

USHJA NATIONAL ZONE SPECIFICATION

HUNTER, JUMPER, AND EQUITATION SECTIONS

ZONE 1 (CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, VT) In accordance with GR1111.4 - Contiguous states are: NY and Canada. For contiguous state points New York includes New Jersey. Contiguous points earned in USEF/Equine Canada licensed competitions will only receive national points in USEF rated divisions.

ZONE 2 (NJ, NY, PA) In accordance with GR1111.4 - Contiguous states are: DE, CT, MA, VT, MD, WV, OH, and Canada. Contiguous points earned in USEF/Equine Canada licensed competitions will only receive national points in USEF rated divisions.

ZONE 3 (DE, Washington DC, MD, NC, VA, WV) In accordance with GR1111.4 - Contiguous states are: GA, KY, NJ, OH, PA, SC, and TN.

ZONE 4 (AL, FL, GA, MS, SC, TN) In accordance with GR 1111.4 - Contiguous states are: AR, KY, LA, MO, NC, and VA.

ZONE 5 (IL, IN, KY, MI, OH) In accordance with GR1111.4 - Contiguous states are: IA, WI, MO, TN, VA, WV, PA, NJ, and Canada. Contiguous points earned in USEF/Equine Canada licensed competitions will only receive national points in USEF rated divisions.

ZONE 6 (IA, MN, ND, SD, WI, NE) In accordance with GR1111.4 - Contiguous states are: MT, WY, CO, KS, MO, IL, MI and Canada. Contiguous points earned in USEF/Equine Canada licensed competitions will only receive national points in USEF rated divisions.

ZONE 7 (AR, KS, LA, MO, OK, TX) In accordance with GR1111.4 - Contiguous states are: MS, TN, KY, IA, IL, NE, CO and NM.

ZONE 8 (AZ, CO, NM, UT) In accordance with GR 1111.4 – Contiguous states are: CA, NV, ID, WY, NE, KS, OK, and TX.

ZONE 9 (MT, WY, ID, OR, WA) In accordance with GR1111.4 – Contiguous states are: CA, NV, UT, CO, ND, SD, NE, and Canada. Contiguous points earned in USEF/Equine Canada licensed competitions will only receive national points in USEF rated divisions.

ZONE 10 (CA, NV) In accordance with GR1111.4 – Contiguous states are: OR, ID, UT, and AZ.

ZONE 11 (HI) Zone 11 chooses no contiguous states.

ZONE 12 (AK) Zone 12 chooses no contiguous states.

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 SECTIONS:

- 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/JUNIOR'S - HUNTER, JUMPER, AND EQUITATION SECTIONS:

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

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3'0" ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER

Sections Offered:

The Adult Amateur Hunter may be split into three sections:

- 3'0" Adult Amateur 18-35
- 3'0" Adult Amateur 36-49
- 3'0" Adult Amateur 50 + years

USHJA Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be presented annually to the sections above.

Fence Height:

- 3'0", with spreads not to exceed the fence height.

Cross Entry:

Rider:

- 3'0" Adult Amateur Hunter riders may not enter any class where fence heights exceed 3'6" in hunter or equitation classes, or 1.25m in jumper classes at the same competition.
- Amateur Owner riders competing in the 3'6" Amateur Owner Hunter classes may ride one horse in the 3'0" Adult Amateur Hunter section at the same competition.
- Amateur Owner riders competing only in the 3'3" Amateur Owner Hunter classes may ride two horses in the 3'0" Adult Amateur Hunter section at the same competition.

