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Proposed Change

HU 176 Measurement Surface [CHAPTER HU Hunter Division HU-10 - Measurement]

1. The measurement surface must be level and under no circumstances should animals be measured on dirt or gravel. A level concrete slab or other paved surface is required. ~~(Exception: the measurement surface for a junior hunter can be a sheet of plywood in good condition.)~~

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Rule Change Intent

Measurement surfaces should be the same for horses and ponies

Potential Impact

None

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: measurement surface

Committee Actions

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National Hunter Committee	
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Proposed Change

HU172.1 Delete 5th sentence [CHAPTER HU-10]

1. A horse or pony must be measured each competition year until it reaches the age of eight. Horses and ponies that are seven years and under will be issued a Temporary Measurement card designating the year measured. Horses and ponies that are eight years of age and over will be issued a Standard Measurement card which does not need to be renewed. Exception: Horses that measure 16.2 hands or over will receive a standard measurement card regardless of age. ~~Horses and ponies may not be measured by the same steward for their Standard Measurement Card and the card preceding the Standard Measurement card.~~ The Federation will invalidate a Standard Measurement card that does not comply with this rule.

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Rule Change Intent

Would let the same Steward remeasure the same pony or horse in its 7th and 8th year. This rule is a hardship on pony exhibitors. Many are not familiar with the rule. Often the Steward published in the prize list is not the one that actually works at the show. The exhibitor has no warning. I recently had to remeasure a Junior Hunter that was 16.1 1/2 because of this rule.

Linked Rules	Comments
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Web: measurement

Committee Actions

Council - Admin & Finance

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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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National Hunter Committee

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USHJA

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Proposed Change

HU107 Attire [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-3 ATTIRE, TACK AND EQUIPMENT]

2. Attire. Riders are required to wear conservatively colored coats (black, blue, green, grey or brown) which are free from adornment which in the judge's opinion is overly distracting. **Conventional attire following the tradition of fox hunting is encouraged and preferred. It is further recommended that the rider's attire does not distract from the performance of the horse and rider. Judges shall not eliminate a rider for inappropriate attire except for safety (see GR801).** Shirts must have a choker, similar collar or tie. Breeches may be buff, canary, tan, rust or white

Proponent Details	Contact Information
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Rule Change Intent

This rule change makes the list of permitted coat colors clear and exclusive for the hunter division.

Linked Rules	Comments
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Web: coats

Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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USHJA

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Proposed Change

EQ105 Appointments [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

2. Attire. Riders are required to wear conservatively colored coats (black, blue, green, grey or brown) which are free from adornment which in the judge's opinion is overly distracting. **Conventional attire following the tradition of fox hunting is encouraged and preferred. It is further recommended that the rider's attire does not distract from the performance of the horse and rider. Judges shall not eliminate a rider for inappropriate attire except for safety (see GR801).** Shirts must have a choker, similar collar or tie. Breeches may be buff, canary, tan, rust or white

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Rule Change Intent

This rule change makes the list of permitted coat colors clear and exclusive for the hunter/jumping set equitation division.

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: coats

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

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Jumper

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USHJA

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Proposed Change

EQ117 Requirements for Specific Classes [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-3 SADDLE SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

15. UPHA CHALLENGE CUP

b. Specifications and Procedures for all UPHA Challenge Cup National Finals and Chapter Championships:

11. In all UPHA Challenge Cup National Finals, a champion and reserve champion will be chosen, with the next eight (8) riders placed in numerical order. Two unannounced reserves should be tied. The "Top Ten" will be announced first, followed by the reserve champion and the champion. ~~It is recommended that a~~ **All riders *must* be retired to a holding area outside of the ring and then brought back in individually and numerically for the "Top Ten" awards and the presentation of the reserve champion and champion.**

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Rule Change Intent

Formerly a recommendation, the proposal would require competitions to dismiss the riders from the ring prior to announcing top ten, reserve and champion. In large classes it is a safety concern for the horses to have to stand in the lineup for a long period of time during the tabulation and presentation of all of the awards. In addition, this would allow those riders not receiving awards to exit to the stabling area without undue attention.

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: UPHA Challenge Cup

Committee Actions	
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Saddle Seat Eq	
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Proposed Change

EQ117 Requirements for Specific Classes [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-3 SADDLE SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

15. UPHA CHALLENGE CUP

e. UPHA MORGAN, ARABIAN BREEDS, AND NATIONAL SHOW HORSE CHALLENGE CUPS.

4. Riders in UPHA Morgan, Arabian Breeds, or National Show Horse Challenge Cup qualifying classes, may qualify for their respective UPHA breed Challenge Cup National Finals by placing first through fourth in the respective breed qualifying classes or first through fourth in an open UPHA Challenge Cup qualifying class. ***In addition, riders competing in the National Show Horse Finals may qualify by placing first through fourth in the Arabian Breeds qualifying classes mounted on a National Show Horse.***

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Rule Change Intent

This proposal allows a rider mounted on a National Show Horse to use the Arabian breeds class to qualify for the National Show Horse Finals. Currently, there is only one competition offering a National Show Horse qualifying classes. Therefore, a rider wanting to compete in the National Show Horse Finals only has the opportunity to qualify by competing in an open class. This restricts the entries in the Finals as their opportunity for qualifying is limited.

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: UPHA Morgan, Arabian, and National Show Horse Challenge Cups

Committee Actions	
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National Show Horse	
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Saddle Seat Eq	
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Proposed Change

HJ102 Definitions [CHAPTER HJ-1 COMPETITION FACILITY AND SERVICE STANDARDS INTRODUCTION TO HUNTER/JUMPER COMPETITIONS STANDARDS TYPES]

CHAPTER HJ HUNTER/JUMPER COMPETITIONS

SUBCHAPTER HJ-1 COMPETITION FACILITY AND SERVICE STANDARDS INTRODUCTION TO HUNTER/JUMPER COMPETITIONS STANDARDS TYPES

HJ100 Types of Standards and Application

HJ101 Effective Dates for Standard Application

HJ102 Definitions – Competition Rings, Schooling Areas, Exercise Areas & Lunge Areas, Maintenance and Judge’s Site

HJ103 Footing for Competition Rings, Schooling Areas, Exercise Areas & Lunge Areas

HJ104 HJs Support and/or Stabling Facilities

HJ105 Other Competition Standards Requirements

SUBCHAPTER HJ-2 RATING & HORSE ENTRY NUMBER

HJ406 **HJ102** HJ Competition Standards (HJS) Specific Only to Regular Competition Classifications and Ratings as Defined Below

HJ407 **HJ103** Definitions

HJ408 **HJ104** HJS Competition Standards Horse Entry & Renewal

SUBCHAPTER HJ-3 COMPETITION RATING REQUIREMENTS TO OBTAIN RATING

HJ105 Safety and Welfare

HJ106 Riding and Lunging Areas

HJ107 Facilities

HJ109 Requirements to Obtain Federation Local and/or Jumper Level 1 **HJ106 Safety and Welfare**

HJ110 HJS Requirements to Obtain Federation Regional II Rating **HJ107 Riding and Lunging Areas**

HJ111 HJS Requirements to Obtain Federation Regional I Rating and/or Jumper Level 2 **HJ108 Facilities**

HJ112 HJS Requirements to Obtain Federation National Rating and/or Jumper Levels 3 and 4

HJ113 HJS Requirements to Obtain Federation Premier Rating and/or Jumper Level 5

HJ114 **HJ108** Horse entry numbers exceed five hundred (500) and/or Duration of Competition or Series of Competitions Exceeds Twenty-One (21) days without a break of five (5) consecutive calendar days

HJ115 HJS Requirements for Federation Special Competitions (GR301 Classifications) and/or Jumper Level 6 Events

HJ116 HJS Options Menu Selections Required to Obtain Federation Rating for Premier, National, Regional I and Regional II and/or Jumper Levels 5, 4, 3 or 2 (See Specific Rating and Competition Standards Requirements)

HJ117 HJS Option Selection List

SUBCHAPTER HJ-3 4 COMPETITION SCHEDULING AND PRIZE MONEY**HJ119 HJ109 Premier Rated Competitions**

[renumber accordingly]

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HJ102 Definitions – Competition Rings, Schooling Areas, Exercise Areas & Lunge Areas, Maintenance and Judge's Site

Depending on competition rating or level approved, additional requirements may apply.

1. — A Competition Ring is defined as a designated area on the competition grounds where classes are held for competition of hunters and/or jumpers. All competitions must provide a minimum of one (1) dedicated competition ring. When a competition ring is not being utilized for its primary purpose, it may be utilized to meet other required HJS such as exercise, lunge or schooling areas. This area must still meet the HJS for the other required use.
2. — Beginning 12/01/2011 and ending 11/30/2016, competitions may apply in writing to the Federation for a "Temporary Waiver" of the HJS size requirement of a competition ring, schooling area, exercise area and/or lunge area as set forth in the Federation HJS. A Temporary Waiver may not exceed a five percent (5%) reduction from the HJS. The Temporary Waiver must be based on facts and circumstances that are beyond the control of the competition. Any Temporary Waiver request may only be approved for the period beginning 12/01/2011 and ending 11/30/2016. Full compliance with Federation HJS for competition rings, schooling areas, exercise areas and lunge areas will be required beginning 12/01/2016.
3. — A Schooling Area is defined as a designated area on the competition grounds in close proximity to the competition ring in which horses are being prepared to compete.
4. — An Exercise Area is defined as a designated area on the competition grounds in which horses at the competition may be exercised both on the flat and over fences.
5. — A Lunge Area is defined as a designated area on the competition ground that is used primarily to lunge horses.
6. — Horses cannot be required to be exhibited in the competition ring or schooled in the designated schooling areas before sunrise or after sunset unless lighting in accordance with HJ102.6 and GR834.2 is provided that assures full and complete visibility.
7. — Lighting which provides full and complete visibility for a safe working environment for horses and personnel must be provided if any of these areas (competition ring, schooling area, exercise area and lunge area) are open for use between sunset and sunrise.
8. — A Judge's site with climate appropriate protection from adverse weather conditions and seating must be provided at each competition ring or other judging location.
9. — Water trucks, sprinklers, snow removal or another climate appropriate system(s) must be used to address climate related conditions including, but not limited to, dust reduction for all required and provided rings, schooling, exercise and lunge areas.

HJ103 Footing for Competition Rings, Schooling Areas, Exercise Areas & Lunge Areas

(See HJ114 for additional requirements when the Horse Entry Numbers exceed five hundred (500) and/or licensed series of competitions are scheduled for a period of twenty-one (21) days or more without a break of at least five (5) consecutive calendar days).

