

**USHJA ZONE 4
2027 HUNTER, JUMPER, AND EQUITATION SPECIFICATIONS**

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**2027 ZONE 4 HUNTER, JUMPER, AND EQUITATION SPECIFICATIONS (AL, FL,
GA, MS, SC, TN)**

In accordance with GR 1111.4: **Contiguous states are: AR, KY, LA, MO, NC, VA**

JUDGING FOR ALL HUNTER SECTIONS:

- To be judged on performance and soundness, suitability 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:

- Adult Amateurs Hunter – may be split into three (3) sections:
 - Adult Amateur Hunter 18- 35
 - Adult Amateur Hunter 36-54
 - Adult Amateur Hunter 55 & over

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:

Rider:

- Riders in this section may enter any Equitation class.
- Riders who compete in the Amateur Owner Hunter classes may only show other horses that they own in the Adult Amateur Hunters. Exception: Riders competing in the Amateur Owner 3'3" section (but not competing in the Amateur Owner 3'6" section) may ride one horse that they do not own in the Adult Amateur Hunter section.
- Adult Amateur Hunter Riders may cross enter into any Jumper Class where fence heights do not exceed 1.25m at the same competition.

Horse:

- Horses and ponies exhibiting in this section may cross enter multiple sections of Adult Amateur Hunter and any classes where eligible.

Combining/Dividing Sections:

- The Adult Amateur Hunter section may be divided by age of rider and/or height of fences. If there are fewer than three (3) entries in a section, that section must be combined with another Adult Amateur section.
- *The Adult Amateur Hunter section may be combined with any of the following sections when there are fewer than three (3) entries in any section:*
 - *Children's Hunter Horse*
 - *Children's Hunter Pony*
- *At show management's discretion, refer to Subchapter HU-12 for further information on combining/dividing sections.*

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

- Adult Amateur Hunter 18- 35
- Adult Amateur Hunter 36-54
- Adult Amateur Hunter 55 & over

LOW ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER

Sections Offered:

- Low Adult Amateur Hunter – may be split into two (2) sections:
 - Low Adult Amateur Hunter 18- 35
 - Low Adult Amateur Hunter 36 & over

Fence Height:

- 2'6", with spreads not to exceed fence height.

Cross Entry:

Rider:

- Riders may not cross enter into any class or section at the same competition where fences exceed 3'3" (Exception: Riders may cross enter all Equitation classes and Jumper Classes 1.15m and below).
- Riders who compete in the 3' Adult Hunters and/or the 3'3" Amateur Owner Hunter classes may show horses that they own in the Low Adult Hunters and one that they do not own in the Low Adult Hunters.

Horse and Rider Combination:

- Low Adult Amateur Hunter horse & rider combinations may not cross enter into any classes or section where fences exceed 2'9".

Combining/Dividing Sections:

- The Low Adult Amateur Hunter section may be combined with any of the following sections when there are fewer than three (3) entries in any section:
 - Low Children's Hunter Horse
 - Low Children's Hunter Pony
- At show management's discretion, 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 sections:

- Low Adult Amateur Hunter 18-35
- Low Adult Amateur Hunter 36 & over

AMATEUR JUMPER

Sections Offered by Fence Height:

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

1.00/1.05m Amateur Jumper Cross Entry:

Competition Management may restrict cross entries between 1.00/1.05m and 1.10/1.15m sections at the same competition if stated in the prize list.

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 and 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.*

Combining/Dividing Sections:

- *1.00/1.05m may be combined with 1.10/1.15m Junior and/or Amateur Jumper sections, at management's discretion, if so stated in the prize list.*

Awards:

USHJA 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- 35
- Adult Equitation 36 & Over

Cross Entry:

No cross-entry restrictions.

Fence Height:

- Minimum 2'9", maximum 3'3" - 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.
- Course design must comply with EQ108.11 except combination is optional.
- Spreads not to exceed fence height

Combining/Dividing Sections:

- Age-Group Equitation Sections may be combined as necessary, jumping at their respective heights, to meet the three (3) entry minimum requirement for points to be awarded. Stallions are prohibited when adult equitation sections are combined with children's/junior equitation sections. EQ101.3.

Awards:

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

- Adult Equitation 18- 35
- Adult Equitation 36 & Over

CHILDREN'S HUNTER HORSE

Sections offered:

- Children's Hunter Horse – may be split into two (2) sections:
 - Children's Hunter Horse 14 & Under
 - Children's Hunter Horse 15- 17

Fence Height:

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

Cross Entry:

Rider:

- Riders in this section may enter any Equitation class.
- Riders may compete with one different horse in the Junior 3'3" Hunter section at the same competition.
- Riders may not cross-enter into any Junior 3'6" Hunter or any Jumper class where fence heights exceed 1.25 meter at the same competition.