Horse:

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

Horse & Rider Combination:

- Horse and rider combinations may not cross enter into any class where fence heights exceed 3'3" or 1.00m at the same competition. (Exception: USHJA National Hunter Derbies)

Combining/Dividing Sections:

- The 3'0" Adult Amateur Hunter section may be divided into three sections.
- Minimum number of entries to hold separate sections: three (3)
- The sections can be combined if entries warrant, and for Horse of the Year points to count they must be offered separately in the prize list for Premier rated competitions (see HJ122).
- If sections are combined, the horses must jump the respective height of the original section entered and the lower height sections course requirements must be utilized.
- The 3'0" Adult Amateur Hunter section may be combined with the following sections:
 1. 3'0" Children's Hunter Horse – First combined with contiguous fence height
 2. 2'9" Adult Amateur Hunter– Further combined with non-contiguous fence height of an Adult Amateur Hunter section
 3. 2'9" Children's Hunter Horse - Further combined with non-contiguous fence height of a Children's Hunter Horse section
- When sections are combined as per above, three (3) must complete for points to count.

Refer to Subchapter HU-12 for further information on combining/dividing sections.

2'9" ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER

Sections Offered:

The 2'9" Adult Amateur Hunter may be split into two sections:

- 2'9" Adult Amateur Hunter 18-35
- 2'9" Adult Amateur Hunter 36 & Over

USHJA Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be presented annually to the sections above.

Fence Height:

- 2'9", with spreads not to exceed the fence height.
- Courses will not be adjusted for ponies.
- Combinations are not permitted.

Cross Entry:

Rider:

- Riders may not cross enter into any class where the fence height exceeds 3'6" in hunter or equitation classes, or 1.25m in jumper classes at the same competition.

Horse & Rider Combination:

- Horse and rider combinations may not cross enter into any classes where the fence height exceeds 3'0" or .90m at the same competition.

Combining/Dividing Sections:

- Minimum number of entries to hold separate sections: three (3)
- If sections are combined, the horses must jump the respective height of the original section entered and the lower height sections course requirements must be utilized.
- The 2'9" Adult Amateur Hunter section may be combined as follows:
 1. 2'9" Children's Hunter Horse - First combined with contiguous fence height
 2. 3'0" Adult Amateur Hunter – Further combined with non- contiguous fence height
 3. 3'0" Children's Hunter Horse – Further combined with non contiguous fence height
 4. 2'6" Adult Amateur Hunter - Further combined with non-contiguous fence height of an Adult Amateur Hunter section
 5. 2'6" Children's Hunter Horse - Further combined with non-contiguous fence height of a Children's Hunter Horse section
- When sections are combined as per above, three (3) must complete for points to count.

Refer to Subchapter HU-12 for further information on combining/dividing sections.

2'6" ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER

Sections Offered:

The 2'6" Adult Amateur Hunter may be split into two sections:

- 2'6" Adult Amateur Hunter 18-35
- 2'6" Adult Amateur Hunter 36 & Over

USHJA Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be presented annually to the sections above.

Fence Height:

- 2'6", with spreads not to exceed the fence height.
- Courses will not be adjusted for ponies.
- Combinations are not permitted.

Cross Entry:

Rider:

- Riders may not cross enter into any class where the fence height exceeds 2'9" or .85m at the same competition.

Horse & Rider Combination:

- Horse and rider combinations may not cross enter into any classes where the fence height exceeds 2'9" or .85m at the same competition.

Combining/Dividing Sections:

- Minimum number of entries to hold separate sections: three (3)
- If sections are combined, the horses must jump the respective height of the original section entered and the lower height sections course requirements must be utilized.
- The 2'6" Adult Amateur Hunter section may be combined as follows:
 1. 2'6" Children's Hunter Horse - First combined with contiguous fence height
 2. 2'9" Adult Amateur Hunter - Further combined with non-contiguous fence height of an Adult Amateur Hunter section
 3. 2'9" Children's Hunter Horse - Further combined with non-contiguous fence height of a Children's Hunter section
 4. Children's Hunter Pony - Further combined with non-contiguous fence height of a Children's Hunter section
- When sections are combined as per above, three (3) must complete for points to count.

Refer to Subchapter HU-12 for further information on combining/dividing sections.

AMATEUR JUMPERS

Fence Height Sections Offered:

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

USHJA Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be presented annually to the sections above.

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.

