



**WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP HUNTER RIDER**

**2021 PROGRAM SPECIFICATIONS**

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\*Effective for competitions starting December 1, 2020-  
November 30, 2021

### **I. Membership**

- A. In order to be eligible for WCHR National and Regional Awards riders and owners must be current members of the WCHR program.
- B. Riders and Owners must be current Active members of WCHR, USEF and USHJA by midnight Eastern Time of the final licensed day of a competition of the Member Event in order for their points to count towards regional and national standings.
- C. Riders must declare their category and region when applying for the WCHR program.
- D. The following rider categories are available for members to declare for:
  1. Adult Amateur
  2. Amateur Owner 3'3"
  3. Amateur Owner 3'6"
  4. Children's
  5. Developing Professional
  6. Junior 3'3"
  7. Junior 3'6"
  8. Pony
  9. Professional
- E. Developing Professional criteria is as follows:
  1. Rider has never placed in the top ten (10) of the WCHR Professional National Standings.
  2. Rider has never been a WCHR Professional Regional Champion.
  3. Rider has never won a Legacy Cup Restricted Professional Final.
  4. Rider has never won the Developing Professional Challenge at the Capital Challenge Horse Show.
  5. Rider has never won the Developing Professional National Title.
  6. Rider has never placed 1st-12th in the Professional Challenge during the WCHR Finals at the Capital Challenge Horse Show.
  7. Rider has never been Champion or Reserve Champion in a Professional Hunter section at 3'6" or higher at the following competitions: Devon, Capital Challenge, Pennsylvania National Horse Show, Washington International Horse Show and/or The National Horse Show.

8. Rider has never competed and placed in an FEI Grand Prix Competition (excluding Young Riders).
- F. Riders may declare for only one (1) category and region when applying for the WCHR program. **With the exception of the Central Mountain Region, members may choose either the Southwest, or South Central Region to pair with in order to accumulate regional points. The paired region must be declared at the time of membership renewal.**
- G. A Farm/Business Owner membership requirement is still in effect for those owners interested in accumulating points toward Owner awards for horses whose owners of record are farms or businesses.

The WCHR Program follows the USEF model by requiring the owner of record of each horse competing to be a current WCHR member, in order to accumulate points toward WCHR Owner awards and trophies. If a horse's recorded owner is a farm/business, the farm/business must be a current member of WCHR at the time of competition for owner points earned by that horse to be considered valid. WCHR considers the owner of record to be the owner(s) of record with USEF.

- H. All WCHR Membership applications must be completed online.
- I. WCHR Membership Applications given to a competition show secretary for submission will NOT be accepted.
- J. A member may change his category once during the membership year. All points in the original category are non-transferable and will be forfeited, while points in the new category will be retroactive for the qualifying year. Members have until June 1 to notify the USHJA of the change in writing. It is recommended that a method of delivery which provides delivery confirmation be used. No category changes will be made after June 1 of the qualifying year. *If the final Member Event in a region begins prior to June 1, no category changes will be accepted once the final Member Event has commenced.*
- K. A WCHR Program member may change his declared region one (1) time during the WCHR membership year. Members may only change their region if they have not competed in a WCHR Member Event in the region which they originally declared.
1. WCHR points will not be retroactive for the member's new region. Members must send a request for a change of WCHR region to USHJA in writing with the required \$50 application fee. It is recommended that a method of delivery which provides delivery confirmation be used. USHJA is not responsible for requests not received.

## II. Regions

- A. The country is divided geographically into eight regions, these regions include:
- Central Mountain – Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Utah \* **May pair with Southwest or South Central**
  - Mid Atlantic – Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia
  - Midwest – Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Tennessee, Wisconsin
  - Northeast – Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont
  - Northwest – Alaska, British Columbia, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming
  - South Central – Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas
  - Southeast – Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina
  - Southwest – California, Hawaii, Nevada

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### III. Judging System

- A. Judges will give open numerical scores for every over fences round in each division during the WCHR Member Event.
- B. No entry may receive the same score as another entry in the class.

### IV. Points

- A. Active WCHR Members will receive points based on their placing in the category they have registered for when completing their membership.
- B. All points earned in the specific section registered will count towards National points.
- C. Only points earned in the specific section at the recognized regional events in the region declared by the rider will count towards Regional Standings.
- D. **Members that declare Central Mountain Region have the option to the pair with either the Southwest, or South Central Region in order to accumulate regional points.**
- E. A horse must be ridden by the same rider in all classes throughout its respective section at each Member Event (Exception: Under Saddle classes) in order for the points to count. Riders competing on more than one horse will only accrue points earned by their highest placing horse overall in their respective WCHR category at each Member Event. Model Classes and Hunter Classics do not count.
- F. A Professional and Developing Professional rider's standing will be determined by the total points earned by their highest placing horse overall in one eligible hunter section in which that horse/rider combination competes.
- G. In the event that a Developing Professional's highest placing horse overall at a competition comes from one of the 3'0" or 3'3" WCHR hunter sections, the points earned on that horse count toward their Developing Professional Rider standings. In addition, the points earned on their highest placing horse in a 3'6" or higher WCHR hunter section at that same competition count toward their Professional Rider standings. This may result in a rider's Developing Professional standings differing from their Professional standings.
- H. Points from a rider's top four (4) WCHR Member Events will be used to determine the National and Regional standings.
- I. In all hunter sections, the tier from the increment chart (IV.I) utilized to calculate points is based on the number of entries in the first over fences class. (Exception: High Performance Hunter and Performance Hunter 3'6" and 3'3")
- J. Points can be earned (based on eligibility under current USEF rules) in the following increments:
  - 1. Divisions with 3 to 15 entries in the first class
    - Champion – 100
    - Reserve Champion – 60
    - All Under Saddles for classes
 

