

USHJA POLICY STATEMENT

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Competition Management

The **Competition Management Committee** is a Standing Sport Committee that reports to the Board of Directors. Members shall serve terms of four years and are appointed by the President. The Committee shall include Senior Active members of USHJA who are licensed by USEF to conduct a competition, competition managers, secretaries, and Athletes.¹

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

The committee's goal is to:

- Develop rules and guidelines for competitions that prioritize the safety of horses and riders at competition venues, demand an opportunity for fair competition at all levels, and ensure consistent standards across all competition ratings.

The purpose of the Competition Management Committee is to review and examine existing and proposed rules, guidelines, and procedures for the operation of hunter/jumper competitions and make comments and suggest changes to improve the hunter/jumper sport. It is imperative that competitions prioritize the safety of horses and riders at competition venues, demand a level playing field, provide fair and impartial sport at all levels, and ensure consistent standards across all competition ratings.

Responsibilities:

- Represent all competition management and show staff
- Oversee rules and procedures for competition management
- Review current competition rules and standards to ensure that they are relevant, enforceable, and prioritize safety and fair competition
- Recommend improvements to the operation of competitions
- Work in conjunction with the Competition Standards Committee to recommend improvements to the standards for USEF licensed events
- Develop new standards that improve competition facilities for the benefit of all involved
- Submit suggestions for the improvement of competitions to the Board of Directors¹

¹ Language from 11.19.18 Policy and Procedure Manual