks are in a vertical line with the point of the animal's quarters. The poll must be in the same horizontal plane as the withers and no lower and the head should be in a normal position.
2. A maximum of two handlers may present the animal for measurement and they must not interfere with the animal in any way that will prevent it from standing in this position nor may they have any direct physical contact with the animal that could influence the measurement, except that a handler may cover the animal's eyes.
3. The animal may be presented for measurement with or without shoes regardless of how it is shown.
4. Prior to presenting the animal for measurement it is the responsibility of the owner, and in their interest, to ensure that the pony or horse is handled properly, accustomed to the application of a measuring stick, and correctly pre- pared for measurement.
5. Exhibitors should make themselves familiar with the "Measurement Guidelines Brochure", which is available on the Federation website.

## HJ134 Method of Measurement

With the animal in the aforementioned position, measure the vertical distance from the highest point of the withers to the ground. The cross-piece, arm or bar of the measuring device must be placed over the highest point of the withers and no measurement taken at any other part of the animal's body will count. Additional pressure must not be applied to the cross-piece, arm or bar.

## HJ135 Re-Measurement

1. An owner may request a re-measurement of a horse or pony to a larger height section. Re-measurement may be done one time during a horse or pony's life.
2. Procedure:

The owner requests a re-measurement from the Federation by either letter or e-mail. The Federation issues a re-measurement permission letter to the owner. After consulting with the owner, the Federation will select the Measuring Steward and competition at which the re-measurement will take place. This letter is presented to the measuring steward at the competition. If the horse or pony measures into a larger height section, a copy of the measurement form will be given to the presenter and a new card will be issued to the owner. The original card will be invalidated by the Federation. If the horse or pony measures into a larger height section it immediately becomes eligible to show in that section. The Horse of the Year points received in the previous height section is forfeited for the current competition year. No penalties will be incurred by the original measuring steward or current trainer.
3. An owner of a horse or pony may request a re-measurement of a horse or pony to a lower height section. Re-measurement may be done one time during a horse or pony's life.
4. Procedure:
  - a. The owner requests a re-measurement from the Federation by either letter or email.
  - b. The re-measurement is conducted under the Measurement Appeal Rules (HJ138). Drug testing of the horse or pony may be required.
  - c. If the horse or pony measures into a smaller height section, a copy of the measurement form will be given to the presenter and a new card will be issued to the owner.
  - d. The original card will be invalidated by the Federation.
  - e. If the horse or pony measures into a smaller height section it will be ineligible to show in either section for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of the re-measurement. The horse or pony may compete in other divisions, sections or classes that do not have height as a requirement. The Horse of the Year points received in the previous height section is forfeited for the current competition year.
  - f. No penalties will be incurred by the original measuring steward or current trainer.

## HJ136 Protesting Height

1. An owner or trainer may protest the height of only one horse or pony competing in a class in which they are also competing. In order to be considered, the basis of a protest must be that a horse or pony has been issued a measurement card for a division or section that is lower than the height of the horse or pony.
2. A protest must be filed with the steward at least one hour prior to the end of the competition day on which the horse or pony is showing in a division, section or class requiring measurement.
3. The animal is required to be presented for measurement within one hour of the completion of the animal's last class on the day of the protest.
4. The animal may be presented for a protest measurement with or without shoes regardless of how shown.
5. Protest Results. If a horse or pony is found to be above the permitted height range that is determined by the animal's measurement card (e.g. Small Hunter Pony, Large Junior Hunter, etc.), the owner forfeits entry fees and winnings for that competition. All points accumulated for Horse of the Year and Zone Horse of the Year Awards to that date are forfeited. Said animal is suspended from competing in USEF Licensed Competitions for ninety (90) days from the date of the protest and a new measurement card will be issued to the owner at the end of the suspension period.