Combining/Dividing Sections:

- The 1.00/1.05m Amateur and/or Junior Jumper sections may be combined with the 1.10/1.15m Amateur and/or Junior jumper sections, at the show management's discretion, or if so stated in the prize list.
- If the 1.20m Amateur Jumper section has fewer than three (3) entries, the section may be combined with the 1.10m Amateur and/or Junior Jumper section. (see JP123.1c & JP108.7)

AMATEUR EQUITATION

Sections Offered:

- Amateur Equitation 18-35
- Amateur Equitation 36 & Over

USHJA Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be presented annually to the sections above.

Fence Height:

- May be offered at: 2'9", 3'0", or 3'3" (.85m, .90m, 1.00m)
- Spreads not to exceed fence height.
- Distances will not be adjusted for ponies.
- Management may offer multiple heights if stated in the prize list.
- Course design must comply with EQ108 and 109.
- USEF Equitation Tests EQ113, 1-22 may be utilized.

Cross Entry:

There are no cross-entry restrictions.

Combining/Dividing Sections:

- Minimum number of entries to hold separate sections: three (3)
- Amateur Equitation and Junior Equitation sections may be combined as necessary.
- If sections are combined, the horses must jump the respective height of the original section entered and the lower height sections' course requirements and test requirements must be utilized.
- When sections are combined as per above, three (3) must complete for points to count.
- Stallions are prohibited when Amateur Equitation sections are combined with Junior Equitation sections. EQ101.3.

3'0" CHILDREN'S HUNTER HORSE

Sections Offered:

The Children's Hunter Horse may be split into two sections:

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

USHJA Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be presented annually to the sections above.

Fence Height:

- 3'0", with spreads not to exceed fence height

Cross Entry:

Rider:

- Riders may not cross-enter into any Hunter class where fence heights exceed 3'3" at the same competition. (Exception: USHJA National Hunter Derby)
- Riders may compete with one different horse in the Junior 3'3" Hunter section at the same competition.
- Riders may compete in any Equitation class where fences do not exceed 3'6" or 1.10m at the same competition.
- Riders may compete in any Jumper class where fence heights do not exceed 1.25m at the same competition.

Horse:

- The horse may not cross-enter into any Junior Hunter class at the same competition.

Combining/Dividing Sections:

- The 3'0" Children's Hunter Horse section may be divided into two sections.
- Minimum number of entries to hold separate sections: three (3)
- The sections can be combined if entries warrant, and for Horse of the Year points to count they must be offered separately in the prize list for Premier rated competitions (see HJ122).
- If sections are combined, the horses must jump the respective height of the original section entered and the lower height sections course requirements must be utilized.
- The 3'0" Children's Hunter Horse section may be combined with the following sections:
 1. 3'0" Adult Amateur Hunter— First combined with contiguous fence height
 2. 2'9" Children's Hunter Horse – Further combined with non-contiguous fence height of a Children's Hunter Horse section
 3. 2'9" Adult Amateur Hunter - Further combined with non-contiguous fence height of an Adult Amateur Hunter Horse section
- When sections are combined as per above, three (3) must complete for points to count.

Refer to Subchapter HU-12 for further information on combining/dividing sections.

2'9" CHILDREN'S HUNTER HORSE

Sections Offered:

The 2'9" Children's Hunter Horse may be split into two sections:

- 2'9" Children's Hunter Horse 14 & Under
- 2'9" Children's Hunter Horse 15-17

USHJA Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be presented annually to the sections above.

Fence Height:

- 2'9", with spreads not to exceed the fence height.
- Combinations are not permitted.

Cross Entry:

Rider:

- Riders may not cross enter into any class at the same competition where the fence height exceeds 3'3" or 1.25m.

Horse & Rider Combination:

- Horse and rider combinations may not cross enter into any classes where the fence height exceeds 3'0" or .90m.