Depending on competition rating or level approved, additional requirements may apply.

1. — The footing in all rings, schooling rings, exercise areas and lunge areas must be safe, consistent and appropriate for the intended use and type of competition. These areas must be properly maintained at least daily, and more often depending upon use and weather conditions.
2. — Competition management is required to make an effort to maintain the best possible footing in competition, schooling, and exercise and lunge areas. Provisions must be made (by having on hand functioning proper equipment and scheduling sufficient breaks in the schedule) to maintain the footing in those areas throughout the competition by dragging, watering, and raking, if necessary.

HJ104 HJS Support and/or Stabling Facilities

Depending on competition rating or level approved, additional requirements may apply.

1. — When provided, stalls must be of sturdy construction, in good condition and safe for horses and ponies. Prize list must specify type of stabling and type of stabling flooring. Stall doors must be provided. The recommended minimum dimensions for box stalls for horses are 9'6" wide by 9'6" deep or comparable square footage with a minimum ceiling height of 7'0". It is essential that the covering over the stalls is weatherproof.
2. — If stabling is provided, each fifty (50) occupied stalls must be provided with one sharps container for the disposal of needles and other disposable sharp instruments. These containers must be placed in convenient locations in barns housing competition horses. If stabling is not provided, competition management must place a minimum of one sharps container for every seventy-five (75) horses entered the previous year in visible and convenient locations.
3. — It is competition management's responsibility to replace sharps containers when full and dispose of them properly. Competition management may fine any individuals including trainers, owners, exhibitors, or their agents up to \$100 for improper disposal of needles or other sharp disposable instruments.
4. — If local law has more stringent requirements than above relating to sharps containers or disposal, local law will prevail. Competitions failing to comply with placing the required number of containers on the competition grounds will be considered in violation of the rules and may be subject to penalty as determined by the CEO or his designee and/or the Hearing Committee.
5. — The lighting in the barns and stabling areas must be adequate to provide a safe working environment for horses and personnel.
6. — A minimum of one (1) horse wash area with an operational water outlet and proper drainage for each fifty (50) horses entered in the prior year.
7. — When stabling is provided, trash and manure must be removed to the designated dumping area(s) daily or placed in adequate sanitary containment facility. When no stabling is provided there must be a designated trash and manure dumping area(s).

HJ105 HJ102 Other Competition Standards Requirements

Depending on competition rating or level approved, additional requirements may apply.

1. —Convenient and ample water facilities for horses and potable water for human consumption must be provided and available at all times.
2. —A minimum of one (1) clean and sanitary restroom (water closet) either portable or permanent must be provided for every fifty (50) horses entered in the previous year and must be cleaned and supplied daily.
3. —At least one (1) food and beverage service must be available on the competition grounds beginning thirty (30) minutes prior to start of first scheduled class and ending one (1) hour prior to the conclusion of the competition for each day of the competition. The food and beverage service must be adequate to meet the needs of those that attended in the prior year. Vending machines do not qualify.
4. —Adequate parking areas for vans, trailers, competitors and officials must be provided.
5. —A level surface area for measurement (if there are divisions that require measurement) in accordance with GR507.
6. —A competition office with adequate staff to process workload in a timely manner.
7. —Communication between secretary, Stewards, announcer, in-gate, all competition rings and stables (if applicable) must be provided.
8. —Subject to local law and/or management's specifications as published in both prize list and on entry form, any owner or trainer on the grounds of a competition must be permitted to haul in hay, grain and bedding for their own horses.
9. —An owner or trainer may utilize a farrier or veterinarian of their choice. It is the responsibility of the owner or trainer or competitor to advise the competition if they intend to bring their own vet or farrier onto the grounds.
10. —Management must provide emergency telephone numbers plus directions to the competition which may be quickly relayed to the offsite responder. If no cell phone service is available a land line with twenty-four (24) hour access must be provided. This information must be posted outside the horse show office and printed in the prize list.
11. —Information regarding the use of motorized vehicles (golf carts, motorbikes, scooters, etc.) must be included in the prize list.
12. —Adequate and knowledgeable jump crew, in-gate, and other personnel to assist in the operation of the competition.

SUBCHAPTER HJ- 2 RATINGS & HORSE ENTRY NUMBER STANDARDS

HJ406 HJ102 HJ Competition Standards (HJS) are Specific Only to Regular Competition Classification and Ratings as Defined Below

HJ406 does not apply to Local competitions. All Local competitions must meet the Basic Standards set forth in HJ100 through HJ405 **HJ107**. Regardless of rating, additional requirements apply (HJ414 **HJ108**) when Horse Entry Numbers exceed five hundred (500) and/or licensed series of competitions are scheduled for a period of twenty-one (21) days or more without a break of at least five (5) consecutive calendar days.

A competition must apply for an exception to any competition standard outlined in HJ105-HJ108 if management is unable to remedy facility limitations or space constraints due to extenuating circumstances at the facility, beyond reasonable control of competition management. The application for exception must be submitted at the same time as the competition's license application or license renewal on a form provided by the Federation.

HJ407 HJ103 Definitions

1. Definitions.
 - a. Rated Hunter competitions are classified as Premier, National, Regional I, or Regional II. Unrated competitions are classified as Local.
 - b. Jumper competitions are designated as Levels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 based upon prize money. See JP104.
 - c. Rated competitions offering hunter only, or both hunter and jumper will be subject to HJS set forth under the Premier, National, Regional I and Regional II hunter rating.
 - d. HJS for a jumper only competition will be:
 1. Standards set forth under Premier required for Jumper Levels 5 and 6
 2. Standards set forth under National required for Jumper Levels 3 and 4
 3. Standards set forth under Regional I required for Jumper Level 2
 4. Standards set forth under Local required for Jumper Level 1
 - e. Federation Special competitions or Jumper Level 6 competitions may be subject to a Federation approved waiver (GR309) or other modification of a portion of the Standards (including HJS), in connection with the Special competition approval.
2. Whenever two (2) Standards are applicable to a competition, the entire competition is to achieve the highest Standard applicable to any portion of the competition.
3. For multi-breed competitions (see HJ101) which contain hunter and/or jumper sections, and for local competitions when operating within an existing rated hunter and/or jumper competition, the highest applicable HJS for any portion of the hunter and/or jumper competition is to be applied to the entire hunter and/or jumper discipline sections only.
4. **All competitions must state their competition rating and/or level clearly on the cover of the prize list.**

HJ408 HJ104 HJS Competition Standards Horse Entry & Renewal

1. Number of Horse Entries Required for HJ Competition Rating.
2. No minimum horse entry number is required to achieve the rating for jumper competitions. Prize money is the alternative criteria required for a jumper rating. **See JP104**
3. Competitions restricted to only conducting Breeding classes are exempt from the Horse Entry standard requirement.
4. Two day National Junior/Amateur restricted competitions will have a Horse Entry Number requirement of fifty (50). Competitions which utilize only one (1) competition ring or which offer only hunter and equitation classes (no jumper classes) will have a Horse Entry Number requirement as follows: Premier – seventy-five (75), National – fifty (50), Regional I – thirty-five (35) and Regional II – twenty (20).
5. Rating and Horse Entry Numbers.
(See HJ414 **HJ108** for additional HJS requirements)
Required number of Horse Entries for Regular or Local competition Classification rated hunter or hunter/jumper are:
 - a. Number of horse entries required for a Premier rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of two hundred (200).
 - b. Number of horse entries required for a National rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of seventy-five (75).
 - c. Number of horse entries required for a Regional I rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of fifty (50).
 - d. Number of horse entries required for a Regional II rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of twenty-five (25).
 - e. There is no minimum number of horse entries required for a Local competition.
 - f. For the required number of hunter classes per rating for hunter sections see GR312.6.
6. Horse Entry Number Determination and License Renewal Requirements.

The HJS Horse Entry Number (HJ408 **HJ104**) is based on the number of horses entered as determined by drug fees paid for the prior year. Horses used in equitation classes are included in the number of horses entered

7. New Competition or New Rating Horse Entry Requirement.

During the first three (3) years of a competition, the minimum number of horse entries is determined based upon the minimum number of horse entries required for the rating applied for by the Licensee and approved by the Federation. During one (1) of the first three (3) years for a competition that is new, or for a competition that is held at a new rating, the minimum Horse Entry Number (HJ408 **HJ104**) for the competition must be achieved

8. Renewal Competition Horse Entry Number Rating Requirements.

a. For competitions with three (3) or more years of operation, a competition License may be renewed if they have achieved the HJS Horse Entry Number in at least two (2) of the last three (3) years. The License renewal may be delayed until the completion of the last competition of the existing License, if it is in the best interest of the competition to achieve the HJS Horse Entry Number required for renewal. The other HJS that are applied to a competition must be achieved every year in order to maintain the Rating/Level.

b. If the required minimum HJS Horse Entry Number is not achieved during the period set forth, then the competition will be provided with a License at a lower rating consistent with the Horse Entry Numbers achieved. The Licensee may continue to conduct a competition at the same location and on the same dates at the new Rating and/or Level in accordance with (HJ408 **HJ104**) and subject to achieving other HJS required for the Rating or Level.

9. Renewal License Request at a Higher HJS Horse Entry Number Requirement. Any higher rating for a competition may only occur upon application by the Licensee and approval of the Federation in accordance with established license procedures. When a competition is approved to receive a license for a higher rating they must conduct at least three (3) competitions at the new rating before they may again apply for a higher rating

10. Renewal License Request at a Lower HJS Horse Entry Number or Other HJS Requirement. If the competition Licensee is not able to, or does not wish to, meet the applicable HJS to continue their current rating, the Licensee may request and receive a License at a lower rating, subject to meeting the applicable HJS for the new rating and Federation approval.

11. Renewal License Process Review.

The Federation, in its sole discretion, may determine that a competition has been adversely affected in the competitions ability to achieve the HJS as a result of an unforeseen or unavoidable occurrence. If this unusual occurrence adversely impacts the number of horses entered in the competition, the Federation will not consider the affected competition year in determining renewal rating eligibility. In order for the Federation to make their determination, facts must be reported in writing by competition management to the Federation Competitions Department prior to the earlier of the third day or end of writing by competition management to the Federation Competitions Department prior to the earlier of the third day or end of the licensed competition. Unforeseen or unavoidable occurrences may include Acts of God. The Federation, in its sole discretion, may audit competitions to determine that they are faithfully compliant with the HJS Horse Entry Number Requirement. If a competition is found to be non-compliant due to inclusion of inaccurate information in the competition report or other reports to the Federation, Licensee is subject to immediate revocation of all licenses.