- a. The current trainer and the Steward who conducted the original measurement of a horse or pony that is found to measure above of the permitted height range that is determined by the horse or pony's measurement card may be subject to penalty by the Federation.
  - b. If the horse or pony remains in its current height section, the animal may continue to compete as before.
  - c. The decision of the measuring officials is final unless an appeal is filed with the Federation within fourteen (14) days (see HJ137).
6. If a competition's steward is unable to notify an exhibitor of a protest before the exhibitor leaves the competition grounds, the protest will become void, and the steward will refund the protest fee. If a competition's steward notifies an exhibitor of a protest of an animal's height, and the exhibitor leaves the grounds before the measurement can be conducted, the protest will be filed with the Federation and an official protest measurement will be set up at the owner's expense, before the animal is eligible to compete again.
  7. The measurement card, or valid measurement form of any animal that is found ineligible for the height section in which the animal was shown must be surrendered to the competition steward who must forward it to the Federation office with their report. If the owner is not in possession of the original measurement card at the time of the protest it is the owner's responsibility to surrender all measurement cards to the Federation Kentucky office within five (5) days of the protest.
  8. The decision of competition officials is final unless an appeal is filed with the Federation.
  9. Pony and Junior Hunter measurement protests.
    - a. The identity of the protestor will be revealed to the protestee by the competition steward. At the time the competition steward receives the protest, the competition steward will explain the protest measurement process to the parties involved and answer any questions. The competition steward will instruct the protestor and the protestee that any inappropriate behavior and/or communication between parties will result in disciplinary action.
    - b. When the animal is presented for measurement, only the following individuals may be present: The owner of the animal, two representatives/handlers of the animal being protested, the protestor, the competition veterinarian(s), the competition steward(s), and any representative of the Federation. At least one competition steward must be certified to measure and that steward will conduct the measurement.
    - c. If an animal is protested and found to be within its height section, the animal's height cannot be protested again for the remainder of the competition year.
  10. A new measurement card lowering a horse or pony's height may only be issued through the Appeal (HJ138) or Re-measurement (HJ135) process.

## **HJ137 Federation Measurement Verification**

1. The CEO of the Federation may, at their discretion, cause a measurement verification to be undertaken of any animal competing in a division, section or class requiring measurement at a Licensed Competition.
2. The animal is required to be presented to the steward within one hour of the completion of the animal's last class on the day of the measurement verification within the section requiring measurement. At that time, the animal will be measured or the presenter will inform the steward that the animal will be presented for an appeal measurement see HJ137. The animal's measurement card will be forfeited and the animal will be suspended from showing until it is presented for the appeal measurement. If the measurement verification is on the first day of the section, the animal may finish competing in the section or class requiring measurement. The animal will be photographed by the measurement technician on the left and right sides, front and back at the time the animal is tagged for measurement verification. The photographs will be used to verify the identity of the animal at the appeal measurement.
3. The animal may be presented to be jogged shod or unshod, prior to measurement.
  - a. If jogged with shoes, shoes may be removed after the jog but no changes to the hoof may occur prior to the measurement.
  - b. If jogged without shoes, all changes to the hoof must be done prior to the jog but no changes to the hoof may occur after the animal has been jogged.
4. The animal may not receive or ingest any substances other than hay and water until the measurement is complete.
5. The animal must be sound. The Official Show Veterinarian will determine age and soundness. If the animal is determined to be unsound, the measurement verification cannot be completed and the animal may not compete until an appeal measurement is completed.

6. A Steward appointed by the Federation will perform the measurement(s).
7. If an animal is found to be outside the permitted height range that is determined by the animal's measurement card by 1/4", the owner forfeits entry fees and winnings for that competition. All points accumulated for Horse of the Year and Zone Horse of the Year Awards to that date are forfeited. Said animal is suspended from competing in Federation Licensed Competitions for 90 days from the date of the measurement verification and a new measurement card will be issued to the owner at the end of the suspension period.
  - a. The current trainer and the Steward who conducted the original measurement of an animal that is found to measure outside of the permitted height range that is determined by the animal's measurement card may be subject to penalty by the Federation.
  - b. If the animal remains in its current height section, the animal may continue to compete as before.
  - c. The decision of the measuring officials is final unless an appeal is filed with the Federation within fourteen (14) days (see HJ137).
8. An animal may only be selected for a Federation Measurement Verification one time in each calendar year. Animals that are 15 years of age or older are not subject to Federation Measurement Verification.