Combining/Dividing Sections:

- Minimum number of entries to hold separate sections: three (3)
- If sections are combined, the horses must jump the respective height of the original section entered and the lower height sections course requirements must be utilized.
- The 2'9" Children's Hunter Horse section may be combined as follows:
 1. 2'9" Adult Amateur Hunter - First combined with contiguous fence height
 2. 3'0" Children's Hunter Horse – Further combined with non- contiguous fence height
 3. 3'0" Adult Amateur – Further combined with non contiguous fence height of an Adult Amateur Hunter section
 4. 2'6" Children's Hunter Horse - Further combined with non-contiguous fence height of a Children's Hunter Horse section
 5. 2'6" Adult Amateur Hunter - Further combined with non-contiguous fence height of an Adult Amateur Hunter section
- When sections are combined as per above, three (3) must complete for points to count.

Refer to Subchapter HU-12 for further information on combining/dividing sections.

2'6" CHILDREN'S HUNTER HORSE

Sections Offered:

The 2'6" Children's Hunter Horse may be split into two sections:

- 2'6" Children's Hunter Horse 14 & Under
- 2'6" Children's Hunter Horse 15-17

USHJA Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be presented annually to the sections above.

Fence Height:

- 2'6", with spreads not to exceed the fence height.
- Combinations are not permitted.

Cross Entry:

Rider:

- Riders may not cross enter into any class at the same competition where the fence height exceeds 2'9" or .85m.

Horse & Rider Combination:

- Horse and rider combinations may not cross enter into any classes where the fence height exceeds 2'9" or .85m.

Combining/Dividing Sections:

- Minimum number of entries to hold separate sections: three (3)
- If sections are combined, the horses must jump the respective height of the original section entered and the lower height sections course requirements must be utilized.
- The 2'6" Children's Hunter Horse section may be combined as follows:
 1. 2'6" Adult Amateur Hunter - First combined with contiguous fence height
 2. 2'9" Children's Hunter Horse - Further combined with non-contiguous fence height of an Adult Amateur Hunter section
 3. 2'9" Adult Amateur Hunter - Further combined with non-contiguous fence height of a Children's Hunter section
 4. Children's Hunter Pony - Further combined with non-contiguous fence height of a Children's Hunter section
- When sections are combined as per above, three (3) must complete for points to count.

Refer to Subchapter HU-12 for further information on combining/dividing sections.

CHILDREN'S HUNTER PONY

Sections Offered:

The Children's Hunter Pony section may be offered by the height of the pony.

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

USHJA Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be presented annually to the sections above.

Fence Heights by Section:

- 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.
- Combinations are not permitted.

Cross Entry:

Rider:

- Rider age restrictions utilized in the regular pony sections do not apply.
- Riders may only ride one (1) Children's Hunter Pony when riding multiple ponies in the Regular Hunter Pony section or Green Hunter Pony section.
- Riders riding multiple ponies in the Children's Hunter Pony section may only ride one (1) pony in the Regular Hunter Pony section **OR** Green Hunter Pony section.
- Riders may not cross enter into any class where fences exceed 3'0" or .90m at the same competition (exception: Riders may show in jumper classes restricted to ponies at the same competition).

Pony:

- Ponies may cross enter into either the Regular Hunter Pony or the Green Hunter Pony but may not enter both sections listed above at the same competition.
- Ponies, with another rider, may show in the Low Children's Hunter Pony or any class where fence heights do not exceed 2'9" or .85m at the same competition.

Rider & Pony:

- Rider and pony combination may not cross enter into the Regular Hunter Pony or the Green Hunter Pony at the same competition.

Combining/Dividing Sections:

- Minimum number of entries to hold separate sections: three (3)
- If sections are combined, the horses/ponies must jump the respective height of the original section entered and the lower height sections course requirements must be utilized.
- The Children's Hunter Pony section may be combined as follows:
 1. Low Children's Hunter Pony
 2. 2'6" Children's Hunter Horse
 3. 2'6" Adult Amateur Hunter
- When sections are combined as per above, three (3) must complete for points to count.
- When sections are combined and there are more than 30 total entries, the sections must be divided utilizing a California split to create the division of sections.

