

**USHJA ZONE 3
2027 HUNTER, JUMPER AND EQUITATION SPECIFICATIONS**

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(DE, Washington DC, MD, NC, VA, WV)

In accordance with GR1111.4: Contiguous states are: GA, KY, NJ, OH, PA, SC, TN

JUDGING FOR ALL HUNTER SECTIONS:

- To be judged on performance and soundness, suitability to count.
- Horses and ponies are required to trot for soundness by one of the approved methods through HU118.3

ELIGIBILITY FOR ADULT AMATEURS: HUNTER, JUMPER AND EQUITATION:

- To be ridden by exhibitors who have reached their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year and who hold a current USEF Amateur certification. Open to horses and ponies.

ELIGIBILITY FOR CHILDREN'S SECTIONS: HUNTER, JUMPER AND EQUITATION:

- Children's Hunter Horse 14 & Under – to be ridden by exhibitors who have not reached their 15th birthday by December 1, of the current competition year.
- Children's Hunter Horse 15– 17 – to be ridden by exhibitors who have not yet reached their 18th birthday by December 1, of the current competition year.
- Children's Pony – Small/Medium - to be ridden by exhibitors who have not reached their 15th birthday by December 1, of the current competition year.
- Children's Pony – Large - to be ridden by exhibitors who have not reached their 18th birthday by December 1, of the current competition year.

ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER

Sections offered and requirements:

- Adult Amateurs – may be split into three (3) sections

Cross Entry:

Riders:

- Riders in this section may enter any Equitation class for which they are otherwise eligible.
- Amateur Owner riders competing in the 3'6" Amateur Owner Hunter classes may ride one horse in the Adult Amateur Hunter section.
- Amateur Owner riders competing only in the 3'3" Amateur Owner Hunter classes may ride two horses in the Adult Amateur Hunter section.
- Adult Amateur Hunter Riders may cross enter into any Jumper Class 1.25m or below.

Horses:

- Horses may not cross enter into the Amateur Owner sections.

Horse and Rider Combination:

- Horse and rider combinations may not cross enter into any class with fence heights that exceed 3'3", with exception of the National Hunter Derbies.

Fence Height:

- 3'0" with spreads not to exceed the fence height.
- Course shall consist of no fewer than eight (8) fences
- Courses will not be adjusted for ponies.
- In and outs are permitted

Combining/Dividing Sections:

May be split into three sections:

- Adult Amateurs 18– 35
- Adult Amateurs 36– 49
- Adult Amateurs 50 & over

The Adult Amateur 18- 35 section, the Adult Amateur 36- 49 section and Adult Amateur 50 & Over section must be combined if there are fewer than four (4) in any age section.

The Adult Amateur and Children's Hunter sections may be combined if there are fewer than four (4) in either section. The Adult Amateur and Children's Hunter Pony sections may not be combined.

Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be presented annually to the following sections:

- Adult Amateur Hunter 18- 35
- Adult Amateur 36- 49
- Adult Amateur 50 & over

LOW ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER

Eligibility:

Open to exhibitors who have reached their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year.

Cross Entry:

Riders:

Riders may not cross enter into any class or section at the same competition where fences exceed 2'9" (Exception: 3'0" Equitation).

Fence Height:

- 2'6"

Combining/Dividing Sections:

The Low Adult Amateur Hunter and Low Children's Hunter sections may be combined if there are fewer than three (3) entries in either section.

Awards:

Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be presented annually to the following section:

- Low Adult Amateur Hunter

AMATEUR JUMPER

Classes to be scored under Table II, Section 1, Sections 2(a), 2(b), 2(c), 2(d) or 3; or Table IV (Optimum Time)

Fence Heights & Award sections offered:

- 1.00/1.05m Amateur Jumper
- 1.10/1.15m Amateur Jumper

Cross Entry:

1.00/1.05m Amateur Jumper Cross Entry:

Rider:

- Riders that compete in any class over 1.25m are ineligible to compete in an Amateur Jumper class set at 1.15m or below at that competition.

Horse & Rider Combination:

- Horse & rider combination may not compete in classes with fence heights exceeding 1.15m at the same competition.
- Horse & rider combination may only compete in one Amateur Jumper classic at the same competition.

