

## USHJA POLICY STATEMENT

**Subject: Recognized Riding Academy Committee Charter**

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### **Recognized Riding Academy Committee**

The **Recognized Riding Academy Committee** is a Standing Sport Committee that reports to the Board of Directors. Members shall serve terms of four years and are appointed by the President.

The work of the Recognized Riding Academy Committee supports the USHJA mission, which is to serve our members through educational programs, awards and recognition, communication and rules.

The committee's goals are to:

- To set standards for safe, educational equine riding programs
- To recognize lesson programs that work to develop the foundation of a well-rounded equestrian
- To provide educational resources, networking, and promotional support for recognized academies
- To offer inclusion of academies in USHJA governance, giving a voice to entry-level riding programs

The purpose of the Recognized Riding Academy Committee is to create standards that identify lesson programs who: offer hunter/jumper riding lessons taught by qualified instructors; demonstrate defined lesson levels based on rider ability, with written curriculum, and include mounted and unmounted learning opportunities; prioritize rider safety and horse welfare; encourage good sportsmanship; and agree to work with the USHJA to promote membership opportunities and programs.

Committee Responsibilities:

- Develop standards for safe and educational riding lesson programs
- Screen and approve applications for recognition
- Ensure applicants live up to the standards outlined in the RRA program
- Develop opportunities to help recognized academies improve their program and grow their business