

USHJA ZONE 4
2023 HUNTER, JUMPER AND EQUITATION SPECIFICATIONS

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(AL, FL, GA, MS, SC, TN)

In accordance with GR 1111.4: **Contiguous states are: AR, KY, LA, MO, NC, VA**

JUDGING FOR ALL HUNTER SECTIONS:

- To be judged on performance and soundness, suitability to count.
- Horses and Ponies are not required to jog for soundness.

ELIGIBILITY FOR ADULT AMATEURS: HUNTER, JUMPER AND EQUITATION:

- To be ridden by exhibitors who have reached their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year and who hold a current USEF Amateur certification. Open to horses and ponies.

ELIGIBILITY FOR CHILDREN'S SECTIONS: HUNTER, JUMPER AND EQUITATION:

- To be ridden by exhibitors who have not reached their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year.

ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER

Sections offered and requirements:

- Adult Amateurs – may be split into three (3) sections

Cross Entry:

Rider:

Riders in this section may enter any Equitation class and any class where otherwise eligible. Riders who compete in the Amateur Owner Hunter and/or Jumper classes may show other horses that they own in the Adult Amateur Hunters. Riders competing in the Amateur Owner 3'3" section (but not competing in the Amateur Owner 3'6" section) may ride one horse that they do not own in the Adult Amateur Hunter section.

Horse:

Horses and ponies exhibiting in this section may cross enter multiple sections of Adult Amateur Hunter and any classes where eligible.

Horse and Rider Combination:

No cross entry restrictions

Fence height:

- 3'0" with spreads not to exceed the fence height.
- Courses will not be adjusted for ponies.
- Combinations will be permitted.

Combining/Dividing Sections:

May be split into three sections:

- Adult Amateurs 18– 35
- Adult Amateurs 36– 49
- Adult Amateurs 50 & over

The Adult Amateur Hunter section may be divided by age of rider and/or height of fences. If there are fewer than three (3) entries in a section, that section must be combined with another Adult Amateur section. The Adult Amateur Hunter section may be combined with the Children's Hunter section when there are fewer than three (3) entries in either section. When sections are combined and there are more than 24 total entries, the sections must be divided utilizing a Floating split, or a California split to create an even division of entries.

Awards:

Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be presented annually to the following sections:

- Adult Amateur Hunter 18- 35
- Adult Amateur Hunter 36- 49
- Adult Amateur Hunter 50 & over

LOW ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER

Eligibility:

Open to exhibitors who have reached their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year.

Cross Entry:

Rider:

Riders may not cross enter into any class or section at the same competition where fences exceed 3'3" (Exception: All Equitation classes). Riders who compete in the 3' Adult Hunters and/or the 3'3" Amateur Owner Hunter classes may show horses that they own in the Low Adult Hunters and one that they do not own in the Low Adult Hunters.

Horse and Rider Combination:

Low Adult Amateur Hunter horse/rider combinations may not cross enter into any classes or section where fences exceed 2'9".

Fence height:

- 2'6"

Combining/Dividing Sections:

The Low Adult Amateur Hunter section may be combined with the Low Children's Hunter section when there are fewer than four (4) entries in either section. If sections are combined and there are more than 24 total entries, the sections must be divided utilizing a Floating split, or a California split to create an even division of entries.

Awards:

Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be presented annually to the following section:

- Low Adult Amateur Hunter

ADULT AMATEUR JUMPER

Sections offered and requirements:

- Low Adult Amateur Jumper
- High Adult Amateur Jumper

Cross Entry:

Competition Management may restrict cross entries between High and Low sections at the same competition if stated in the prize list.

Rider:

Riders competing in an Adult Amateur Jumper Classic may not compete in any other Jumper Classic, Welcome Stake, Mini Prix, or Grand Prix at 1.30m or above or in the highest prize money class of any 1.30m or above section at the same show.

Horse/Pony

No cross entry restrictions

Horse and Rider Combination:

Low Adult Amateur Jumper horse/rider combinations may not cross enter into any classes held above 1.15m at the same show. Low Adult Amateur Jumper horse/rider combinations may enter only one classic, if both Low and High are offered.

High Adult Amateur Jumper horse/rider combinations are not permitted to cross enter into Amateur Owner Jumper classes or any class at 1.20m and above, that offers prize money, at the same competition. High Adult Amateur Jumper horse/rider combinations may enter only one classic, if both Low and High are offered.