Refer to Subchapter HU-12 for further information on combining/dividing sections.

LOW CHILDREN'S HUNTER PONY

Fence Height:

- 2'0", with spreads not to exceed the height of the fence.
- Combinations are not permitted.

Cross Entry:

Rider:

- Riders may not cross enter into any class with fence heights that exceed 2'3" or .65m at the same competition.
- Riders may not cross enter into the Regular Hunter Pony or Green Hunter Pony at the same competition.

Pony:

- Ponies may not cross enter into the Regular Hunter Pony or Green Hunter Pony at the same competition.
- Ponies with another rider may show in the Children's Hunter Pony or any class where fence heights do not exceed 2'9" or .85m at the same competition.

Pony & Rider Combination:

- Pony & rider may not cross enter into any class where fence heights exceed 2'3" or .65m at the same competition.

Combining/Dividing Sections:

- Minimum number of entries to hold separate sections: three (3)
- If sections are combined, the horses/ponies must jump the respective height of the original section entered and the lower height sections course requirements must be utilized.
- The Low Children's Hunter Pony section may be combined as follows:
 1. Children's Hunter Pony
 2. 2'6" Adult Amateur Hunter
 3. 2'6" Children's Hunter Horse
- When sections are combined as per above, three (3) must complete for points to count.
- Low Children's Hunter Pony may be divided if there are more than 20 entries in the division.

Refer to Subchapter HU-12 for further information on combining/dividing sections.

Awards:

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

- Low Children's Hunter Pony

JUNIOR JUMPERS

Sections Offered by Fence Height:

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

USHJA Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be presented annually to the sections above.

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 a 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:

- The 1.00/1.05m Junior and/or Amateur Jumper sections may be combined with the 1.10/1.15m Junior and/or Amateur jumper sections, at the show management's discretion, or if so stated in the prize list.
- If the 1.20m Junior Jumper section has fewer than three (3) entries, the section may be combined with the 1.10m Junior Jumper section. (see JP123.1c & JP108.7)

JUNIOR EQUITATION

Sections Offered:

- Junior Equitation 11 & Under
- Junior Equitation 12-14
- Junior Equitation 15-17

USHJA Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be presented annually to the sections above.

Fence Height:

- Spreads not to exceed fence height.
- Distances will not be adjusted for ponies.
- Junior Equitation 11 & Under
 - May be offered at: 2'0", 2'3", or 2'6" (.65m, .70m, .75m)
 - Management may offer combined or separate fence height sections. Fence height sections must be stated in the Prize List.
 - Course design must comply with EQ108 and 109, combinations are not permitted.
 - USEF Equitation Tests EQ113, 1-6 may be utilized.
- Junior Equitation 12-14
 - May be offered at: 2'6", 2'9", 3'0", or 3'3" (.75m, .85m, .90m, 1.00m)
 - Management may offer combined or separate fence height sections. Fence height sections must be stated in the Prize List.
 - Course design must comply with EQ108 and EQ109, combinations are optional.
 - USEF Equitation Tests EQ113, 1-22 may be utilized.
- Junior Equitation 15-17
 - May be offered at: 3'0", 3'3", or 3'6" (.90m, 1.00m, 1.10m)
 - Management may offer combined or separate fence height sections. Fence height sections must be stated in the Prize List.
 - Course design must comply with EQ108 and EQ109, combinations are required.
 - USEF Equitation Tests EQ113, 1-22 may be utilized.

Cross Entry:

There are no cross-entry restrictions.

Combining/Dividing Sections:

- Minimum number of entries to hold separate sections: three (3)
- Amateur Equitation and Junior Equitation sections may be combined as necessary.
- If sections are combined, the horses must jump the respective height of the original section entered and the lower height sections' course requirements and test requirements must be utilized.
- When sections are combined as per above, three (3) must complete for points to count.
- Stallions are prohibited when Amateur equitation sections are combined with Junior Equitation sections. EQ101.3.