



World Championship Hunter Rider **2026 Capital Challenge Specifications**

Changes from 2025 marked in bold, italics and underlined.

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I. Capital Challenge Horse Show (CCHS) Entry Process

- A. The top ten riders in each relevant category of the World Championship Hunter Rider (WCHR) National Standings, using points earned at shows ending on or before the closing date of entries for the current year’s CCHS, **will each be guaranteed one (1) horse accepted to show at the current year’s CCHS. In order to be accepted this horse must be entered by the closing date of entries for the current year’s CCHS.**
- B. The nine (9) WCHR Regional Champions in each relevant category will each **be guaranteed one (1) horse accepted to show at the current year’s CCHS. In order to be accepted this horse must be entered by closing date of entries for the current year’s CCHS.**
- C. If a rider is in the top ten WCHR National Standings using points earned at shows ending on or before the closing date of entries for the current year’s CCHS and is also a WCHR Regional Champion **they will be guaranteed only one (1) horse accepted to show at the current year’s CCHS.** These riders will NOT be guaranteed an entry for both their WCHR National Standings AND their WCHR Regional Championship.

- D. **The remaining spots in each division at the CCHS will be filled on a first come, first served basis.**

II. WCHR Leading Rider Armbands

- A. Riders standing first and second in the WCHR National Standings in each relevant category at the start of the current year's CCHS will be presented with WCHR Leading Rider Armbands.
1. All riders receiving a Leading Hunter Armband are REQUIRED to wear the armband throughout all their sections on their first day of competition.
 2. If necessary, Leading Hunter Armbands will be redistributed at the end of each competition day based on any changes in the WCHR National Standings.
 3. All new leading riders, if applicable, will be REQUIRED to wear the armband throughout all their sections during the following day of competition.
 4. The riders leading each WCHR category at the conclusion of all classes in each category are REQUIRED to wear the armband throughout their WCHR Challenge Classes.
- B. No Entry Fee.

III. Professional World Championship Hunter Rider Finals (The Final Four)

- A. No Entry Fee.
- B. Four ribbons and Coolers.
- C. Prize Money
1. A minimum of \$7,500 distributed as follows: \$3,000; \$1,500; \$1000; \$1000.
 2. **Additional Prize Money may be awarded.**
- D. Owner Awards
1. Ribbon, Cooler and a minimum of \$1,000 will be presented to the Owner of the horse with the highest four round cumulative score.
 2. **Additional Owner Awards and/or Prize Money may be awarded.**
- E. Invitations
1. **The top four from the current WCHR Professional National Standings will be invited to the Final Four.**
 - a) If any of the riders from the top four in the WCHR Professional National Standings decline their invitation, the invitation will be extended to the next highest ranked rider(s) on the current WCHR Professional National Standings list.
 - b) Invitations will not go past tenth (10th) place on the current WCHR Professional National Standings list.
 - c) **If the Final Four cannot be filled using the current WCHR Professional National Standings the highest placed rider(s) from the Professional Challenge at the current year's CCHS will be invited to fill the empty slot(s).**
 - d) **In the event of a tie in the Professional Challenge, the tie will be broken using the highest total point totals of the tied riders in the WCHR Professional National Standings prior to the start of the Professional Challenge at the current year's CCHS.**
 2. Any riders that have received an invitation to compete in the Final Four must declare their intent to compete.
 - a) The official form must be remitted to the USHJA Staff or a designated WCHR Task Force member no later than 10:00 AM EST on the Thursday prior to the Final Four competition.

- b) After that date and time additional invitations may be extended to the next eligible rider(s).

F. Format

1. Immediately preceding the class, up to six horses provided by the show will be presented to the Judges and Ground Jury over a course of jumps in the horse show arena. Following this presentation, the Judges and Ground Jury together will select the four horses to be used for the Final Four and the two (2) horses to serve as alternates. The alternate horses will be assigned an order in which they will be used if it becomes necessary to use them.
2. Once these six (6) horses have been assigned their role, all six will remain in the ingate area of the horse show arena until they have been officially released by the Ground Jury.
3. There will be no further schooling of any of the horses by the Final Four riders.
4. Each of the Final Four riders will ride each of the four selected horses over a Classic Hunter type course.
5. If one of the horses selected for the Final Four is determined to be unsuitable for the competition based on soundness or behavior, they will be replaced by one of the alternate horses in the order of preference they have been assigned.
 - a) The Ground Jury will determine if an alternate horse will be used.
 - b) The decision of the Ground Jury is final.
 - c) A horse selected for the Final Four may be replaced with a substitute horse at any point in the competition.

G. Order of Go

1. The order of go for the riders first round of the Final Four will be reverse order of the final standings of the National Standings.
2. The order of go for the horses will be determined prior to the class by random draw.
3. For the next three rounds the horses will stay in the same order and the riders will rotate.
4. Each rider will ride all four horses.