Horse:

- Horses and ponies exhibited in this section may cross enter multiple sections of Children's Hunter and any classes where eligible.

Combining/Dividing Sections:

- *The Children's Hunter Horse section may be combined with any of the following sections when there are fewer than three (3) entries in any section:*
 - *Adult Amateur Hunter*
 - *Children's Hunter Pony*
- *At show management's discretion, 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 sections:

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

LOW CHILDREN'S HUNTER HORSE

Sections Offered:

- Low Children's Hunter Horse – may be split into two (2) sections:
 - Low Children's Hunter Horse 14 & Under
 - Low Children's Hunter Horse 15- 17

Fence Height:

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

Cross Entry:

Rider:

- Riders may not cross enter into any class or section at the same competition where fences exceed 3'3" (Exception: Riders may cross enter any Equitation classes and Jumper Classes at 1.15m and below).
- Riders who compete in the 3' Children's Hunter Horse, Regular A Rated Pony Sections, and/or Junior Hunter 3'3" classes may show one horse in the Low Children's Hunter.

Horse and Rider Combination:

- Horse/Rider combinations may not cross enter into any classes or section where fences exceed 2'9".

Combining/Dividing Sections:

- The Low Children's Hunter Horse section may be combined with any of the following sections when there are fewer than three (3) entries in any section:
 - Low Adult Amateur Hunter
 - Low Children's Hunter Pony
- At show management's discretion, 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 Horse 14 & Under
- Low Children's Hunter Horse 15- 17

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

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.
- Combinations are not permitted.

Cross Entry:

Rider:

- Rider age restrictions as found in Regular Hunter Pony sections do not apply.
- **Riders may only show one Children's Hunter Pony when showing multiple ponies in the Regular or Green Hunter Pony Sections. If a rider is showing multiple ponies in the Children's Hunter Pony section, then they can only show one pony in the Regular or Green Hunter Pony Section.**
- Riders cannot cross enter into any class where fences exceed 3'3" (exception: Riders may show in Pony Jumpers).

Pony:

- Ponies exhibited in Children's Hunter Pony may cross enter into any class where otherwise eligible.

Pony/Rider Combination:

- **The pony/rider combination may not enter in the Regular Hunter Pony or the Green Hunter Pony Divisions at the same competition.**

Combining/Dividing Sections:

- **The Children's Hunter Pony section may be combined with any of the following sections when there are fewer than three (3) entries in any section:**
 - **Low Children's Hunter Pony**
 - **Low Children's Hunter Horse**
 - **Children's Hunter Horse**
 - **Low Adult Amateur Hunter**
 - **Adult Amateur Hunter**

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 sections:

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

Low Children's Hunter Pony

Eligibility:

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

Fence Height:

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

Cross Entry:

Riders:

- Low Children's Hunter Pony Riders may not cross enter into any class with fence heights that exceed 2'9" or into the **Regular** Hunter Pony, or Green Hunter Pony section at the same competition.

Pony:

- Ponies exhibiting in Low Children's Hunter Pony may cross enter into any class where otherwise eligible.

Pony/Rider Combination:

- Pony/Rider combination may not show in the Regular Small, Medium, or Large Pony, Green Pony Hunter, and/or Children's Hunter Pony sections at the same competition.

Combining/Dividing:

- **The Low Children's Hunter Pony section may be combined with any of the following sections when there are fewer than three (3) entries in any section:**
 - **Low Adult Amateur Hunter**
 - **Low Children's Hunter Horse**
 - **Children's Hunter Pony**

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 JUMPER

Sections Offered by Fence Height:

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

1.00/1.05m Junior Jumper Cross Entry:

Competition Management may restrict cross entries between 1.00/1.05m and 1.10/1.15m sections at the same competition if stated in the prize list.

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 and 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.*

Combining/Dividing Sections:

- The 1.00/1.05m 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.

Awards:

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

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

CHILDREN'S AGE GROUPS: HUNTER EQUITATION SECTIONS

Sections Offered:

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

Cross Entry:

No cross entry restrictions.

Fence Height:

- Hunter Equitation 11 & Under
 - Minimum 2'0", maximum 2'6" - 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.
 - Course design must comply with EQ108 and 109, combinations not permitted.
- Hunter Equitation 12- 14
 - Minimum 2'9", maximum 3'3" - 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.
 - Course design must comply with EQ108 and EQ109 except combination is optional.
- Hunter Equitation 15- 17
 - 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.
 - Course design must comply with EQ108 and EQ109 except combination is required.
- Spreads not to exceed fence height

Combining/Dividing Sections:

Age-Group Equitation Sections may be combined as necessary, jumping at their respective heights, to meet the three (3) entry minimum requirement for points to be awarded.

Stallions are prohibited when adult equitation sections are combined with children's/junior equitation sections. EQ101.3.

Awards:

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

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