202*7* USHJA YOUNG HUNTER PONY CHAMPIONSHIP SPECIFICATIONS

(Effective 12/1/202***6*** to 11/30/202*7*)

I. Competition Requirements

A. The USHJA Young Hunter Pony Championships may be offered at Federation Licensed Channel I or Channel II competitions once approved by USHJA.

B. 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.

C. 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.

D. Entry fee shall be determined by competition management.

E. Pre-entries may be made in an individual class or full section. However, management will determine the policy for fees, scratches, and refunds.

II. Membership and Participation Requirements

A. Riders, owners, and trainers must be current Active members of USEF and USHJA on or before the first day of the competition.

B. Ponies must be recorded with the USEF and registered with USHJA on or before the first day of the competition.

C. Classes are open to 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 the Adults on Hunter Ponies 7 & Under Section.

E. ***Ponies competing in the USHJA Young Hunter Pony Championships are not permitted to cross enter the USHJA Young Jumper Pony Championships in the same competition year.***

III. Division of Classes

A. 5 Year Olds & Under: For ponies not competing in the 4 & 5 Year Olds over fences classes.

1. This division will consist of one model class, one under saddle class, and an under saddle class to be made up of 30% conformation.
2. All classes in this section will receive full points when calculating division champion and reserve.
3. Ponies who compete in the 5 Year Olds and Under section may compete in the Adults On Ponies in the Model and Under Saddle classes ONLY.

B. The following divisions will consist of one model, two over fences classes, and one under saddle class.
    1. Hunter Pony 4 & 5 Year Olds 2'
    2. Hunter Pony 4 & 5 Year Olds 2' or 2'3"
        i. 2' height is restricted to small ponies for this section.
    3. Hunter Pony 6 & 7 Year Olds 2'
    4. Hunter Pony 6 & 7 Year Olds 2', 2'3" or 2'6" (exhibitor's choice)
        i. Fence height to jump must be declared prior to the start of the division.
        ii. Ponies may not compete at both 2'3" and 2'6" within this section.
        iii. 2' height is restricted to small ponies for this section.

C. Adults on Ponies 7 & Under
    1. Fences to be set at 2', 2'3", or 2'6" (exhibitor's choice). Fence heights will be combined. Fence height to be declared prior to the start of competition.
    2. Division will consist of one under saddle, two over fences, and one model class. Points not to count toward Overall YHPC Grand Champion.
    3. Open to Adult Amateur or Professional riders 18 & over. USHJA reserves the right to divide the section into Professional and Non-Pro if sufficient entries.
    4. Adults may compete on more than one pony; however, each pony may only compete at one height.
    5. The Adults on Ponies section is open to stallions, mares, or geldings.
    6. In the Model class the same handler must present the pony in all phases of the class, including the jog and the lineup.

D. Ponies are restricted to competing in 2 divisions with a Junior rider but may additionally compete in the Adults on Ponies with an Adult rider. Ponies competing over fences may compete in both divisions within their age group.

E. In the sections for 4 & 5 Year Olds over fences (2' and 2'3"), simple lead changes are allowed.

IV. Prize Money and Awards

A. Prize money must meet the minimum requirement of $500 per class, except the model which will award $250.

Prize money must be paid to the sixth place as follows:

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

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

1st $82.50	4th $27.50
2nd $55	5th $25
3rd $37.50	6th $22.50

B. If there are less than six entries in the class, any remaining prize money not awarded may be split and awarded equally to all entrants that place in the class.

C. Awards will be presented at the discretion of the USHJA and include 1st through the 8th place.

D. A Champion and Reserve Champion for each section and also an Overall High Point Champion will be awarded according to the following point system:

5 & Under Section- All 3 classes	
1st	10
2nd	6
3rd	4
4th	3
5th	2
6th	1.5
7th	1
8th	0.5

All Over Fences Sections		
Placing	Model	O/F & U/S
1st	5	10
2nd	3	6
3rd	2	4
4th	1.5	3
5th	1	2
6th	0.75	1.5
7th	0.5	1
8th	0.25	0.5

E. Any section with half as many or fewer entries than the largest Over Fences section will receive half points toward Overall Grand Champion.
F. Only those ponies that placed in the top four in either of the over fences classes shall be considered for Division Champion and Division Reserve Champion. Any ties for Champion or Reserve Champion shall be broken by the Senior Judge
G. Points from no more than two Junior rider sections shall count toward Overall Grand Champion.
H. Special Awards:
    1. Leading Owner – to be determined by total points in the sections with Juniors to ride.
    2. Leading Breeder – to be determined by total points in the sections with Juniors to ride.
    3. Leading Trainer – to be determined by total points in the sections with Juniors to ride.

4. Get of Sire – entries must nominate their stallions by the nomination closing date indicated on the USHJA website (www.ushja.org/yhpc). Nomination fees is $20 per stallion. Award to be determined by the total number of points accumulated by a stallion's offspring in sections with Juniors to ride.
5. Produce of Dam – entries must nominate their mare(s) by the nomination closing date indicated on the USHJA website (www.ushja.org/yhpc). Nomination fees is $20 per mare. Award to be determined by the total number of points accumulated by a mare's offspring in sections with Juniors to ride.
6. Style Award – Awarded to the best turned out pony and Junior rider combination as determined by the judges.
7. Best Child Rider – those wishing to be considered for the Best Child Rider award must enter and pay the nominating fee of $20 on or prior to the start of the championship. Eligible riders shall wear an armband to indicate participation. Winner shall be selected by the judges.

V. Judging Requirements

A. See GR 1304 for Judging restrictions.
B. To be judged on performance, soundness and conformation, suitability and manners.
C. Conformation to count for 30% in the second under saddle class in the 5 Year Olds & Under division.
D. Conformation to count for 30% in the second over fences class.
E. An open numerical judging system must be used.
F. Ponies that are not sound are ineligible for an award. Ponies will be jogged for soundness at the conclusion of the over fences rounds. At the discretion of management, ponies may be jogged for soundness in hand or complete a trot circle on a loose rein under tack.
G. The announcer or ringmaster will line up entries before awarding the ribbons.
H. In the divisions for 4 & 5 Year Olds over fences, simple lead changes are allowed.

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 Championship 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.

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