1 <sup>st</sup> – 50	4 <sup>th</sup> – 25
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 40	5 <sup>th</sup> – 20
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 30	6 <sup>th</sup> – 15
    - Over Fences for divisions with four over fences
 

1 <sup>st</sup> – 50	4 <sup>th</sup> – 25
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 40	5 <sup>th</sup> – 20
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 30	6 <sup>th</sup> – 15

Over Fences for divisions with  
three over fences

1 <sup>st</sup> – 67	4 <sup>th</sup> – 33
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 53	5 <sup>th</sup> – 27
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 40	6 <sup>th</sup> – 20

Over Fences for divisions with  
two over fences

1 <sup>st</sup> – 100	4 <sup>th</sup> – 50
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 80	5 <sup>th</sup> – 40
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 60	6 <sup>th</sup> – 30

2. Divisions with 16 to 30 entries in the first class

Champion – 120

Reserve Champion – 72

All Under Saddles for classes

1 <sup>st</sup> – 60	5 <sup>th</sup> – 24
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 48	6 <sup>th</sup> – 18
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 36	7 <sup>th</sup> – 12
4 <sup>th</sup> – 30	8 <sup>th</sup> – 6

Over Fences for divisions with  
four over fences

1 <sup>st</sup> – 60	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 48
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 36	6 <sup>th</sup> – 18
4 <sup>th</sup> – 30	7 <sup>th</sup> – 12
5 <sup>th</sup> – 24	8 <sup>th</sup> – 6

Over Fences for divisions with three over fences

1 <sup>st</sup> – 80	5 <sup>th</sup> – 32
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 64	6 <sup>th</sup> – 24
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 48	7 <sup>th</sup> – 16
4 <sup>th</sup> – 40	8 <sup>th</sup> – 8

Over Fences for divisions with  
two over fences

1 <sup>st</sup> – 120	5 <sup>th</sup> – 48
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 96	6 <sup>th</sup> – 36
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 72	7 <sup>th</sup> – 24
4 <sup>th</sup> – 60	8 <sup>th</sup> – 12



scoreboard is recommended.

D. The following WCHR hunter sections must be offered:

1. Green Hunter 3'6"
2. Green Hunter 3'9"
3. Green Conformation Hunter 3'6"
4. High Performance Conformation Hunter
5. High Performance Hunter
6. Amateur Owner Hunter 3'6"
7. Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3"
8. Adult Amateur Hunter
9. Junior Hunter 3'6"
10. Junior Hunter 3'3"
11. Children's Hunter Horse
12. Children's Hunter Pony
13. Small Pony
14. Medium Pony
15. Large Pony

E. Offering the following WCHR hunter sections is also recommended

1. Performance Working Hunter 3'6"
2. Performance Working Hunter 3'3"
3. Green Hunter 3'0"
4. Green Hunter 3'3"
5. Young Hunter 3'0"
6. Young Hunter 3'3"
7. Young Hunter 3'6"

F. Competition management will provide information on the WCHR program to exhibitors and spectators.

G. Competitions will be required to hang signage promoting the WCHR Member Events during the competition.

## VII. Judging Requirements

- A. All judges must be Federation licensed and in good standing with the Federation and USHJA.
- B. No guest cards will be granted for this competition.

## VIII. Other

- A. Any request by Host Competition to change the date of the WCHR Member Event Competition from the above agreed upon date must be submitted in writing and received by USHJA at least thirty (30) days prior to the previously agreed upon date of the WCHR Member Event Competition. Requests for date changes not received at least thirty (30) days prior to the previously agreed upon date will not be considered. Upon approval, management must notify exhibitors of the date change via website, email and signage in accordance with USEF GR 904 as soon as practical, following approval of same by USHJA.
- B. If Host Competition wishes to change the management and/or location of the competition, (See USEF GR 304), it must submit a written request to USHJA for permission to change the

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management and/or location of the WCHR Member Event Competition when it submits its request for change of management and/or location to the Federation. In any event, said request to change WCHR Member Event Competition management and/or location must be received by USHJA at least sixty (60) days prior to the agreed upon date of the WCHR Member Event Competition. Host Competition acknowledges and agrees that USHJA is not required to approve the WCHR Member Event Competition under a new management and/or at a new location if that management and/or location does not provide a suitable manager and/or venue for the WCHR Member Event Competition and that said decision remains solely in the discretion of USHJA.

#### **IX. USHJA Contact Information**

If questions arise pertaining to the World Championship Hunter Rider program that cannot be answered from the class specifications provided, one of the following USHJA representatives must be contacted to resolve any questions regarding the judging procedures or class specifications:

Eva Van Heeke -USHJA Sport Programs Coordinator- (859) 225-6735

Caroline Weeden- WCHR Task Force Chair

Mary Babick – USHJA President - (732) 239-1235

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