

USHJA POLICY STATEMENT

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Awards Committee

The **Awards Committee** is a Standing Committee that reports to the Board of Directors. Members shall be appointed every four years by the President. The Committee must include at least two members of the Board of Directors. It is recommended to construct the Committee of members who represent different geographic regions of the country.

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

Responsibilities: Focus is the scope of the USHJA Awards program arena.

- Make recommendations with respect to the administrative and oversight authority regarding an award's continued existence, its criteria evaluation and suggestions, where and when awards should be presented, the nature of the actual award and its historical documentations. This Committee serves as a "gatekeeper" for new awards proposed as additions to the existing awards structure. The Executive Committee and the Board of Directors serve as the final authority for recommendations proposed by this Committee.
- Provide oversight to the Zone Horse of the Year Awards directed towards improving award presentations, enhancing recognition at the zone level and increasing member participation in Zone programs.
- Review all existing USHJA awards to specifically determine which ones are to be preserved, promoted or improved.
- Eliminate awards that no longer accomplish a specific purpose or serve a purpose for the USHJA as a whole.
- Address areas where there may be insufficient or imbalanced recognition.
- Build a template, process and timeline for securing greater breadth in nominations for awards.
- Use USHJA communication channels to draw attention to the awards and recipients prior to and after award presentations.
- Create a process for approving and perpetually funding any new award to be donated or sponsored at a USHJA property or event.