SUBCHAPTER HJ-3 REQUIREMENTS TO OBTAIN RATING

US Equestrian Minimum Requirements for Hunter Jumper Competitions

HJ105 Safety and Welfare

1. Definitions

a) ***Potable Water: Convenient and ample water for horses and potable water for human consumption must be free and available at all times. If the facility cannot provide adequate potable water or runs out of potable water, management must provide an alternate water source as soon as possible. If the competition has been without ample water for horses for four consecutive hours, the competition must be halted until water is available.***

b) ***Restrooms: A minimum of one operable, sanitary restroom must be provided for every fifty (50) horses entered the prior year. A restroom is a fully-enclosed space with a lockable door containing a functioning toilet and stocked toilet paper dispensers. Men's restrooms may contain urinals. If the restroom is permanent, toilets must flush, hand soap must be provided, and operable sinks that dispense potable water must be provided. All restrooms must be stocked daily, or more often depending on use, and must be cleaned and thoroughly sanitized daily, or more often to prevent the accumulation of debris in undesignated areas.***

c) ***Accident Preparedness: An operable landline or cell phone must be reserved and accessible at all times for the purposes of contacting emergency personnel.***

1. The following information must be posted outside the show office, and readily available to anyone on the competition grounds:

- a. All 24-hour telephone numbers for horse and human emergencies;
- b. Map of competition grounds;
- c. Directions from competition to nearest hospital and equine veterinary center;
- d. Facility address; and
- e. GPS coordinates of facility address.

2. In addition to the requirements of GR901, Federation licensed competitions with Hunter, Hunter Breeding, Jumper and/or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes not restricted by breed must publish the following safety information in the prize list:

- a. Mileage to nearest hospital with emergency care; and
- b. Mileage to nearest Level 1 Trauma Center.

3. In addition to the requirements of GR846, Federation licensed competitions with Hunter, Hunter Breeding, Jumper and/or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes not restricted by breed must do the following:

a. ***Competition management is responsible for ensuring that all appropriate competition officials and competition staff including but not limited to Safety Coordinator, Medical Personnel, In-gate Starters, Licensed Officials, Announcers, Technical Coordinator, Stable Manager, Veterinarian, are provided a written copy of the accident preparedness plan and isolation protocol for horses, prior to the commencement of duties.***

b. ***In addition to the requirements of GR1034 the Steward shall submit a copy of the accident preparedness plan and protocol signed by the Competition Manager, Safety Coordinator, and Medical Personnel, to the Federation along with his/her Steward's report.***

d) **Safe Sport Information Signage:** Signage provided by USEF detailing information regarding Safe Sport practices and reporting procedures must be posted in the show office.

e) **Veterinarian:**

i. The official competition veterinarian must be on grounds or on call with a contractual written agreement stating that the veterinarian will be on the grounds or on call during the competition. The contractual agreement must be signed by competition management and the veterinarian who will be on duty. A veterinarian is required on grounds if the competition meets the following criteria and/or rating:

1. All Premier rated and/or Jumper Level 5/6 competitions;
2. A competition in which the previous year's horse entry number exceeds 200 (HU114 and JP105.5); or
3. A first-year multi-day competition with 'A' rated sections.

ii. If required on site based on rating, the official competition veterinarian must be provided with a clean area that is protected from the elements and secured from public view to serve as a first aid station or emergency treatment area of ill and injured horses. The first aid area must be lighted, supplied with electricity and running water, and large enough to provide a suitable and safe working environment. See GR1211.4 for additional requirements.

iii. An owner or trainer may utilize a veterinarian of their choice without being subjected to an additional fee from the competition for doing so.

f) **Farrier:** If required on-site based on rating, the official competition farrier must be provided with a clean area protected from the elements with a level surface. The farrier area must be lighted, supplied with electricity and access to water, and large enough to provide a suitable and safe working environment.

i. An owner or trainer may utilize a farrier of their choice without being subjected to an additional fee from the competition for doing so.

g) **Human Ambulance:** A medical vehicle used to respond to medical emergencies and to transport medical patients to the hospital for treatment. Emergency medical service calls must be placed in accordance with applicable local Health Department statutes and regulations.

h) **Qualified Medical Personnel:** See GR848.

i) **Emergency Horse Transport:** An operational vehicle with a designated driver dedicated to the transportation of equines on and/or from the property in the instance of an equine injury or emergency. If the horse ambulance consists of a trailer, the trailer must be sized for horses, equipped with a ramp, and properly attached to an operational towing vehicle with a designated driver throughout the competition.

j) **Automated External Defibrillator (AED):** An automated external defibrillator (AED) must be operable and placed in a designated, safe location. All qualified medical personnel must be informed of the AED's location prior to the start of competition.

2. Minimum Requirements

Minimum Requirements to Obtain Rating	Local Jumper 1	Regional II	Regional I Jumper 2	National Jumper 3/4	Premier Jumper 5/6
Potable Water	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Restrooms	1 per 50 horses entered	1 per 50 horses entered	1 per 50 horses entered	1 per 50 horses entered	1 per 50 horses entered
Accident Preparedness	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Safe Sport Information Signage	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Veterinarian (GR1211.4, HU114 and JP105.5)	On call w/ written agreement unless: 1) previous year's horse entry number exceeds 200	On call w/ written agreement; for exception see HJ105.1e	On call w/ written agreement; for exception see HJ105.1e	On call w/ written agreement; for exception see HJ105.1e	Onsite w/ written agreement
Farrier (GR1211.5)	On call w/ written agreement	On call w/ written agreement	On call w/ written agreement	Onsite for entire competition	Onsite for entire competition

Human Ambulance (GR848)	On call	On call	On call	On call	On call
Qualified Medical Personnel (GR848)	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Emergency Horse Transport	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Onsite for entire competition
AED	n/a	Required	Required	Required	Required

HJ106 Riding and Lunging Areas.

1. Each riding and lunging area must be clearly labeled with signs indicating whether the area is open or closed, in accordance with the competition schedule. Riding or lunging may not occur in a riding or lunging area that has been closed for use. Lunging is not permitted in the same area in which horses are being ridden; riding is not permitted in the same area in which horses are being lunged. The prize list must specify the dimensions of each riding and lunging area at the facility.

2. Definitions.

a. **Competition Ring:** An area designated with signage and a barrier, with a gate or space for entry and exit, on competition grounds where classes are held for competition of hunters and/or jumpers. All competitions must provide a minimum of one dedicated competition ring. Competition rings may be utilized as an exercise, lunge, or schooling area when not being used for its primary purpose if the ring meets the sizing requirements for each area.

b. **Main Competition Ring:** The main competition ring is defined as a competition ring for hunters and/or jumpers which takes priority scheduling over all other competition rings, or holds the class with the largest amount of prize money, and has designated seating for spectators and riders. If one competition ring (defined above) is provided, it will serve as the main competition ring.

c. **Schooling Area or Warm-up Area:** A designated area on the competition grounds in which horses are being prepared to compete. A schooling area is required to be designated with signage and on the facility map for each competition ring, and located in close proximity to the competition ring it serves. Premier competitions must offer a separate schooling area for hunters, jumpers and ponies if running concurrently. Schooling areas must be available one hour prior to the start of the first scheduled class until the end of the last scheduled class in the competition ring for which the schooling area is designated. When utilizing an indoor ring as a competition ring, the competition may use schooling breaks between sections within the competition schedule for each day to comply with this Standards requirement.

d. **Exercise Area:** A designated area on the competition grounds in which horses at the competition may be exercised, or lessons may be held, both on the flat and over fences.

e. **Lunging Area:** An area designated on the competition grounds that is used to safely lunge horses on the flat only.

f. **Lighting:** Lighting must provide full and complete visibility for a safe working environment for horses and personnel if competition rings, schooling areas, exercise areas, and lunge areas are open for use between sunset and sunrise. Horses cannot be required to be exhibited in the competition ring or schooled in the designated schooling areas before sunrise or after sunset unless lighting in accordance with GR 834.2 is provided that assures full and complete visibility.

g. **A Judge's Site or Judge's Booth:** A judge's site must offer climate appropriate protection from adverse weather conditions, seating, and visibility of the area being judged. Judges' sites must be provided at each competition ring and all other judging locations.

h. **Footing:** The footing in all competition rings, schooling rings, exercise areas and lunge areas must be safe, consistent and appropriate for the intended use and type of competition. These areas must be properly maintained at least daily, and more often depending upon use and weather conditions. Plans and knowledgeable maintenance staff must be in place to monitor the safety of the footing in all riding and lunging areas. Competition licensee or manager must develop a tentative footing maintenance plan for all competition rings, schooling/warm-up areas, exercise areas, and lunging areas prior to and during competition. The maintenance plan should include the type of footing, planned maintenance for each area, weather contingencies, personnel and equipment, and any breaks in the schedule for maintenance.

i. Competition management is required to make appropriate efforts to maintain the best possible footing in competition, schooling, and exercise and lunge areas. Provisions must be made (by having on hand functioning proper equipment and scheduling sufficient breaks in the schedule) to maintain the footing in those areas throughout the competition by dragging, watering, and raking, if necessary.

ii. Water trucks, sprinklers, snow removal, or other climate appropriate system(s) must be used to address climate related conditions, including dust reduction for all riding and lunging areas.

iii. Horses are not permitted in riding and lunging areas while the areas are being serviced by motorized equipment.

i. **Competitor and Spectator Seating:** Bleachers, benches, or chairs available adjacent to the main competition ring. Seating must be well-constructed, in good condition, and safe for use.

j. **Shelter for Horses & Riders:** At least one permanent or temporary structure with the capacity to comfortably and safely cover horses and riders and provide protection from sunlight and extreme temperatures. The shelters must be located adjacent to a schooling area or competition ring. Shelters must be well-constructed, in good condition, safe for use, and anchored securely to the ground in order to withstand wind.

k. Ring Staff: Jump crew must be assigned to each competition ring in which jumps are used, to replace fences that were knocked down, help with course setting, rake or tamp footing, and aid in the event of an accident or emergency. In-gate personnel must be assigned to each competition ring to ensure the competition runs on schedule and must be equipped with a legible schedule and entry list for each class.

