

2008 Zone Specifications

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In accordance with GR 903.6: All members may compete for Zone Awards or money in any state contiguous to Zone 7; MS, TN, KY, IA, IL, NE, CO & NM

Adult Amateur Hunter:

To be ridden by Amateurs no longer eligible to compete as Junior exhibitors. Open to horses and ponies. Exception: State rules may prohibit entry of ponies (see below). Cross Entry: The same rider/horse (pony) combination may not compete at the same show in any class (equitation excepted) in which fence heights exceed 3'3". The rider may compete on a different horse or pony at the same show in any other division or section for which the rider/mount are eligible. The horse or pony may be shown by a different rider in any other division or section at the same show except Amateur Owner Hunter or a different age group of Adult Amateur Hunter. Exception: A state association may adopt more (but not less) restrictive cross entry rules (see below). Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height: **3'**, spread not to exceed fence height. Courses will not be adjusted for ponies. To be judged on performance, soundness, manners, way of going, and suitability of mount to rider. Entries are not required to jog for soundness.

Children's Hunter:

To be ridden, and handled in all phases of competition, by Junior exhibitors. Open to horses and ponies. Exception: State rules may prohibit entry of ponies (see below). Cross Entry: The same rider/horse (pony) combination may not compete at the same show in any class (equitation excepted) in which fence heights exceed 3'3". The rider may compete on a different horse or pony at the same show in any other division or section for which the rider/mount are eligible. The horse or pony may be shown by a different rider in any other division or section at the same show except Junior Hunter or a different age group in Children's Hunter. Exception: A state association may adopt more (but not less) restrictive cross entry rules (see below). Course and Judging Specifications: Fence height: **3'**, spread not to exceed fence height. Courses will not be adjusted for ponies. To be judged on performance, soundness, manners, way of going, and suitability of mount to rider. Entries are not required to jog for soundness.

Exceptions:

An exception is permitted only under the following conditions: The rule-making organization must be a statewide USEF Affiliated Association. State exceptions can apply only in shows held within that state. State specifications must have been published and sent to each member of the state association, each member of the Zone 7 Committee, USEF and the manager of every show that applies for State Association recognition or sanction. State rules that are valid exceptions to the general Zone 7 specifications can be more restrictive, but can not reduce or eliminate any of the Zone 7 stated criteria spelled out above and must be printed in their entirety under the applicable section heading in the prize list.

Children's/Adult Amateur Hunter Classic:

Any competition which offers an Adult Amateur Hunter or a Children's Hunter section may also offer an Adult Amateur Classic and/or a Children's Hunter Classic in accordance with HU136 with the following exceptions; 1.) Bonus points for Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be awarded as follows: 1st - 10, 2nd - 8, 3rd - 7, 4th - 6, 5th - 5, 6th - 4, 7th - 3, 8th - 2. 2.) Classics must offer at least \$500 in prize money; 3.) Height and spread of fences to be the same as the requirements for the respective section; 4.) Riders are not required to wear special attire as described in HU136.5 but must wear protective headgear in accordance with GR318.2 and .3. All Current eligibility requirements must be met.

Children's Hunter Pony:

Open to ponies ridden by a Junior Exhibitor with no other age restrictions applicable. Rider and/or horse may enter any Equitation classes. The rider may compete on a different horse or pony at the same show in any other division or section for which the rider/mount is eligible. The pony may be shown by a different rider in any other division or section at the same show except USEF Rated Hunter Pony classes. To be judged on performance, soundness, manners, way of going, suitability of size of rider to mount, and suitability as a Children's Hunter. Ponies may be jogged for soundness at management's discretion. Small ponies to be shown at 2', Medium Ponies at 2'3", and Large Ponies at 2'6"; spreads not to exceed height of fence. No minimum prize money is required.

Pre-Green Hunter:

A Pre-Green horse is a horse of any age that has never shown in a recognized USEF Regular Member or Local Member show over fences 3'6" or higher. A horse may show in the Pre-Green Hunter Section of an USEF Zone VII Recognized Competition for no more than two years. Pre-Green Classics will be awarded

points equal to those given in USEF "B" Hunter Classics. Fence Heights 3' and/or 3'3". Show management may offer two sections of Pre-Green Hunter. Management may offer Pre-Green Htr 3' and/or Pre-Green Htr 3'3". If management offers both sections of Pre-Green Htr, exhibitors may enter either section, but not both sections at their discretion. Zone awards will be presented annually as one section.

Adult Amateur Jumper:

To be ridden by Amateurs who are no longer eligible to compete as Junior Exhibitors. Cash winnings do not influence this classification.

Children's Jumper:

To be ridden by Junior Exhibitors. Cash winnings do not influence this classification.

Class conditions for Adult Amateur and Children's Jumper:

The first two classes in the Low Adult Amateur and/or Children's Jumper section will be conducted at Jumping Level 2. The third and any subsequent classes in the Low section to include a classic will be conducted at Jumping Level 3. The first two classes in the High Adult Amateur and/or Children's Jumper section will be conducted at Jumping Level 3. The third and any subsequent classes in the High section to include a classic will be conducted at Jumping Level 4. If only one section is offered, the classes will be conducted under Jumping level 3 for all classes offered in the section. Competition Management may restrict cross entries between High and Low sections at the same show if stated in the prize list. Courses must be set, and/or adjusted if necessary, to provide safe and suitable distances between jumps in relation to fence heights. Classes to be scored under Table I; Table II, Section 1, Section 2(a), 2(b), 2(c), or 3; or Table IV, or Table V (Optimum Time). Cross entry into Junior or Amateur Owner Jumper **or any class at level 5 and above** is not permitted for the same horse/rider combination at the same show. A combined Adult Amateur/Children's Jumper section may be offered, and if entries warrant, may thereafter be split into separate sections.