1.10/1.15m Amateur Jumper Cross Entry:

Rider:

- Riders that compete in any class over 1.25m are ineligible to compete in an Amateur Jumper class set at 1.15m or below at that competition.

Horse & Rider Combination:

- Horse & rider combination may not compete in classes with fences heights exceeding 1.25m at the same competition.
- Any horse & rider combination may only compete in one Amateur Jumper classic at the same competition.
- Any horse & rider combination competing in a 1.20m class with prize money is not eligible for the 1.10/1.15m classic at the same competition.
- Any horse & rider combination competing in a 1.20m class with no prize money is eligible for the 1.10/1.15m classic at the same competition.

Fence height:

- 1.00m - 1.05m Amateur Jumper
- 1.10m - 1.15m Amateur Jumper

Combining/Dividing Sections:

1.00/1.05m Junior and 1.00/1.05m Amateur Jumper sections must combine if there are fewer than three (3) in either section and may combine if there are fewer than six (6) in either section. If after combining the 1.00/1.05m sections there are fewer than three (3) entries then competition management must further combine the 1.00/1.05m sections with the 1.10/1.15m sections, allowing each section to compete at their respective height.

1.10/1.15m Juniors and 1.10/1.15m Amateur Jumper sections must combine if there are fewer than three (3) in either section and may combine if there are fewer than six (6) in either section. If after combining the 1.10/1.15m sections there are fewer than three (3) entries then competition management must further combine the 1.10/1.15m sections with the 1.00/1.05m sections, allowing each section to compete at their respective height.

- **ADULT AGE GROUP EQUITATION SECTIONS**

Refer to GR1132.13

CHILDREN'S HUNTER HORSE

- Children's Hunter Horse 14 & Under – to be ridden by exhibitors who have not reached their 15th birthday by December 1, of the current competition year.
- Children's Hunter Horse 15– 17 – to be ridden by exhibitors who have not yet reached their 18th birthday by December 1, of the current competition year.

Sections offered and requirements:

- Children's Hunter Horse 14 & Under
- Children's Hunter Horse 15- 17

Cross Entry:

Rider:

A rider in the Children's Hunter section is not eligible to compete in classes where fences exceed 3'3" (exception: age group Equitation, Medal classes, Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper, Pony Jumper and the USHJA National Hunter Derby).

Horses/Ponies:

Horses may not cross enter into any Junior Hunter Class at the same competition.

Horse/Rider combination:

n/a

Fence Height:

- 3'0" with spreads not to exceed fence height
- Course shall consist of no fewer than eight (8) fences
- In and outs will be permitted

Combining/Dividing Sections:

The Children's Hunter Horse 14 & Under section and Children's Hunter Horse 15- 17 section must be combined if there are fewer than four (4) in either age section. The Adult Amateur and Children's Hunter Horse sections may be combined if there are fewer than four (4) in either section.

The Children's Hunter Horse 15- 17 section and Children's Hunter Horse 14 & Under section must be combined if there are fewer than four (4) in either age section. The Adult Amateur and Children's Hunter Horse sections may be combined if there are fewer than four (4) in either section.

Awards:

Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be presented annually to the following sections:

- Children's Hunter Horse 14 & Under
- Children's Hunter Horse 15- 17

LOW CHILDREN'S HUNTER HORSE

- Children's Hunter Horse 14 & Under – to be ridden by exhibitors who have not reached their 15th birthday by December 1, of the current competition year.
- Children's Hunter Horse 15– 17 – to be ridden by exhibitors who have not yet reached their 18th birthday by December 1, of the current competition year.

Eligibility:

Open to exhibitors who have not yet reached their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year.

Cross Entry:

Riders:

Riders may not cross enter at the same competition into the Children's Hunter, Pony Hunter or any class/section where fences exceed 2'9" (Exception: 3'0" Equitation)

Fence Height:

- 2'6"

Combining/Dividing Sections:

The Low Children's Hunter and Low Adult Amateur Hunter sections may be combined if there are fewer than three (3) entries in either section.