3. Minimum Requirements to Obtain Rating

Minimum Requirements to Obtain Rating	Local Jumper 1	Regional II	Regional I Jumper 2	National Jumper 3/4	Premier Jumper 5/6	Additional Requirements for competitions that meet requirements of HJ108 - Outdoor	Additional Requirements for competitions that meet requirements of HJ108 - Indoor
Main Competition Ring	n/a	n/a	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Competition Ring – 1 Outdoor	20,000 Sq. Feet	20,000 Sq. Feet	24,000 Sq. Feet	28,000 Sq. Feet	28,000 Sq. Feet	Not applicable	Not applicable
Competition Ring – 1 Indoor	14,000 Sq. Feet	14,000 Sq. Feet	16,000 Sq. Feet	18,000 Sq. Feet	20,000 Sq. Feet	Not applicable	Not applicable
Designated Schooling Area for each Competition Ring	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Schooling Area 1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	45,000 Sq. Feet	30,000 Sq. Feet
Exercise Area – 1 Outdoor	Required	Required	16,000 Sq. Feet	20,000 Sq. Feet	24,000 sq. ft.	Combined w/ lunging area requirement	Combined w/ lunging area requirement
Exercise Area – 1 Indoor	n/a	n/a	n/a	18,000 Sq. Feet	18,000 sq. ft.	Not applicable	Not applicable
Lunging Area	2,500 sq. ft.	2,500 sq. ft.	10,000 Sq. Feet	10,000 Sq. Feet	15,000 Sq. Feet	45,000 Sq. Feet + additional 10,000 sq. ft. per 100 horses	30,000 Sq. Feet + additional 10,000 sq. ft. per 100 horses
Lighting	Required if night or early morning classes are held	Required if night or early morning classes are held	Required if night or early morning classes are held	Required if night or early morning classes are held	Required if night or early morning classes are held	Required if night or early morning classes are held	Required if night or early morning classes are held
Judges' Site	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required		
Footing	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required		
Competitor & Spectator Seating	n/a	n/a	Seating for at least 25 individuals at	Seating for at least 50 individuals at main competition	Seating for at least 100 individuals at		

<i>Spectator Seating</i>			<i>main competition ring</i>	<i>main competition ring</i>	<i>main competition ring</i>
<i>Shelter for Horses & Riders</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>Required</i>
<i>Ring Staff</i>	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>

HJ107 Facilities.

1. Definitions

a. Parking Areas: *Parking areas for vans, trailers, competitors, spectators, and officials must be provided. Parking for spectators and competitors must be designated with signage. Vehicles must be parked in designated areas that do not impede foot, horse, or vehicle routes.*

b. Level Measurement Area: *A level surface area for measurement (if there are divisions that require measurement) in accordance with HJ140.*

c. Lighting in Stabling: *The lighting in the barns and stabling areas provided by the competition must provide a safe environment for horses and clear visibility for people.*

d. Waste Containment and Removal: *Competitions must remove and dispose of animal, human, and trash waste as necessary to maintain a sanitary environment. Manure and trash containment areas or receptacles must be placed in convenient areas throughout the facility. Manure or trash containment areas or receptacles must not obstruct foot or vehicle traffic routes or be placed in areas where fluids accumulate.*

e. Sharps Containers: *A sharps container is made of puncture-resistant plastic with leak-resistant sides and bottom. They have a tight fitting, puncture-resistant lid which does not allow sharps to come out of the container. Sharps containers must be properly labeled to warn of hazardous waste inside the container.*

i. If stabling is provided, each fifty (50) occupied stalls must be provided with one sharps container for the disposal of needles and other disposable sharp instruments. These containers must be placed in visible, accessible, and convenient locations in barns housing competition horses. If stabling is not provided, competition management must place a minimum of one sharps container for every seventy-five (75) horses entered the previous year in visible, accessible, and convenient locations.

ii. It is competition management's responsibility to dispose of contents of sharps containers when the container is three-quarters (3/4) full, in accordance with community guidelines for proper disposal methods. Competition management may fine any individuals including trainers, owners, exhibitors, or their agents up to \$100 for improper disposal of needles or other sharp disposable instruments.

iii. If local law has more stringent requirements than above relating to sharps containers or disposal, local law will prevail. Competitions that fail to place the required number of containers on the competition grounds or dispose of the contents properly will be considered in violation of the rules and may be subject to penalty as determined by the CEO or his designee and/or the Hearing Committee.

f. Stabling: *When provided, stalls must be of sturdy construction, in good condition, well-ventilated, dry, and safe for horses and ponies. Prize list must specify the type of stabling and type of stabling flooring. Trash, debris, and hazardous materials must be removed from every stall prior to occupation. If a safety issue is identified and brought to management's attention, management must address the issue as soon as possible. Functional and durable stall doors must be properly attached to every stall. Doors of occupied stalls cannot be obstructed. Aisles must be sized so that the stall doors across from each other can open concurrently to the widest point without touching. The minimum dimensions for box stalls containing horses and ponies are 9'6" wide by 9'6" deep with a minimum wall height of 7'0". The covering over the stalls must be weatherproof, properly secured, and in good repair.*

i. Subject to local law, any owner or trainer on the grounds of a competition must be permitted to haul in hay, grain and bedding for their own horses, in accordance with the times and any specifications published in the prize list and on the entry form. Hay, grain, and bedding cannot be resold for commercial purposes by competition participants.

ii. Overnight stabling, on the competition grounds, must be provided for any accepted and confirmed entry in a section held on multiple days that has requested and paid for the stall(s) by the closing date of entries. Subject to competition management approval, additional entries may be accepted without stalls with exhibitor prior consent.

g. Public Address (PA) System: *An electronic system comprising microphones and amplifiers used for the purpose of making announcements on competition grounds. The PA system must be audible and clear in all areas of the facility.*

i. Competition management must test all communication systems prior to the start of competition to ensure that each component is operable, charged, and offers clear and consistent communication in all areas of the facility. Faulty components must be repaired or replaced prior to the start of competition.

h. Portable Communication Devices: *The following people must be equipped with an operable communication device, such as handheld transceivers or personal cell phones, during each licensed competition day*

i. All licensed officials;

ii. Main secretary(ies);

iii. Safety coordinator;

iv. At least one qualified medical employee;

- v. Competition manager and/or facility manager;
- vi. The official on-site veterinarian, if applicable;

vi. The official on-site farrier, if applicable; and

vii. Anyone serving a role critical to the efficient operation of the competition.

If communication devices are provided by competition management, competition management must ensure that all communication systems are operable, charged, and offer clear and consistent communication in all areas of the facility. Faulty components must be repaired or replaced prior to the start of competition.

i. **Night Watch:** Security and monitoring service offered to exhibitors, which must be available to contract at an additional cost, for horses stabled on the grounds.

j. **24-Hour Facility Security:** Security personnel in place to protect the facility against unauthorized entry and respond to emergencies.

k. **Horse Wash Areas:** A minimum of one horse wash area for each fifty (50) horses entered in the prior year must be available. Each horse wash area must have an operational water spigot, hose, and properly maintained drainage, so that water drains away from the wash area and stabling into a routed area or storm drain.

l. **Competition Office & Staff:** Office must be operated with enough staff to process workload in a timely manner. Office must keep current and accurate records of event participants, staff and officials, and contact information. The competition office must clearly state its hours of operation outside the office on each licensed day.

m. **Results Posted:** Results must be available at the show office or on the internet within four hours of the conclusion of the section.

n. **Competition Website:** The competition website must provide current information and resources applicable to the facility and competition, including prize list, entry form or access to online entry system, updated schedules, class entry numbers, competitor services, facility map, and any other relevant information useful to competitors and trainers.

o. **Online Entry System:** The online entry system must meet all requirements for USEF competition entries.

p. **Electrical Outlets in Stabling:** If provided, electrical outlets or receptacles must comply with applicable sections of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), National Electrical Code, National Electrical Safety Code, and state-adopted electrical codes.

q. **Separate Motor Vehicle and Horse Traffic:** In high traffic areas, well-maintained paths must be in place throughout the facility that separate motor vehicles from horses and pedestrians and designated with legible signage.

r. **Drainage System:** Drains must be in place at each stabling area and wash area so that water drains away from stabling into a routed area or storm drain. Each must be operable, safe, well-maintained, and cleared periodically, to prevent the accumulation of rain and ground water.

s. **Food and Beverage Service:** At least one staffed food and beverage service area must be available on the competition grounds. Hours of operation must be posted and announcements notifying exhibitors of closing times must be made at least one hour prior to closing.

2. Minimum Requirements to Obtain Rating

Minimum Requirements to Obtain Rating	Local	Regional II	Regional I	National	Premier
	Jumper 1		Jumper 2	Jumper 3/4	Jumper 5/6
Parking	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Level Measurement Area(HJ140)	Required if classes that require measurement are offered	Required if classes that require measurement are offered	Required if classes that require measurement are offered	Required if classes that require measurement are offered	Required if classes that require measurement are offered
Lighting in Stabling	Required if stabling is offered	Required if stabling is offered	Required if stabling is offered	Required if stabling is offered	Required if stabling is offered
Waste Containment and Removal	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Sharps Containers	1 container per 50 occupied stalls or 1 container per 75	1 container per 50 occupied stalls or 1 container per 75	1 container per 50 occupied stalls or 1 container per 75	1 container per 50 occupied stalls	1 container per 50 occupied stalls

	<i>horses entered</i>	<i>horses entered</i>	<i>horses entered</i>		
Stabling	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	Required	Required
Public Address System	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	Required	Required
Portable Communication Devices	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Night Watch	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	Required	Required
24-Hour Facility Security	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	Required
Horse Wash Areas	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Competition Office & Staff	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Results Posted	<i>n/a</i>	Required	Required	Required	Required
Competition Website	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	Required	Required
Online Entry System	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	Required
Electrical Outlets in Stabling	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	Required
Separate Motor Vehicle and Horse Traffic	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	Required if 500+ horses entered in previous year
Drainage System	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	Required	Required
Food/Beverage Service	Required	Required	Required	Required – hot and cold	Required – Hot and cold

HJ109 HJS Requirements to Obtain Federation Local and/or Jumper Level 1 Rating

1. —All Local and/or Jumper Level 1 competitions must meet the Basic Standards set forth in HJ100 through HJ105.
2. —All Local hunter only, or hunter/jumper competitions do not have a minimum HJS Horse Entry Number requirement.
3. —All jumper only Level 1 and Local competitions have no HJS Horse Entry Number requirement to achieve their rating. Prize money is the alternative criteria required for a jumper rating. See JP104.
4. —A minimum of one (1) competition ring of at least 20,000 square feet when using an outdoor ring and/or a minimum of one (1) competition ring of at least 14,000 square feet when using an indoor ring.
5. —A minimum of one (1) dedicated schooling area that is not being used at the time as an exercise area or lunge area for the period beginning one (1) hour prior to the start of the first scheduled class in the competition ring and ending at the end of the last class in the competition ring. When utilizing an indoor ring as a competition ring, the competition may use schooling breaks between sections within the competition schedule for each day to comply with this Standards requirement.
6. —An exercise area must be available for at least one (1) hour during each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset unless lighted as specified in HJ102.6.
7. —A minimum of one (1) lunge area not being used at the time as competition rings, schooling areas and/or exercise areas must be available for at least one (1) hour during each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset unless lighted as specified in HJ102.6.

