

USHJA POLICY STATEMENT

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Education Working Group Charter

The **Education Working Group** (EWG) reports to the USHJA Board of Directors. Members shall serve terms of three years and are appointed by the President. The EWG will consist of a Chair, Vice-Chair and 5-7 senior members of the USHJA to include individuals with expertise in education, coaching, sport, safety, horsemanship, and/or program development. The Chair of the EWG will serve on the USHJA Board of Directors in a seat dedicated to that position.

The purpose of the EWG is to support the USHJA's mission by developing, evaluating, and enhancing educational programs that serve riders, trainers, officials, and broader equestrian stakeholders. The EWG provides subject-matter expertise, recommends program development and improvements to current programs, and ensures that educational initiatives reflect current best practices in horsemanship, safety, and sport development.

The EWG focuses on the creation, review, and advancement of educational content and delivery methods across all USHJA programs, including—but not limited to—rider education, trainer development, licensed official training and development, horse and human safety and welfare, and horsemanship.

The EWG meets as needed, with a minimum of four meetings per year (virtually or in-person).

Responsibilities:

- Provide regular updates and recommendations to USHJA Board of Directors.
- Submit annual and monthly goals, progress reports, and program evaluations to the President and Executive Director.
- Ensure all activities comply with USHJA policies, bylaws, and governance procedures.