

## USHJA POLICY STATEMENT

**Subject: Athlete Definition**

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### **USHJA Athlete Definition (Article 203.3 and 802.1 (b) and (c))**

Jumper Athletes – For the purposes of the USHJA Bylaws, the following set of criteria is used to define and determine a Jumper Athlete. Athlete definitions shall be reviewed, and any amendments approved by the Board of Directors in each year in which an election of Directors occurs.

At the time of election, all Jumper Athlete representatives shall have demonstrated their qualifications as athletes by achieving one of the following:

1. Within the ten (10) years preceding election, represented the United States in the Olympic or Pan American Games, or an Operation Gold event, or a World Championship recognized by the NGB's IF for which a competitive selection process was administered by the NGB, or in a team sport, an international championship recognized by the IF of the NGB. This includes the following events:
  - Olympic Games
  - World Equestrian Games
  - Pan American Games
  - World Cup Final (as Operation Gold Event in post-Olympic Games year, and possibly in Pan American Games year)

AND/OR

2. Within the twenty-four (24) months before election, demonstrate that they are actively engaged in amateur athletic competition by finishing in the top half of the NGB's national championships or team selection competition for the events outlined in subparagraphs (1) or (2) or in a team sport, have been a member of the NGB's national team. This includes the following events:
  - Top 1/2 of the applicants on the Ranking list used for the Olympic Games
  - Top 1/2 of the applicants on the Ranking list used for World Equestrian Games selection
  - Top 1/2 of applicants on the Ranking List used for the Pan American Games Selection

- Top 1/2 of the US riders in the East and West Coast World Cup standings (skip over non-US citizens) in the years that the World Cup Final is Operations Gold event.
- Top 1/2 of the National Championships

AND/OR

3. Within the ten (10) years preceding election, shall have demonstrated that as a professional rider, they have finished in first place in the following competitions:
  - A class of \$25,000 or more held at the National or High Performance Standard at a jumper rating 3 or higher competition.
  - Equivalent FEI class (1.45 or higher) held at a CSI 3\*/4\*/5\* (*BOD 11/19/18*)

Hunter Athletes – For the purposes of the USHJA Bylaws, the following set of criteria is used to define and determine a Hunter Athlete:

At the time of election, all Hunter Athlete representatives shall have demonstrated their qualifications as athletes by achieving one of the following:

1. Within the ten (10) years preceding election, shall have demonstrated that as a professional rider, they have finished as the Champion or Reserve Champion in the following events:
  - USHJA International Hunter Derby Finals
  - USHJA WCHR Pro Finals
  - USHJA WCHR Pro Challenge

OR

2. Within the ten (10) years preceding election, shall have demonstrated that as a professional rider, they have finished in first place in an over fences class in any open section with fences set at a minimum of 3'6" in height at the following competitions:
  - Capital Challenge
  - Pennsylvania National
  - Washington International
  - The National
  - Del Mar

AND/OR

3. Within the ten (10) years preceding election, shall have demonstrated that as a professional rider, they have finished in first place at the following competitions:
  - USHJA International Hunter Derby Series Events
  - USHJA WCHR Regional Events