HJ110 HJS Requirements to Obtain Federation Regional II Rating

1. —All Regional II rated competitions must meet the Basic Standards set forth in HJ100 through HJ105.
2. —All Regional II rated hunter only, or hunter/jumper competitions must have the minimum required number of twenty-five (25) horse entries, in accordance with HJ108.
3. —A minimum of one (1) competition ring of at least 20,000 square feet when using an outdoor ring, and/or a minimum of one (1) competition ring of at least 14,000 square feet when using an indoor ring.
4. —A minimum of one (1) dedicated schooling area that is not being used at the time as an exercise area or lunge area for the period beginning one (1) hour prior to the start of the first scheduled class in the competition ring and ending at the end of the last class in the competition ring. When utilizing an indoor ring as a competition ring, the competition may use schooling breaks between sections within the competition schedule for each day to comply with this Standards requirement.
5. —An exercise area must be available for at least two (2) contiguous hours within each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset unless lighted as specified in HJ102.6.
6. —A minimum of one (1) lunge area not being used at the time as competition rings, schooling areas and/or exercise areas must be available for at least one (1) hour during each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset unless lighted as specified in HJ102.6.
7. —Results must be available at the show office, on the internet or other convenient identified location within four (4) hours.
8. —Licensees providing a Regional II rated competition must select and describe with their license application a minimum of ten (10) additional items (not on the required list) from HJ117, four (4) of which must be selected from Group I.
9. —Communication or public address system which provides clear announcements from the competition rings to the stabling and trailer day parking areas.

HJ111 HJS Requirements to Obtain Federation Regional I Rating and/or Jumper Level 2

1. —All Regional I rated and/or Jumper Level 2 competitions must meet the Basic Standards for all competitions set forth in HJ100 through HJ105.
2. —All Regional I rated hunter only, or hunter/jumper competitions must have the minimum required number of fifty (50) horse entries, in accordance with HJ202.
3. —All jumper only Level 2 and Local competitions have no minimum horse entry requirements to achieve their rating. Prize money is the alternative criteria required for a jumper rating. See JP104.
4. —A minimum of one (1) competition ring of at least 24,000 square feet when using an outdoor ring and/or a minimum of one (1) competition ring of at least 16,000 square feet when using an indoor ring.
5. —A minimum of one (1) dedicated schooling area that is not being used at the time as an exercise area or lunge area for the period beginning one (1) hour prior to the start of the first scheduled class in the competition ring and ending at the end of the last class in the competition ring. When utilizing an indoor ring as a competition ring, the competition may use schooling breaks between sections within the competition schedule for each day to comply with this requirement.
6. —An exercise area of at least 16,000 square feet must be available for at least three (3) contiguous hours during each calendar day during the hours of sunrise and sunset unless lighted as specified in HJ102.6.
7. —A minimum of one lunge area of at least 10,000 square feet not being used at the time as competition ring, schooling areas and/or exercise areas must be available for at least one (1) hour during each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset unless lighted as specified in HJ102.6.
8. —Results must be available at the show office, on the internet or other convenient identified location within four (4) hours.
9. —Minimum bleacher type seating capacity for at least twenty-five (25) must be provided at one (1) of the designated competition ring(s).
10. —Licensees providing a Regional I rated and/or jumper Level 2 competition must select and describe with their license application a minimum of ten (10) additional items (not on the required list) from HJ117, four (4) of which must be selected from Group I.
11. —Communication or public address system which provides clear announcements from the competition rings to the stabling and trailer day parking areas.

HJ112 HJS Requirements to Obtain Federation National Rating and/or Jumper Levels 3 and 4

1. —All National rated and/or Jumper Levels 3 and 4 competitions must meet the Basic Standards for all competitions set forth in HJ100 through HJ105.
2. —All National rated hunter only or hunter/jumper competitions must have the required minimum number of one hundred (100) entries, in accordance with HJ108.
3. —All jumper only Levels 3 and 4 and Local competitions have no minimum horse entry requirements to achieve their rating. Prize money is the alternative criteria required for a jumper rating. See JP104.
4. —Overnight stabling, on the competition grounds, must be provided for any accepted and confirmed entry in a section held on multiple days that has requested and paid for the stall(s) by the closing date of entries. Subject to competition management approval, additional entries may be accepted without stalls with exhibitor prior consent.
5. —Adequate hot and cold food and beverage service must be available beginning one (1) hour prior to the start of the first scheduled class and continuing until the end of the last class of each competition day. (Excludes schooling days).
6. —A minimum of one (1) competition ring of at least 28,000 square feet when using an outdoor ring and/or minimum of one (1) competition ring of at least 18,000 square feet when using an indoor ring.
7. —A minimum of one (1) schooling area that is not being used at the time as an exercise area or lunge area for the period beginning one (1) hour prior to the start of the first scheduled class in the competition ring and ending at the end of the last class in the competition ring.
8. —An exercise area of at least 20,000 square feet if outdoors and 18,000 square feet if indoors must be available for at least three (3) contiguous hours within each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset unless lighted as specified in HJ102.6.
9. —A minimum of one (1) lunge area of at least 10,000 square feet not being used at the time as competition rings, schooling areas and/or exercise areas must be available for at least two (2) contiguous hours within each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset unless lighted as specified in HJ102.6.
10. —Results must be available at the show office, on the internet or other convenient identified location within four (4) hours.
11. —Minimum bleacher type seating with capacity for at least fifty (50) must be provided at one (1) of the designated competition ring(s).
12. —Water trucks, sprinklers or a system which must be used for dust reduction for all required and provided rings, schooling, exercise and lunging areas as well as all access and egress paths.
13. —Sun/rain weather appropriate and properly sized to provide shelter for horses and riders conveniently located to the competitions must be provided.
14. —The official competition veterinarian must be provided with a clean stall or other suitable area, protected from the elements, secured from public view, adequately lighted, with adequate electrical supply and running water, to serve as a first aid station for the emergency treatment of ill and injured horses.
15. —Licensees proving a National Rated and/or jumper Levels 3 or 4 competition, must select and describe with their license application a minimum of sixteen (16) additional items (not on the required list for the National Rating) from HJ117, eight (8) of which must be selected from Group I.
16. —Communication or public address system which provides clear announcements from the competition rings to the stabling and trailer day parking areas.

HJ113 HJS Requirements to Obtain Federation Premier Rating and/or Jumper Level 5

1. —All Premier rated and/or Jumper Level 5 competitions must meet the Basic Standards for all competitions set forth in HJ100 through HJ105.
2. —All Premier rated hunter only, or hunter/jumper competitions must have the required minimum number of two hundred (200) horse entries, in accordance with HJ108. (See HJ114 additional requirements when horse entry numbers exceed five hundred (500) and/or licensed series of competitions are scheduled for a period of twenty-one (21) days or more without a break of at least five (5) consecutive calendar days).
3. —All jumper only Level 5 and Local competitions have no minimum horse entry requirements to achieve their rating. Prize money is the alternative criteria required for a jumper rating. See JP104.
4. —Overnight stabling, on the competition grounds, must be provided for any accepted and confirmed entry in a section held on multiple days that has requested and paid for the stall(s) by the closing date of entries. Subject to competition management approval, additional entries may be accepted without stalls with exhibitor prior consent.
5. —Adequate hot and cold food and beverage service must be available beginning one (1) hour prior to the start of the first scheduled class and continuing until the end of the last class for each competition day. (Excludes schooling days). Vending machines do not count.
6. —A minimum of one (1) competition ring of at least 28,000 square feet when using an outdoor ring and/or a minimum of one (1) competition ring of at least 20,000 square feet when using an indoor ring. Competition ring, whether outdoor or indoor, must have designated rider stand/seating.
7. —A minimum of one (1) schooling area for each jumper competition ring and a minimum of one (1) schooling area for every two (2) hunter rings that is not being used at the time as an exercise area or lunge area for the period beginning one (1) hour prior to the start of the first scheduled class in the competition ring and ending at the end of the last class in the competition ring. A separate schooling area for hunters, jumpers and ponies must be provided if running concurrently. Any combination of exercise and schooling area must be a minimum of 30,000 square feet.
8. —An exercise area of at least 24,000 square feet if outdoors and 18,000 square feet if indoors must be available during competition hours within each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset unless lighted as specified in HJ102.6. Any combination of exercise and schooling area must be a minimum of 30,000 square feet.
9. —A minimum of one (1) lunge area of at least 15,000 square feet not being used at the time as competition rings, schooling areas and/or exercise areas must be available during competition hours within each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset unless lighted as specified in HJ102.6.
10. —Minimum bleacher type seating capacity for at least one hundred (100) must be provided at one (1) of the main competition ring(s).
11. —Overnight security for the purpose of deterring the removal of horses and/or equipment from the grounds must be provided. Exhibitors should recognize that it is not intended for the competitions to take responsibility for items owned by others.
12. —Competition results must be available at the show office, on the internet or other convenient identified location within four (4) hours.
13. —Water trucks, sprinklers, snow removal or other climate appropriate system must be used for dust reduction or other weather related conditions for all required and provided rings, schooling, exercise and lunging areas as well as all access and egress roads/paths.
14. —Sun/rain weather appropriate and properly sized to shelter for horses and riders conveniently located to the competition rings must be provided.
15. —The official competition veterinarian to be on grounds during periods of competition. The official competition veterinarian must be provided with a clean stall or other suitable area, protected from the elements, secured from public view, adequately lighted, with adequate electrical supply and running water, to serve as a first aid station for the emergency treatment of ill and injured horses.
16. —Premier competitions must conduct award ceremonies and designate within the prize list both a time(s) during the program and location(s) for award ceremonies.
17. —Licensees providing a Premier Rated and/or Jumper Level 5 competition must select and describe with their license application a minimum of twenty (20) additional items (not on the required list for the Premier Rating) from HJ117, ten (10) of which must be selected from each group.
18. —Communication or public address system which provides clear announcements from the competition rings to the stabling and trailer day parking areas.