Awards:

Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be presented annually to the following section:

- Low Children's Hunter Horse

CHILDREN'S HUNTER PONY

- Children's Pony – Small/Medium - to be ridden by exhibitors who have not reached their 15th birthday by December 1, of the current competition year.
- Children's Pony – Large - to be ridden by exhibitors who have not reached their 18th birthday by December 1, of the current competition year.

Sections offered and requirements:

- Small/Medium Children's Pony
- Large Children's Pony

Cross Entry:

Rider:

Rider must not show over 3'0" at the same show. *(Exception: Jumper classes restricted to Ponies.)*

Horse/Pony:

Ponies may not show in any Regular or Green Pony Hunter rated section.

Horse and Rider Combination

n/a

Fence Height:

- Small/Medium Ponies: 2'0" with spreads not to exceed height of fence.
- Large Ponies: 2'6" with spreads not to exceed height of fence.
- In and outs are not permitted

Combining/Dividing Sections:

The Children's Hunter Pony sections may be combined if there are fewer than four (4) in either height section.

Awards:

Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be presented annually to the following sections:

- Children's Hunter Pony-Small/Medium
- Children's Hunter Pony-Large

LOW CHILDREN'S HUNTER PONY

- Children's Pony – Small/Medium - to be ridden by exhibitors who have not reached their 15th birthday by December 1, of the current competition year.
- Children's Pony – Large - to be ridden by exhibitors who have not reached their 18th birthday by December 1, of the current competition year.

Eligibility:

Open to exhibitors who have not yet reached their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year.

Cross Entry:

Riders:

Riders may not cross enter in any other division where the fences exceed 2' at the same show except age group Equitation and Medal Classes. Riders may not cross enter into Children's Pony Hunter and Low Children's Horse and at the same show.

Fence Height:

- 2'0" with spreads not to exceed height of fence
- In and outs are not permitted

Awards:

Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be presented annually to the following section:

- Low Children's Hunter Pony

JUNIOR JUMPER

Classes to be scored under Table II, Section 1, Sections 2(a), 2(b), 2(c), 2(d) or 3; or Table IV (Optimum Time)

Sections Offered by Fence Height:

- 1.00/1.05m Junior Jumper
- 1.10/1.15m Junior Jumper

Cross Entry:

1.00/1.05m Junior Jumper Cross Entry:

Rider:

- **Riders that compete in any class over 1.25m are ineligible to compete in an Junior Jumper class set at 1.15m or below at that competition.**

Horse & Rider Combination:

- **Horse & rider combination may not compete in classes with fence heights exceeding 1.15m at the same competition.**
- **Horse & rider combination may only compete in one Junior Jumper classic at the same competition.**

1.10/1.15m Junior Jumper Cross Entry:

Rider:

- **Riders that compete in any class over 1.25m are ineligible to compete in an Junior Jumper class set at 1.15m or below at that competition.**

Horse & Rider Combination:

- **Horse & rider combination may not compete in classes with fences heights exceeding 1.25m at the same competition.**
- **Any horse & rider combination may only compete in one Junior Jumper classic at the same competition.**
- **Any horse & rider combination competing in a 1.20m class with prize money is not eligible for the 1.10/1.15m classic at the same competition.**
- **Any horse & rider combination competing in a 1.20m class with no prize money is eligible for the 1.10/1.15m classic at the same competition.**

Combining/Dividing Sections:

1.00/1.05m Junior and 1.00/1.05m Amateur Jumper sections must combine if there are fewer than three (3) in either section and may combine if there are fewer than six (6) in either section. If after combining the 1.00/1.05m sections there are fewer than three (3) entries then competition management must further combine the 1.00/1.05m sections with the 1.10/1.15m sections, allowing each section to compete at their respective height.

1.10/1.15m Junior and 1.10/1.15m Amateur Jumper sections must combine if there are fewer than three (3) in either section and may combine if there are fewer than six (6) in either section. If after combining the 1.10/1.15m sections, there are fewer than three (3) entries then competitions management must further combine the 1.10/1.15m sections with the 1.00/1.05m sections, allowing each section to compete at their respective height.

Awards:

Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be presented annually to the following section:

- 1.00/1.05m Junior Jumper

CHILDREN'S AGE GROUPS: HUNTER EQUITATION SECTIONS

- Refer to GR1132.13