Fence Height:

- Low Adult Amateur Jumper 1.00m to 1.05m
- High Adult Amateur Jumper 1.10m to 1.15m

Combining/Dividing Sections:

Children's sections may be divided by or combined with Adult Amateur Jumper sections, at management's discretion, if so stated in the prize list.

Awards:

Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be presented annually to the following sections:

- Low Adult Amateur Jumper
- High Adult Amateur Jumper

EQUITATION

AGE GROUP EQUITATION: ADULT SECTION

Sections Offered:

- Adult Equitation 18- 35
- Adult Equitation 36 & Over

Cross Entry:

No cross entry restrictions.

Fence Height:

- Minimum 2'9", maximum 3'3" - management must state height at which class will be offered.
- Management may offer multiple height options if stated in the prize list, but each course must be set at the same height throughout.
- Course design must comply with EQ108.11 except combination is optional.
- Spreads not to exceed fence height

Combining/Dividing Sections:

Age-Group Equitation Sections may be combined as necessary, jumping at their respective heights, to meet the three (3) entry minimum requirement for points to be awarded. Stallions are prohibited when adult equitation sections are combined with children's/junior equitation sections. EQ101.3.

Awards:

Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be presented annually to the following section:

- Adult Equitation 18- 35
- Adult Equitation 36 & Over

CHILDREN'S HUNTER HORSE

Sections offered and requirements:

- Children's Hunter Horse 14 & Under
- Children's Hunter Horse 15- 17

Cross Entry:

Rider:

Riders in this section may enter any Equitation class and may compete one different horse in the Junior 3'3" Hunter section, but may not cross-enter into any Junior 3'6" Hunter or Junior Jumper class at the same show.

Horses/Ponies:

Horses and ponies exhibiting in this section may cross enter multiple sections of Children's Hunter and any classes where eligible.

Horse and rider combination:

No cross entry restrictions

Fence Height:

- 3'0" with spreads not to exceed fence height
- Combinations will be permitted

Combining/Dividing Sections:

The Children's Hunter Horse section may be divided by age of rider and/or height of fences. If the Children's Hunter Horse section is offered divided by age it will be divided: Children's Hunter Horse 14 & Under and Children's Hunter Horse 15- 17. If there are fewer than three (3) entries in either age section, the two sections must be combined. The Children's Hunter Horse section may be combined with the Children's Hunter Pony, when there are fewer than three (3) entries in either section. Alternatively, the Children's Hunter Horse section may be combined with the Adult Amateur section when there are fewer than three (3) entries in either section. The Children's Hunter (horse & pony) section may be combined with the Adult Amateur section when there are fewer than three (3) entries in either section. When sections are combined and there are more than 24 total entries, the sections must be divided utilizing a Floating split, or a California split to create an even division of entries.

Awards:

Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be presented annually to the following sections:

- Children's Hunter Horse 14 & Under
- Children's Hunter Horse 15- 17

LOW CHILDREN'S HUNTER HORSE

Eligibility:

Open to exhibitors who have not yet reached their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year.

Cross Entry:

Rider:

Riders may not cross enter into any class or section at the same competition where fences exceed 3'3" (Exception: All Equitation classes). Riders who compete in the 3' Children's Hunter Horse, Regular A Rated Pony Sections, and/or Junior Hunter 3'3" classes may show one horse in the Low Children's Hunter.

Horse and Rider Combination:

Low Children's Hunter horse/rider combinations may not cross enter into any classes or section where fences exceed 2'9".

Fence height:

- 2'6"

Combining/Dividing Sections:

The Low Children's Hunter section may be combined with the Low Adult Amateur Hunter section when there are fewer than four (4) entries in either section. When sections are combined and there are more than 24 total entries, the sections must be divided utilizing a Floating split, or a California split to create an even division of entries.

Awards:

Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be presented annually to the following section:

- Low Children's Hunter Horse

CHILDREN'S HUNTER PONY

Sections offered and requirements:

- Small/Medium Children's Pony
- Large Children's Pony

Cross

Entry:

Rider:

Rider age restrictions as found in Regular Pony sections do not apply. Riders may show only one pony in either the 2'0" or the 2'6" height of the Children's Hunter Pony section when also competing in the Regular Small, Medium or Large Pony and/or Green Pony Hunter sections. Riders cannot cross enter into any class where fences exceed 3'3" (exception: Riders may show in Pony Jumpers).