HJ144 HJ108 Horse Entry Numbers Exceed Five Hundred the Previous Year Based on Drug Fees Paid or Duration of Competition or Series of Competitions Exceeds Twenty-One Days without a Break of five (5) consecutive calendar days

When Horse Entry Numbers exceed five hundred (500) the previous year based on drug fees paid or licensed series of competitions under the same license licensee are scheduled for a period of twenty-one (21) days or more without a break of at least five (5) consecutive calendar days, additional HJS must be met for exercise and lunge **lunging area** requirements. These HJS apply to all rated or combinations of rated competitions without regard to the fact that the rating may be different. When the number of horse entries and days of competition are as described herein, the following HJS requirements are in lieu of existing exercise and lunge requirements set forth as HJS for rating: Premier, National, Regional I or Regional II.

1. Outdoor competitions. When the above conditions set forth in HJ144 **HJ108** exist, the following minimum requirements must be met for exercise and lunge areas on both competition and non-competition days: Required Exercise/Lunge area 45,000 square feet.
Additional 10,000 square feet for each increment of 100 horses. Up to a maximum total area requirement of 135,000 square feet.

- a. A minimum of one (1) lunge area of at least 20,000 square feet not being used at the time as competition rings, schooling areas and/or exercise areas must be available during competition hours between the hours of sunrise and sunset. This area is considered part of the total area required for the exercise/lunge area.
- b. The exercise area must be available for at least five (5) contiguous hours within each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset. The exercise area schedule (if area is not always available) must be posted in the horse show office prior to the first day of competition. This area is required to be available on both competition days and during non-competition days when there are less than five (5) consecutive calendar days of break without scheduled competitions.

2. Indoor competitions. When the above conditions set forth in HJ144 **HJ108** exist, the following minimum requirements must be met for exercise and lunge areas on both competition and non-competition days.
Required Exercise/Lunge area 30,000 square feet
Additional 10,000 square feet for each increment of 100 horses

- a. The exercise area and lunge area must be available for at least two (2) periods of two (2) contiguous hours between 5:00 am and 12:00 midnight, and lighted as specified in HJ101.6. This exercise area period is required to be available on days when competitions are scheduled and during non-competition days at least eight (8) contiguous hours between 5:00 am and 12:00 midnight when there are less than five (5) consecutive calendar days without scheduled competitions. Exercise areas must be lighted as specified in HJ402.6 **HJ106.2.f and GR 834.2**.

HJ115 HJ109 HJS Requirements for Federation Special Competitions and/or Jumper Level 6 Events

1. —The purpose of this rating/level category is to allow the production of a special competition entertainment Event. This Event may be held in connection with a highly promoted and attended, and/or broadcast hunter and/or jumper competition. The venue and promotion of the Event would benefit the sport of Equestrian in a manner that would reflect favorably on the discipline of hunters and/or jumpers.
2. —HJS applicable to the Event would be those set forth for a Premier competition. The special competition Event may not be required to meet all of the standards (including HJ competition standards) for a Premier hunter or jumper Level 5 competition, and a waiver may be authorized by the

- Federation, following consultation with the applicable Recognized Affiliate, to operate with modified standards for the Event.
3. —The purpose of this Special competition rating is not to allow a scheduled licensed competition to operate other than in accordance with the minimum standards set forth above.
 4. —Special competition Event(s) may count for awards if they qualify and are approved by the Federation, following consultation with the applicable Recognized Affiliate, for the award participation.
 5. —An application to conduct a Special hunter and/or jumper competition, that requires a waiver or modification of the HJS or other standards applicable to a hunter a/or jumper competition, as either part of an existing competition or a separate competition, must receive approval by the Federation following consultation with the applicable Recognized Affiliate in accordance with GR309.
 6. —Mileage protection would not apply to a Special competition, unless the Special competition occurs within an existing licensed competition that has been licensed by the Federation, and already has mileage protection. Any mileage protection must be specifically requested and approved by the Federation, following consultation with the applicable Recognized Affiliate in accordance with GR309.

HJ116 HJS Options Menu Sections Required to Obtain Federation Rating for Premier, National, Regional I, or Regional II Rated and/or Jumper Levels 5, 4, 3, or 2.

(See Specific Rating and Competition Standards Requirements)

1. —Licensees providing a Premier Rated and/or Jumper Level 5 competition must select and describe with their license application, a minimum of twenty (20) additional items (not on the required list for a Premier rated and/or jumper Level 5 competition) from HJ117, ten (10) of which must be selected from Group I.
2. —Licensees providing a National Rated and/or jumper Level 3 and 4 competition must select and describe with their license application a minimum of sixteen (16) additional items (not on the required list for a National rated and/or jumper Level 3 and 4 competition) from HJ117, eight (8) of which must be selected from Group I.
3. —Licensees providing a Regional I Rated and/or jumper Level 2 competition must select and describe with their license application a minimum of ten (10) additional items (not on the required list for a Regional I rated and/or Jumper Level 2 competition) from HJ117, four (4) of which must be selected from Group I.
4. —Licensees providing a Regional II Rated competition must select and describe with their license application a minimum of ten (10) additional items (not on the required list for a Regional II rated competition) from HJ117, four (4) of which must be selected from Group I.
5. —Licensees providing a Local competition are not required to provide any additional items from the options selection list.

HJ117 HJS Option Selection List

Rated hunter, hunter/jumper and/or jumper Levels 5, 4, 3, or 2 competitions must select and describe with their license application the required minimum number of items to be provided from optional items list below. Licensee(s) must select the number of items required for the Rating and cannot select option items already required for the competition rating.

1. —Group I — In selecting the required number of options for the rating, note that options specifically required for a particular rating do not count toward the required number of options.
 - —Sun/rain shelter for spectators.
 - —VIP hospitality and sponsor lounge
 - —Designated main competition ring for hunters and/or jumpers which takes priority scheduling over all other competition rings with designated rider stand/seating.
 - —Competition website.
 - —Night watch for horses stabled on the grounds to be available to exhibitors to contract separately, at exhibitor cost.
 - —Provide a Jumbotron, defined as a functioning electronic board that provides both scoring information and video capability in at least one of the Main competition ring(s).
 - —Provide a functioning visible scoreboard (minimum of forty (40) square feet) adjacent to the Main Ring(s) where either/or both hunter and/or jumper competition are held.
 - —Competition to designate access and egress for horses, pedestrians and vehicles which separates motor vehicles from horses and pedestrians.
 - —Camper hook ups with connections for water, electric and tank pump out.
 - —Permanent restroom facilities.
 - —Shower facilities.
 - —Ambulance or additional medical personnel exceeding the minimum required under Federation rules.
 - —Automatic External Defibrillator device (AED).
 - —Horse ambulance.
 - —Permanent stabling.
 - —Official competition photographer.
 - —Water trucks, sprinklers or another suitable system which must be used for dust reduction in all other areas in addition to rings, schooling, exercise and lunge areas.
 - —Conduct award ceremonies and designate within the prize list both a time(s) during the program (i.e. following completion of class 10) and location(s) for presentation award ceremonies.
 - —Provide a visible scoreboard (minimum of 60 square feet) adjacent to the Main competition ring(s) where either/or both hunter and/or jumper competitions are held.
2. —Group II — In selecting the required number of options for the rating, note that options specifically required for a particular rating do not count toward the required number of options.

*Denotes options which may be required depending on rating.

- —Wireless internet access.
- —Exhibitor appreciation party.
- —Exhibitor lounge.
- —Climate appropriate exhibitor lounge area (heated or cooled).
- —Online/internet competition entry system available at no charge.
- —Acceptance of credit cards for payments by exhibitors.
- —Equestrian equipment vendors with repair service.
- —Veterinarian on grounds during entire competition.
- —Provide two (2) or more food and beverage areas not including VIP or other restricted entry facilities.
- —Provide golf carts which are available for rent on a reservation basis up to the close of entries.
- —Implementation of a plan that includes measurable community awareness and involvement at the competition.

- ~~Press center available during competition hours at no cost to the media covering the competition with protection from adverse weather conditions and provides electrical plugs and internet access.~~
- ~~Official competition videographer.~~
- ~~Sun/rain shelter for horses and riders.*~~
- ~~Twenty-four (24) hour security.*~~
- ~~A dedicated schooling area for each competition ring. The schooling area must not be used as an exercise or lunge area for the period beginning one (1) hour prior to the start of the first scheduled class in the competition ring until the conclusion of the last class in the competition ring.*~~
- ~~Farrier on grounds during entire competition.*~~
- ~~Seating for a minimum of one hundred (100) spectators at the Main competition ring.*~~
- ~~Electrical outlets throughout stable area.~~
- ~~Storm drain in stable area.~~
- ~~Isolation stalls.~~
- ~~Hot water supply in stable area.~~
- ~~Free wireless internet access.~~
- ~~Upgraded horse wash area with one (1) spigot per 25 horses.~~
- ~~Course Designer responsible for maximum of two (2) competition rings.~~
- ~~Self-service station in show office for bills, results and class counts.~~
- ~~Results and orders of go updated online daily.~~
- ~~Results and orders of go updated online daily.~~
- ~~Express checkout available.~~

HJ118 Federation Hunter/Jumper or Hunter/Jumper – Local Competitions

All "Local" and Jumper Level 1 competitions must meet the Standards forth in HJ100 through HJ105. No additional option selections are required.

SUBCHAPTER HJ-3 4 COMPETITION SCHEDULING AND PRIZE MONEY

See also GR901.21b, GR901.24 and Chapter GR3.

All competitions must state their competition rating clearly on the cover of the prize list.

HJ119 HJ109 Premier Rated Competitions

1. Must be held and judged over a minimum of five (5) days on the same competition grounds.
2. Number of horse entries required for a Premier rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of two hundred (200).
3. A minimum of fifteen (15) "A" rated Hunter sections listed in GR312.6 must be offered.
4. A minimum of ten "A" and/or "C" rated hunter sections listed in GR312.6 must be held and judged., a maximum of four of which can be "C" rated sections. Ladies Side Saddle does not count towards these requirements.
5. Scheduling
 - a. A minimum of two performance classes from two different "A" rated Hunter sections must be scheduled and judged on four of the five days.
 - b. Classes in recognized sections must run on consecutive days. (Exception: Hunter Classics)
6. The High Performance Hunter section must be offered.
7. Prize Money
 - a. A minimum of \$24,000 in prize money, including add-back money if any, must be paid in the rated Hunter sections of a Premier competition. If an add-back is offered, the minimum required prize money for that section must be guaranteed, and the add-backs must be clearly indicated in the prize list. *Money from model classes does not count towards this requirement.
 - b. A maximum of \$5,000 of Hunter Classic, USHJA National Hunter Derby, USHJA Pony Hunter Derby, USHJA Green Hunter Incentive, and/or USHJA Green Hunter Challenge prize money can be used towards calculating the \$24,000 of prize money, including add-back money if any, which must be paid for a Premier rated competition.
 - c. If sections are canceled or entries are insufficient to award all prize money, then additional money not awarded must be pooled and redistributed 60% to the champions, and 40% to the reserve champions of the remaining "A" rated hunter sections. Model classes do not count towards the number of required classes to meet the rating requirement, therefore the prize money offered in Model classes cannot be used to determine the amount of required prize money to calculate the Premier rating.