## **HJ138 Measurement Appeal**

1. Conditions. An owner or trainer who questions the accuracy of an initial measurement or an owner or trainer of an animal declared ineligible for a division or section on account of height may appeal a measurement.
  - a. Pending the appeal of an initial measurement, the animal continues to be eligible to compete as initially measured.
  - b. With respect to animals declared ineligible as a result of a protest measurement, the animal is barred from competing in the particular height division or section for which they were declared ineligible until the measurement is performed.
  - c. There shall be only one appeal per each initial measurement, and only one appeal per each protest measurement.
2. Procedures.
  - a. The appeal must be made in writing to the Federation within fourteen (14) days of the date the measurement is sent from the Federation to the owner. The Federation reserves the right to grant an appeal measurement. The request for an appeal measurement due to extenuating circumstances must be made in writing to the Federation office.
  - b. All expenses including veterinary fees must be paid to the Federation by the appellant. With respect to any appeal prior to the appeal measurement both the owner and trainer may be required to sign a waiver and consent on a form prepared by and acceptable to the Federation agreeing to the arrangements for the appeal measurement, agreeing to the administration of Lasix to the animal to aid in the collection of a urine sample for laboratory tests for Federation forbidden substances, agreeing that the appeal measurement shall be final and unappealable to a court of law, and agreeing that the owner and trainer of the animal each release and hold the Federation, and its officers, directors and licensed officials harmless from any claim whatsoever regarding the appeal measurement and respecting any measurements of the animal made prior to the appeal measurement.
  - c. The Federation will select a location and time for the appeal measurement as convenient as possible. The owner or trainer must deliver the animal to the location at their own expense within 45 days of filing the appeal.
  - d. The measurement must be performed by at least two persons appointed by the Federation which shall include one veterinarian who is a member of the American Association of Equine Practitioners and one Registered steward who is certified to measure. The officials whose measurement is being appealed cannot be part of the team conducting the measurement appeal.
3. Any animal submitted for an appeal measurement must show no evidence of lameness. If found to be lame by the examining veterinarian, the animal cannot be measured or re-measured for thirty (30) days and the appellant forfeits their deposit and any veterinary expenses incurred. Each animal submitted for an appeal measurement must be tested for drugs and medications in accordance with GR405.
4. Appeal of initial measurement.
  - a. If the appeal is denied the initially issued card remains in effect.



- b. If the appeal is upheld, upon surrender of the initially issued card (if any) a new card will be issued based upon the appeal measurement; such cards remain subject to protest per HJ144 of this rule.
5. Appeals of protest measurements,
  - a. If the appeal is not upheld or the appellant fails to submit the animal within 45 days, all points accumulated for Horse of the Year Awards are nullified.
  - b. If the appeal is upheld, a Temporary Measurement card is issued to animals five years of age and under and a Standard Measurement card is issued to animals six years of age or over. The Temporary and Standard Measurement cards cannot be protested for the remainder of the competition year.
  - c. If the appeal is upheld, the animal will receive credit for all points accumulated including all points, prize money and trophies won at the competition where protested.

## **HJ139 Official Measurement**

No Official Measurements will be granted for Pony Hunters, Junior Hunters, or Pony Jumpers.

## **SUBCHAPTER HJ-8 EXHIBITIONS**

### **HJ140 Exhibitions at Hunter, Jumper or Hunter/Jumper Competitions**

1. For the purposes of this rule, an Exhibition is defined as a recognized, but unrated class or demonstration.
2. At Federation licensed Hunter, Jumper or Hunter/Jumper competitions, only one Exhibition may be held per licensed competition day.
3. An Exhibition must be held on a Federation licensed date, must be conducted in accordance with Division rules and is governed by all other applicable Federation rules. Exhibition classes held at licensed Hunter, Jumper, or Hunter/Jumper competitions may offer prize money, however, the prize money must be included in the total prize money offered for the level or rating.
4. Exhibitions held at competitions operating under a Mileage Exemption or with approved Special Competition status must be approved as part of the Mileage Exemption or Special Competition status request and the specifics of such exhibitions must be included in the competition license.
5. An Exhibition must be advertised in the prize list and may be judged and ranked. However, the following conditions apply:
  - a. Results will not be counted for any Federation, Federation Alliance Member and/or USHJA high score awards or championships.
  - b. If published, the Exhibition ranking report must be clearly separated from competition results and noted as being from an Exhibition.
  - c. Judges for an Exhibition held at Licensed Competitions are not required to be licensed by USEF.
6. An Exhibition may also be held using horses individually, in groups or in entertainment acts. Such Exhibitions cannot be ranked.
7. Horses used in exhibitions, demonstrations, and retirement ceremonies are subject to the provisions of GR839, but are exempt from the dress and saddlery rules of the competition.