

BYLAWS
OF THE
UNITED STATES HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION, INC. (USHJA)

CHAPTER I – GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 101 – Name and Location

Section 1. Name. The name of this corporation shall be the United States Hunter Jumper Association, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as “USHJA”). The corporation is organized under New York law as a not-for-profit organization.

Section 2. Location. The principal place of business shall be Lexington, Kentucky. The corporation may also establish and maintain other offices both within and without the State of Kentucky as the Board of Directors (BOD) may determine or the business of the corporation may require.

Article 102 – Objectives

Section 1. Mission Statement. The USHJA is committed to advancing and representing the hunter and jumper disciplines by fostering an educated community of equestrians that promotes the welfare of the horse and fairness in competition.

Section 2. Principles. The Board of Directors, Officers, Committees, Councils and Task Forces of USHJA shall be selected without regard to religion, race, color, sex, or national origin.

Section 3. Participation. Any individual holding a seat on the BOD must be a Senior Active Member of the USHJA and any individual holding a seat on any committee, council, and task force within the USHJA must be a Senior Active or Senior Associate Member of USHJA. All individuals holding a seat must attend a minimum of 50% of the meetings of that entity each year or said individual may be removed from his seat by the President of the USHJA and replaced with another individual subject to the appointment or election procedures that were used in the initial seating of that position. An individual shall not hold more than three seats within the USHJA (exception: (a) Seats on special committees and sub-committees appointed by the President under Article 401, Section 6, (b) Seats on the USHJA Board of Directors, and (c) Seats on the USHJA Hunter and Jumper Zone Councils).

Section 4. The USHJA may establish a scholarship program to benefit deserving members. These scholarships may be used for college, university or other continuing education. All collection of revenues and distribution of scholarships must be in accordance with USHJA procedures and policies which comply with all Internal Revenue Code and not for profit requirements. Recipients must be United States citizens and members in good standing of the USHJA.

Article 103 – Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 1. Fiscal Year. The Board of Directors shall establish the fiscal year of the USHJA.

Section 2. Principles of Construction. These Bylaws are the primary governing document of the USHJA. Words in any gender shall be deemed to include the other gender; the singular shall be deemed to include the plural and vice versa; headings, captions and underlined paragraph titles are for guidance only and do not in any way limit, amplify, or otherwise modify these Bylaws.

Section 3. Invalid Provision. If any provision of these Bylaws is held to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable under present or future laws, such provision shall be fully severable; these Bylaws shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal, invalid or unenforceable provisions had never comprised a part of these Bylaws, and the remaining provisions of these Bylaws shall remain in full force and effect and shall not be affected by the illegal, invalid or unenforceable provision or by its severance from the Bylaws.

Section 4. Savings Clause. Failure of literal or complete compliance with provisions of these Bylaws with respect to dates and times of notice, or the sending or receipt of same, or errors in phrasing of notice of proposals, which in the judgment of a majority of the members present at the meetings held do not cause substantial injury to the rights of members, shall not invalidate the actions or proceedings of the Board of Directors, Committees, Councils, or Task Forces.

Section 5. Robert's Rules of Order. The Annual Meeting and other meetings of the Board of Directors shall use the latest authorized edition of Robert's Rules of Order as a guide.

Article 104 – Federation Recognition, Criteria, and Rule Book

Section 1. Federation Recognition. The USHJA recognizes that United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) is the National Governing Body (NGB) and the National Federation Member (NF) of the FEI for the United States and is the sole authority for national equestrian discipline rules and governance in the United States.

Section 2. Federation Criteria. The USHJA agrees to comply with the criteria established by the USEF regarding the recognition of a National Affiliate organization and an International Discipline Association aka: FEI Affiliate.

Section 3. Rules and the USEF Rule Book. The USHJA and its members agree to comply with and be bound by (i) the Bylaws and Hearing Committee decisions of USEF; (ii) USEF rules regarding education and licensing of officials; and (iii) USEF Drugs and Medications rules. USHJA and its members agree to comply with and be bound by the rules in the USEF Rule Book which govern the disciplines of Hunter and