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Rule Change Intent

This rule change proposal is the first step in a process to align the competition standards rules with the current environment in an effort to better define the requirements associated with the various competition ratings, thereby providing a consistent experience for exhibitors at each level of competition rating.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: requirements to obtain rating

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Council - Admin & Finance

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Council - Intl Discipline

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National Hunter Committee

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USHJA

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Proposed Change

HU144 Hunter Breeding [CHAPTER HU-9 HUNTER & PONY HUNTER BREEDING]

HU144 Hunter Breeding

[...]

3. Class Specifications.

a. Breeding classes are judged on conformation, **athleticism**, way of moving, quality, substance, soundness and suitability to become or in the case of sires and dams apparent ability to produce or beget hunters. Possible inheritable conformational defects are only to be considered in the case of sires and dams or prospective sires and dams. Horses are to be judged for conformation before being walked and/or trotted. Broodmares and weanlings are to walk. Yearlings, Two year-olds and Three year-olds are to walk and trot. Horses that are not sound are ineligible for an award. Entries should be lined up in the order of preference before the ribbons are pinned.

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Rule Change Intent

To clarify that Hunter Breeding classes should be judged on the ability to become or produce hunters.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: hunter breeding

Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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National Hunter Committee

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USHJA

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Proposed Change

HJ113 HJS Requirements to Obtain Federation Premier Rating and/or Jumper Level 5 [CHAPTER HJ-1 COMPETITION FACILITY AND SERVICE STANDARDS]

[...]

19. At Premier rated and/or Jumper Level 5 or higher competitions, at least one of the required qualified medical personnel must be a paramedic. See GR848 for additional medical personnel requirements.

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Rule Change Intent

To improve rider safety in emergency situations, this proposal is the first step in a multi-step plan to ensure that the proper medical equipment and personnel are in place and available to assist in an emergency.

Linked Rules	Comments
	Web: medical personnel

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Council - Admin & Finance

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Council - Intl Discipline

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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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National Hunter Committee

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Safety

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Proposed Change

HU167 International Hunter Derby [CHAPTER HU-14 USHJA CHAMPOINSHIPS AND SPECIAL CLASSES]

[Linked to USHJA RCP to HJ201.2 Standalone IHD License]

HU167 International Hunter Derby

- Classes included in the member event series to be determined annually by USHJA.
- Derbies may only be offered at Federation licensed Premier competitions, National competitions which meet or exceed the competition standards of a Premier rating, but do not meet the prize money and/or horse entry standard requirements of a Premier rating **and stand-alone International Hunter Derby Competitions**. ~~and competitions that have been approved for a Special Competition status.~~ The competition Steward must verify in their report to the Federation that the National competition met all other requirements of a Premier competition.

[...]

HU192 (New HU165) USHJA National Hunter Derby

See www.ushja.org for full specifications. USHJA National Hunter Derby may be offered at USEF Licensed Premier, National, Regional I, or Regional II, **and stand-alone International Hunter Derby** Competitions. ~~and at Competitions approved for a Special Competition Status.~~

[...]

HU194 (New HU171) USHJA Pony Hunter Derby

- A USHJA Pony Hunter Derby may be offered at Federation licensed Premier, National, Regional I, and Regional II, rated competitions, **and stand-alone International Hunter Derby competitions**. ~~or competitions that have been approved for a Special Competition classification.~~

[...]

HU195 (New HU172) International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake

- A USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake may only be offered at Federation licensed **Stand-alone International Hunter Derby** competitions. ~~that have been approved for a Special Competition classification and have also been approved to host a USHJA International Hunter Derby.~~

[...]

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Rule Change Intent

This rule change is to provide a new International Hunter Derby "subtype" of Rated Hunter competitions to replace the use of Special competition status for the stand-alone International Hunter Derby competitions. Under this new rule, the Hunter Derby rated competitions will be required to follow all standards and mileage rules of Premier rated Hunter competitions.

Linked Rules	Comments
HJ 201 (281-18)	Web: International Hunter Derby

Committee Actions

Competition Management

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Council - Admin & Finance

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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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National Hunter Committee

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Proposed Change

HJ201 Definitions [CHAPTER HJ-2 RATING & HORSE ENTRY NUMBERS]**[Linked to USHJA RCP to New HU167 Standalone IHD License]**

HJ201 Definitions

1. Definitions.
2. Rated Hunter competitions are classified as Premier, National, Regional I, or Regional II. Unrated competitions are classified as Local. ***Stand-alone International Hunter Derby competitions are a sub-type of the premier hunter rating (see HJ305).***
3. Jumper competitions are designated as Levels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 based upon prize money. See JP104.
4. Rated competitions offering hunter only, or both hunter and jumper will be subject to HJS set forth under the Premier, National, Regional I and Regional II hunter rating.
5. HJS for a jumper only competition will be:
6. Standards set forth under Premier required for Jumper Levels 5 and 6
7. Standards set forth under National required for Jumper Levels 3 and 4
8. Standards set forth under Regional I required for Jumper Level 2
9. Standards set forth under Local required for Jumper Level 1
10. Federation Special competitions or Jumper Level 6 competitions may be subject to a Federation approved waiver (GR301.2) or other modification of a portion of the Standards (including HJS), in connection with the Special competition approval.

[...]

SUBCHAPTER HJ-3 COMPETITION SCHEDULING REQUIREMENTS**HJ305 Stand-alone International Hunter Derby Competitions**

1. Stand-alone International Hunter Derby Competitions are a subtype of the premier Hunter rating and so must meet or exceed all requirements of the premier rating (See rating requirements in HJ109-113). See below for exceptions.

a) Horse Entry Requirements. *There is no minimum horse entry requirement for a stand-alone International Hunter Derby competition, however competition management may set a minimum number to hold the competition so long as it is published in the Prize List. Each class must meet minimum entry requirement per the program specifications.*

b) Prize Money. *Stand-alone International Hunter Derby competitions are exempt from prize money requirements listed in HJ 119. See USHJA specifications at www.ushja.org for minimum prize money requirements for each Derby or Derby Welcome Stake class.*

c) Number of Days. *Stand-alone International Hunter Derby competitions are exempt from number of days requirements listed in HJ 119. See USHJA specifications at www.ushja.org for number of days required for each Derby.*

d) Number of Sections. *Stand-alone International Hunter Derby competitions are exempt from section requirements listed in HJ 119.*

2. A stand-alone International Hunter Derby Competition must offer an International Hunter Derby. In addition, these competitions may only offer the following classes and one unrated warm-up class per Derby offered: USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake, USHJA National Hunter Derby, USHJA Pony Hunter Derby. If a USHJA National Hunter Derby is offered, a second National Hunter Derby restricted to Juniors and Amateurs may also be offered (see HU165.3). Any warm-up class must be open to the same group of horses eligible for the Derby for which it is a warm-up class. No unrecognized, exhibition, or demonstration classes may be held.

3. For the purpose of mileage rules, Stand-alone International Hunter Derby competitions are considered subtypes of the premier rating and will follow the mileage for that rating (see rating requirements in HJ109-113 and mileage in GR314.2b.5.) These competitions must follow the mileage exemption rules set forth in GR315.

[...]

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Rule Change Intent

This rule change is to provide a new International Hunter Derby “subtype” of Rated Hunter competitions to replace the use of Special competition status for the stand-alone International Hunter Derby competitions. Under this new rule, the International Hunter Derby rated competitions will be required to follow all standards and mileage rules of Premier rated Hunter competitions.

Linked Rules

HU 167 (280-18)

Comments

Web: International Hunter Derby

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Competition Management

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Jumper

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National Hunter Committee

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Proposed Change

HU126 Tack [CHAPTER HU-4 ATTIRE, TACK AND EQUIPMENT]

HU126 Tack [Linked to EQ105.5 & JP111]

1. Snaffles, pelhams and full bridles, all with cavesson nose bands, are required.

a. Judges may penalize, but may not eliminate, a horse or pony that competes in a snaffle, pelham, or full bridle that is unconventional. Unconventional snaffles, pelhams, or full bridles include, but are not limited to, hunter gags, kimberwickes, etc.

b. Judges must eliminate a horse or pony that competes in illegal bits or nosebands. Illegal bits include, but are not limited to, three rings, gags (other than the hunter gag), et cetera... Illegal nosebands include, but are not limited to, drop, flash and figure eight nosebands.

2. Curbs

When using a curb with any leverage bit, it must be constructed of loose links, joints, and/or lie smooth against the jaw of the horse and be free of twists, sharp objects or anything inhumane. A curb may be wrapped or inserted into a cover for the comfort of the horse. A curb may not be used in conjunction with wire, metal, rawhide, metal "keepers", or any other substance except for attachment of curb to the bit.

2- 3. Horses must return to the ring for conformation or soundness wearing a snaffle, pelham or full bridle with a cavesson noseband.

3- 4. Martingales of any type are prohibited in Under Saddle, hack and tie-breaking classes. Standing and running martingales used in the conventional manner are allowed for all over fences classes. All other martingales are considered illegal. A judge must eliminate a horse or pony that competes in a martingale other than a standing or running martingale used in the conventional manner.

a. Cable or metal tie downs are prohibited for use on horses and ponies.

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Rule Change Intent

For the welfare of the horse, this proposal protects the horse from equipment that could inflict pain or discomfort.

Linked Rules	Comments
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EQ 105 (284-18), JP 111 (282-18)

Web: curb chains

Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 12/18/2018

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/19/2018
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 12/17/2018

Draft 1: The committee would like to see a better definition of what a "cable or metal tie down" is. Additionally, concerns were expressed regarding the enforceability of the restrictions for curb chains: -Who decides what is comfortable vs. excessively tight -It is difficult for a judge to see what is on a curb chain -Welfare rules are currently in place that would address inhumane equipment The committee suggests using the language from the intent of this rule and prohibiting "equipment that could inflict pain or discomfort".
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

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Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 12/13/2018

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2019	12/13/2018	Approved 1/12/2019

Proposed Change

EQ105 Appointments [CHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

EQ105 Appointments [Linked to HU126.2 & JP111]

[...]

