

**USHJA ZONE 9
2027 HUNTER, JUMPER AND EQUITATION
SPECIFICATIONS**

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**2027 ZONE 9 HUNTER, JUMPER AND EQUITATION SPECIFICATIONS (MT,
WY, ID, OR, WA)**

In accordance with GR1111.4: CA, NV, UT, CO, ND, SD, NE, and Canada are considered contiguous states.

JUDGING FOR ALL HUNTER SECTIONS:

- In Hunter sections: To be judged on performance and soundness, suitability to count.
- In Equitation: To be judged on performance, style, form and suitability of horse and rider to count
- Horses and ponies are required 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:

- To be ridden by exhibitors who have not reached their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year.

ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER

Sections offered and requirements:

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

- Adult Amateur Hunter **18-35**
- Adult Amateur **36-49**
- Adult Amateur **50+ year**

Fence height:

- 3'0" with spreads not to exceed the fence height.
- Courses will not be adjusted for ponies.
- In and outs will be permitted

Cross Entry:

Riders:

- Amateur Owner Hunter riders may compete on a maximum of one (1) Adult Amateur Hunter horse that they own at the same competition. Riders may not show in any classes in which the fences are 3'9" and over at the same competition.

Horses:

- Horses entered in Adult Amateur Hunter sections may not compete in the Amateur Owner Hunter sections at the same competition.

Horse and Rider Combination:

- Horse and rider combinations may not cross enter into the Amateur Owner Hunter sections.

Combining/Dividing Sections:

- Refer to HU12

Awards:

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+ years**

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"
- In and outs will not be permitted.

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

Sections offered and requirements:

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

Cross Entry:

Rider:

Riders may not show in any classes where the jumps exceed 1.20m, *except Amateur riders competing in USEF Talent Search Class.*

Horse/Pony:

No cross entry restrictions.

Horse and Rider Combination:

1.00/1.05m Amateur horse and rider combinations may not cross enter into the 1.10/1.15m Amateur Jumper section at the same competition.

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Fence Height:

- 1.00m to 1.05m
- 1.10m to 1.15m

Combining/Dividing Sections:

Amateur Jumper sections may be divided by or combined with Junior Jumper sections, at competition management's discretion, if so stated in the prize list.

Awards:

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

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

ADULT AGE GROUP EQUITATION SECTIONS

Sections Offered:

- Adult Equitation 18- ~~39~~ 35
- Adult Equitation ~~40-55~~ 36+

Fence Height:

- 3'0" with spreads not to exceed fence height
- Combinations will be permitted

Cross Entry:

- No cross entry restrictions into another section for horse and rider unless stated in the prize list.

Combining/Dividing Sections:

- Refer to HU12

Awards:

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

- Adult Equitation 18- 35
- Adult Equitation 36+

CHILDREN'S HUNTER HORSE

Sections offered and requirements:

- Children's Hunter Horse 13 & Under
- Children's Hunter Horse 14- 17

Cross Entry:

Rider:

Riders entered in the Children's Hunter section may not compete in the Junior Hunter section at the same competition.

Riders may not show in any classes in which the fences are 3'9" and over at the same competition.

Horses/Ponies:

Horses entered in the Children's Hunter section may not compete in the Junior Hunter section at the same competition.

~~Horse and rider combination:~~

~~No cross entry restrictions~~

Fence Height:

- 3'0" with spreads not to exceed fence height
- In and outs will be permitted

Combining/Dividing Sections:

Refer to HU12

Awards:

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

- Children's Hunter Horse 13 & Under
- Children's Hunter Horse 14- 17

LOW CHILDREN'S HUNTER HORSE

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 any class/ section where fences exceed 2'9" **(Exception: 3'0" Equitation)**

Fence Height:

- 2'6"
- In and outs will not be permitted.

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

Sections offered and requirements:

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

Cross Entry:

Rider:

Children's Hunter Pony riders may compete on a maximum of one (1) Children's Hunter horse section at the same competition and in any class not to exceed 3'0" (Exception: Pony Jumpers). Green and Regular Hunter Pony riders may compete on a maximum of two (2) additional pony in the Children's Hunter Pony section at the same competition.

Pony:

Ponies may not cross enter into any other rated section at the same competition.

Pony and Rider Combination:

The same pony and rider may not cross enter into any other rated section at the same competition.

Fence Height:

- In and outs will not be permitted
- Classes may run as one or split Small/Medium and Large to run at 2'0" and 2'6" respectively.

Combining/Dividing Sections:

Refer to HU166.

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

JUNIOR JUMPER

Sections offered and Requirements:

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

Entry:

Rider:

Riders may not show in any classes where the jumps exceed 1.20m, except Junior riders competing in FEI Children's classes and USEF Talent Search Class.

Horse/Pony

No cross entry restrictions

Horse and Rider Combination:

1.00/1.05m Junior horse and rider combinations may not cross enter into the 1.10/1.15m Junior Jumpers at the same competition.

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Fence Height:

- 1.00m to 1.05m
- 1.10m to 1.15m

Combining/Dividing Sections:

Junior Jumper sections may be divided or combined with Amateur Jumper sections, at competition management's discretion, if so stated in the prize list.

Awards:

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

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

CHILDREN'S AGE GROUPS: HUNTER EQUITATION SECTIONS

Sections Offered:

- Hunter Equitation **14 & Under**
- Hunter Equitation 15-17

Fence Height:

- Minimum 3'0", maximum 3'6" management must state height at which class will be offered.
- Management may offer multiple height options if stated in the prize list, but each course must be set at the same height throughout.
- Combinations are optional

Cross Entry:

- No cross entry restrictions into another section for horse and rider unless stated in the prize list.

Combining/Dividing Sections:

- Refer to HU12

Awards:

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

- Hunter Equitation **14 & Under**
- Hunter Equitation 15-17