



2021 USHJA YOUNG HUNTER PONY CHAMPIONSHIPS SPECIFICATIONS
 Effective 12/1/2020 to 11/30/2021 (Changes for 2021 are ***bold, underlined and italics***)

I. Membership and Participation Requirements

- A. Riders, owners, and trainers must be current Active members of the Federation and USHJA on or before the first day of the competition.
- B. Ponies must be recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA on or before the first day of the competition.
- C. ***Classes are open to all ponies not exceeding 14.2 hands.*** Owners must possess a current measurement card or valid measurement form issued by the Federation.
- D. Ponies must be handled by junior exhibitors in all phases of a class, except in ~~breeding classes in hand,~~ ***the Adults on Hunter Ponies 7 & Under Section.***
- E. Division of Classes:

- a) 5 Year Olds & Under for ponies not competing in the 4 & 5 Year Olds over fences classes
 This division will consist of an under saddle class, an under saddle class to be made up of 30% conformation, and a model.

The following divisions will consist of one under saddle class, two over fences classes, and one model class:

- b) Hunter Pony 4 & 5 Year Olds 2'
- c) Hunter Pony 4 & 5 Year Olds 2'3"
- d) Hunter Pony 6 & 7 Year Olds 2',
- e) Hunter Pony 6 & 7 Year Olds 2'3"
- f) Hunter Pony 6 & 7 Year Olds 2'6"
- g) ***Adults on Hunter Ponies 7 & Under: Fences 2', 2'3", or 2'6" (exhibitor's choice) Fence heights will be combined – Fence height must be declared prior to the start of competition. Open to Amateur or Professional riders. Division will consist of one under saddle, two over fences, and one model class. Points not to count toward Overall YHPC Grand Champion.***

II. Prize Money and Awards

- A. Prize money must meet the minimum requirement of \$1,000 per class, except the model which will award \$500.
- B. Prize money must be paid to the sixth place as followed:

1 st \$330	4 th \$110
2 nd \$220	5 th \$100
3 rd \$150	6 th \$90

Model prize money must be paid to the sixth place as followed:

1 st \$165	4 th \$55
2 nd \$110	5 th \$50
3 rd \$75	6 th \$45

- C. If there are less than 6 entries in the class, any remaining prize money not awarded may be split and awarded equally to all entrants that place in the class.
- D. Awards will be presented at the discretion of the USHJA and include 1st through the 8th place.
- E. ***An Overall High Point Champion will be awarded according to the following point system:***

<u>1st</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>2nd</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>3rd</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>4th</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>5th</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>6th</u>	<u>1.5</u>
<u>7th</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>8th</u>	<u>0.5</u>

IV. Judging Requirements

- A. To be judged on performance, soundness and conformation, suitability or manners.
- B. Conformation to count for 30% in the first under saddle class in the 5 Year Olds & under division.
- C. Conformation to count for 30% in the second over fences class.
- D. An open numerical judging system must be used.
- E. Ponies that are not sound are ineligible for an award. Ponies will be jogged for soundness at the conclusion of over fences rounds.
- F. The announcer or ringmaster will line up entries before awarding the ribbons.

V. Competition Requirements

- A. The USHJA Young Hunter Pony Championships may be offered at Federation Licensed Premier, National, Regional I or Regional II rated competitions once approved by USHJA.
- B. Competition Management will collect and remit to USHJA a \$25 per entrant fee.
- C. Competition management will remit complete overall results, including prize money awarded, to USHJA and the Federation within 10 days of the conclusion of the competition.
- D. The Young Hunter Pony Championships is a featured event of the competition, and must be presented as such with regard to arena size and location, jump quality, decorations, footing and ring preparation, lighting, etc. The ring used must have spectator seating, a quality sound system, and a dedicated announcer.
- E. Entry fee shall be determined by competition management.

VI. USHJA Contact Information

Please contact the following USHJA representatives, if questions arise pertaining to the USHJA Young Hunter Pony Championships that cannot be answered by the Show Steward or Management based on the class specifications provided.

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Any deviations from the specifications for the USHJA Young Hunter Pony Championships are not permitted without the express written permission from USHJA prior to the printing of the prize list. For any rules not specified above, please refer to the current USEF Rule Book.