5. Tack. Judges may penalize but not eliminate a horse or pony that competes in unconventional tack. Judges must eliminate a horse or pony that competes in illegal tack.

a. Hunter Seat Equitation:

[...]

b. Jumping Seat Equitation (USEF Talent Search, WIHS Jumper Phase, USHJA Jumping Seat Medal, and any class specifically designated as a Jumping Seat Equitation class):

[...]

c. Cable or metal tie downs are prohibited for use on horses and ponies.

d. Curbs. When using a curb with any leverage bit, it must be constructed of loose links, joints, and/or lie smooth against the jaw of the horse and be free of twists, sharp objects or anything inhumane. A curb may be wrapped or inserted into a cover for the comfort of the horse. A curb may not be used in conjunction with wire, metal, rawhide, metal "keepers", or any other substance except for attachment of curb to the bit.

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Rule Change Intent

For the welfare of the horse, this proposal protects the horse from equipment that could inflict pain or discomfort.

Linked Rules	Comments
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HU 126 (283-18), JP 111 (282-18)

Web: appointments

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 12/20/2018

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 12/18/2018

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Jumper

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 11/13/2018
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 12/17/2018

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/19/2018
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 12/17/2018

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: The committee would like to see a better definition of what a "cable or metal tie down" is. Additionally, concerns were expressed regarding the enforceability of the restrictions for curb chains: -Who decides what is comfortable vs. excessively tight -It is difficult for a judge to see what is on a curb chain -Welfare rules are currently in place that would address inhumane equipment The committee suggests using the language from the intent of this rule and prohibiting "equipment that could inflict pain or discomfort".
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

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Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 12/13/2018

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
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Proposed Change

Appendix A. USEF Hunter Schooling Rules [CHAPTER HU-8 CONDUCT]

[Linked to EQ105.7 & JP103.9]

Appendix A. USEF Hunter Schooling Rules

[...]

4. ~~The use of any device with ear bud(s) while mounted is prohibited in all hunter schooling areas. BOD 1/14/17 Effective 12/1/17~~ **The unsafe use of electronic devices, as determined by the competition steward in their sole discretion, including cell phones, with or without earphones/buds while mounted is prohibited in all areas designated for schooling and exercise, and while lungeing horses on competition grounds.**

[...]

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Rule Change Intent

Distracted riding in schooling areas is dangerous for horses and riders as well as people on the ground. This rule change is proposed to increase safety for both riders and horses.

Linked Rules	Comments
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Web: hunter schooling - devices

Committee Actions

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 12/18/2018
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 12/18/2018
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Licensed Officials

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/12/2018
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/04/2018
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: The LOC questioned if this rule change was applicable to hunter schooling areas or all types of schooling areas. The committee acknowledges that the rule is located within the Hunter Schooling Rules appendix, but was concerned that members would misinterpret this rule change proposal because the previous rule stated "hunter schooling areas."
Draft 2: The LOC questioned if this rule change was applicable to hunter schooling areas or all types of schooling areas. The committee acknowledges that the rule is located within the Hunter Schooling Rules appendix, but was concerned that members would misinterpret this rule change proposal because the previous rule stated "hunter schooling areas."
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/19/2018
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 12/17/2018
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: The committee recognizes that distraction is a current issue in schooling areas but feels that this rule as written would be logistically hard for professionals trying to get horses to and from the rings. We suggest adding the words "no unsafe use" or implementing this as a juniors-only rule.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 12/13/2018
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2019	1/14/2019	Approved 1/12/2019

Proposed Change

EQ105 Appointments [CHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

EQ105 Appointments [Linked to HU Appendix A – USEF Schooling Rules & JP103.9 Schooling RCPs]

[...]

7. Electronic Communication Devices.

a. No mounted exhibitor may wear or carry an electronic communication device (i.e., cellular telephone, pager, walkie talkie, etc.) while in the competition ring. The penalty for wearing or carrying a forbidden device if observed by the judge may be elimination from the class during which the device was worn or carried.

b. Electronic communication devices used for purposes of coaching, etc., between competitors and individuals outside the ring shall be prohibited in all classes.

c. Exhibitors who have a chronic condition may apply for a Presidential Modification exempting them from the provisions of this rule in accordance with GR152. Riders may not use these devices in over fences classes.

d. An exhibitor who has a chronic condition and has previously been granted at least one annual presidential modification related to the condition, may submit an application for approval of a special three-year presidential modification related to the same condition. The application must be accompanied by sufficient supporting documentation that the condition is unlikely to improve during the three-year period.

e. The unsafe use of electronic devices, as determined by the competition steward in their sole discretion, including cell phones, with or without earphones/buds while mounted is prohibited in all areas designated for schooling and exercise, and while lungeing horses on competition grounds.

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Rule Change Intent

Distracted riding in schooling areas is dangerous for horses and riders as well as people on the ground. This rule change is proposed to increase safety for both riders and horses.

Linked Rules Comments

JP 103 (285-18)

Web: cell phones

Committee Actions

Arabian

Draft 1: No Action 11/14/2018
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: The committee decided to add in an exception to this rule in the Arabian Chapter.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Recommends Disapproval 12/20/2018
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: Would approve if "unsafe" was removed.
Draft 5: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 12/18/2018
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Jumper

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2018
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Recommends Disapproval 12/17/2018
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: Violations should be left to Regulations
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: JSC would approve if the word "unsafe" was removed.
Draft 5: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/19/2018
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 12/17/2018
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: The committee recognizes that distraction is a current issue in schooling areas but feels that this rule as written would be logistically hard for professionals trying to get horses to and from the rings. We suggest adding the words "no unsafe use" or implementing this as a juniors-only rule.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

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Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 12/13/2018
Draft 5: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2019	9/4/2018	Approved 1/12/2019

Proposed Change

EQ104 Horse Welfare [CHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

EQ103 Eligibility to Compete

[...]

[new section]

EQ 104 Horse Welfare (see also GR839)**1. The following acts are prohibited:**

- a. *Riding an exhausted horse.*
- b. *Excessive pressuring of a tired horse.*
- c. *Riding or lunging an obviously lame horse.*
- d. *Excessive use of a whip on any horse in a stall, aisle, schooling area, competition ring or elsewhere on the competition grounds. The use of a whip must be for a good reason, done at the appropriate time, in the proper place and with appropriate restraint. Excessive whipping will not be tolerated.*
- e. *Any striking of the horse's head (on the poll or forward of the poll) shall be deemed excessive.*
- f. *Repeated jerking on the reins and sawing on the bit unless applied to an unruly horse that is jeopardizing his own safety or the safety of his rider.*
- g. *Improper use of the bit resulting in bleeding, broken skin or broken mucous membrane.*
- h. *Excessive use of the spurs or spurring resulting in broken and bleeding skin.*
- i. *Rapping the legs of a horse with the butt end of a riding crop or other implement.*
- j. *Use of any substance to induce temporary heat causing hyper-sensitization.*
- k. *Poling. See GR844*
- l. *Use of a wire or chain in conjunction with any schooling jumps.*
- m. *Use of electronic shock devices in schooling or showing.*
- n. *Use of shackles, hock hobbles and similar devices, with the exception of kicking chains while the horse is in the stall or in transport. This does not prohibit the use of rubber or plastic exercising devices.*
- o. *Showing a horse with hypersensitive, raw or bleeding sores around the cornets, pasterns, legs or body.*
- p. *Use of laser beam devices anywhere on the competition grounds, except in an exhibition or if required in class specifications. (Exception: Lasers used in a therapeutic manner).*
- q. *Withholding of feed or water for prolonged periods.*
- r. *Letting blood from a horse for other than diagnostic purposes.*
- s. *Inhumane treatment of a horse in a stall, aisle, schooling area, competition ring or elsewhere on the competition grounds, by any person.*

2. Regular and local competitions. Competitors found to be in violation of these rules by the Competition Steward or other Federation Official shall be eliminated/disqualified from competing within the upcoming 24-hour period and shall forfeit all entry fees for such competition. In addition, after consultation between Competition Management, the Steward, or other official involved, and a Senior Judge in the division, additional penalties including disqualification from the balance of the competition may be imposed. All such violations must be recorded in the Steward's Report and, if cruelty or abusive behavior is evident, it will be reviewed by the Federation for such action as may be deemed appropriate to the particular circumstances.

EQ104 **EQ105** Position

[...]

[renumber remaining sections accordingly]

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Rule Change Intent

This rule change is proposed to provide focus on the commitment to the protection and welfare of our equine athletes, and specifically those horses

competing in the Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation sections.

Linked Rules	Comments
Web: horse welfare	
Committee Actions	
Council - Intl Discipline	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/20/2018	Draft 1: No Comments
Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/18/2018	Draft 1: No Comments
Jumper	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/13/2018	Draft 1: No Comments
National Hunter Committee	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/19/2018	Draft 1: No Comments
USHJA	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/13/2018	Draft 1: No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Rule Clarification	4/1/2019	11/15/2018	Approved 1/12/2019

Proposed Change

HJ112.2 HJS Requirements to Obtain Federation National Rating and/or Jumper Levels 3 and 4 [CHAPTER HJ-2 RATINGS & HORSE ENTRY NUMBER STANDARDS]

HJ112 HJS Requirements to Obtain Federation National Rating and/or Jumper Levels 3 and 4

- All National rated and/or Jumper Levels 3 and 4 competitions must meet the Basic Standards for all competitions set forth in HJ100 through HJ105.
- All National rated hunter only or hunter/jumper competitions must have the required minimum number of **seventy-five (75)** ~~one hundred (100)~~ entries, in accordance with HJ108.
- All jumper only Levels 3 and 4 and Local competitions have no minimum horse entry requirements to achieve their rating. Prize money is the alternative criteria required for a jumper rating. See JP104.

[HJ108 Provided for Reference Only]

HJ108 HJS Competition Standards Horse Entry & Renewal

- Number of Horse Entries Required for HJ Competition Rating.

[...]

- Rating and Horse Entry Numbers.

(See HJ114 for additional HJS requirements)

Required number of Horse Entries for Regular or Local competition Classification rated hunter or hunter/jumper are:

- Number of horse entries required for a Premier rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of two hundred (200).
- Number of horse entries required for a National rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of seventy-five (75).
- Number of horse entries required for a Regional I rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of fifty (50).
- Number of horse entries required for a Regional II rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of twenty-five (25).
- There is no minimum number of horse entries required for a Local competition.

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Rule Change Intent

This proposed clarification is submitted to correct language within HJ112 that created an unintended conflict with HJ108.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: ratings

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/20/2018

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/18/2018

Draft 1: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/17/2018

Draft 1: No Comments