Horse/Pony:

Ponies exhibiting in Children's Hunter Pony may cross enter into any class where otherwise eligible but the rider may not show the same pony in the regular pony section. Note: The pony may only be shown by one rider in the Children's Hunter Pony Classic and that rider must be declared prior to the first round of the Classic.

Horse and Rider Combination:

No cross entry restrictions

Fence Height:

- Small/Medium Ponies: 2'0" with spreads not to exceed height of fence.
- Large Ponies: 2'6" with spreads not to exceed height of fence.
- Combinations will not be permitted

Combining/Dividing Sections:

The Children's Hunter Pony section may be divided by size. If the Children's Hunter Pony is offered divided by size it will be divided: Children's Hunter Pony Small/Medium and Children's Hunter Pony Large. If there are fewer than three (3) entries in either height section, the two sections must be combined. The Children's Hunter Pony section may be combined with Children's Hunter Horse when there are fewer than three (3) entries in either section. The Children's Hunter (horse & pony) section may be combined with the Adult Amateur section when there are fewer than three (3) entries in either section. When sections are combined and there are more than **24** total entries, the sections must be divided utilizing a Floating split, or a California split to create an even division of entries.

Awards:

Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be presented annually to the following sections:

- Children's Hunter Pony-Small/Medium
- Children's Hunter Pony-Large

CHILDREN'S JUMPER

Sections offered and Requirements:

- Low Children's Jumper
- High Children's Jumper

Cross Entry:

Competition Management may restrict cross entries between High and Low sections at the same competition if stated in the prize list.

Rider:

Riders competing in a Children's Jumper Classic may not compete in any other Jumper Classic, Welcome Stake, Mini Prix, or Grand Prix at 1.30m or above or in the highest prize money class of any 1.30m or above section at the same show.

Horse/Pony:

No cross entry restrictions.

Horse and Rider Combination:

Low Children's Jumper horse/rider combinations may not cross enter into any classes held above 1.15m at the same show. Low Children's Jumper horse/rider combinations may enter only one classic, if both Low and High are offered.

High Children's Jumper horse/rider combinations are not permitted to cross enter into Junior Jumper classes or any class at 1.20m and above that offers prize money, at the same competition. High Children's Jumper horse/rider combinations may enter only one classic, if both Low and High are offered

Fence Height:

- Low Children's Jumper 1.00m to 1.05m
- High Children's Jumper 1.10m to 1.15m

Combining/Dividing Sections:

Adult Jumper sections may be divided by or combined with Children's Jumper sections, at management's discretion, if so stated in the prize list.

Awards:

Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be presented annually to the following section:

- Low Children's Jumper section
- High Children's Jumper section

AGE GROUP EQUITATION: CHILDREN'S/JUNIOR SECTION

Sections Offered:

- Equitation 11 & Under
- Equitation 12- 14
- Equitation 15- 17

Cross Entry:

No cross entry restrictions.

Fence Height:

- Equitation 11 & Under
 - Minimum 2'0", maximum 2'6" - management must state height at which class will be offered.
 - Management may offer multiple height options if stated in the prize list, but each course must be set at the same height throughout.
 - Course design must comply with EQ108.8 and 108.11, combinations not permitted.
- Equitation 12- 14
 - Minimum 2'9", maximum 3'3" - management must state height at which class will be offered.
 - Management may offer multiple height options if stated in the prize list, but each course must be set at the same height throughout.
 - Course design must comply with EQ108.11 except combination is optional.
- Equitation 15- 17
 - Minimum 3'0", maximum 3'6" - management must state height at which class will be offered.
 - Management may offer multiple height options if stated in the prize list, but each course must be set at the same height throughout.
 - Course design must comply with EQ108.11 except combination is required.
- Spreads not to exceed fence height

Combining/Dividing Sections:

Age-Group Equitation Sections may be combined as necessary, jumping at their respective heights, to meet the three (3) entry minimum requirement for points to be awarded.

Stallions are prohibited when adult equitation sections are combined with children's/junior equitation sections. EQ101.3.

Awards:

Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be presented annually to the following sections:

- Equitation 11 & Under
- Equitation 12-14
- Equitation 15-17

USHJA COMPETITIVE PROGRAMS

For more information regarding the following programs please click on the links below:

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SPECIAL CLASSES

3'3" Jumping Seat Medal

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