H. Judging

1. The class will be judged on the presentation of the horse and style of the rider.
2. There will be three panels of two judges each.
3. The Open Numerical Judging System will be utilized.
4. Each panel of judges will give one score for each round.
5. In the event of a rail down, a penalty of four (4) points per rail down will be deducted from the base score of each team of judges.
6. The scores of the three panels will be announced and then averaged for a single score for each round.
7. The rider with the highest four round cumulative score will be crowned the reigning World Champion Hunter Rider.
8. Ties
 - a) In the event of a tie after four rounds for first place only, there will be a ride off to determine the winner.
 - b) For all other ties, judging panel number one will be the tie breaking score.

- I. Courses
 - 1. There will be four different Classic Hunter type courses of eight (8) to ten (10) fences.
 - 2. Fences heights will be set at 3'5".
- J. To be ridden in Formal Attire

IV. WCHR Challenge Classes

- A. Enrollment
 - 1. All competitors MUST be enrolled in the WCHR Program for the current competition year prior to the start of their respective Challenge class.
 - 2. Riders not currently enrolled in the WCHR Program that qualify for a Challenge class from the CCHS may compete in that Challenge class if they pay the WCHR Program enrollment fees for the current competition year, as well as the following competition year, prior to the start of their Challenge class.
- B. General Rules
 - 1. Riders can compete on only one horse per Challenge class.
 - 2. Riders can compete on the horse of their choice; the horse does not need to have been entered in any other classes at Capital Challenge.
 - 3. ***Amateur riders competing in an Amateur Owner Challenge must compete on a horse that either they or a member of their family owns per HU137.**
 - 4. To be ridden in Formal Attire.
- C. Qualifying for all Challenge Classes through WCHR National and Regional Standings
 - 1. Riders will be invited to compete in their respective Challenge class based on their standings in the WCHR National and Regional Standings.
 - a) The top ten riders in the National Standings from each relative category will be invited to compete in their respective Challenge class.
 - b) Should a rider who qualified for a Challenge class from the WCHR National Standings elect not to compete, the next rider on the WCHR National Standings list WILL become eligible to compete. In this case, invitations to compete may be extended through 14th place on the WCHR National Standings list.
 - c) The top six riders on each of the applicable Regional Standings lists will be invited to compete in their respective Challenge class. (Exception: The top eight riders for the Amateur Owner 3'3" and 3'6" sections)
 - d) Should a rider who qualified for a Challenge class from the WCHR Regional Standings elect not to compete, the next rider on the WCHR Regional Standings list WILL become eligible to compete. In this case, invitations to compete may be extended through 10th place on the WCHR Regional standings list (Exception: Invitations to compete may be extended through 12th place in the Amateur Owner 3'3" and 3'6" sections).
 - e) If a rider in the top six from the WCHR Regional Standings is also ranked in the top ten WCHR National Standings, the next rider on the WCHR Regional Standings WILL become eligible to compete. In this case, invitations to compete may be extended through 10th place on the WCHR Regional standings list (Exception: Invitations to compete may be extended through 12th place in the Amateur Owner 3'3" and 3'6" sections).

- f) Riders qualifying for a Challenge class from the WCHR National and Regional Standings must notify the competition of their intent to show upon receipt of the invitation to compete.
 - g) **Riders who receive an invitation to compete in a Challenge class through the WCHR National and Regional Standings who were not entered in the current year's CCHS by the closing date of entries will be accepted into the WCHR Challenge class ONLY. These riders will be accepted on the availability of stalls on a first come first served basis.**
2. Qualifying for all Challenge Classes through the CCHS. (Exception: Developing Pro Challenge: See IV. C. 3. below)
- a) Riders not already qualified for the Challenge classes through the WCHR National and Regional Standings prior to the start of the current year's CCHS may qualify for the Challenge classes based on points from eligible hunter sections at the CCHS.
 - b) Points will be calculated according to the following point chart:

Place	Points
1st	20
2nd	12
3rd	8
4th	4
5th	2
6th	1
7th	1/2
8th	1/4

- c) Under saddle classes not to count.
 - d) Riders who qualify for a Challenge class from the CCHS may compete in that Challenge class regardless of their WCHR category, provided they are otherwise eligible.
 - e) Riders may compete in all Challenges that they qualify for, provided they are otherwise eligible. ***Check eligibility requirements for each Challenge Class.***
 - f) Riders qualifying for Challenge classes from the CCHS must enter that class 30 minutes after the completion of their last over fences class.
 - g) After close of entries for any Challenge class additional invitations may be extended to the next qualified riders. The desired number of entries in each Challenge Class is twenty five (25).
 - h) In case of ties, entries will remain tied and additional invitations will be extended.
 - i) Riders who qualify for a Challenge class from both the WCHR National and Regional Standings and a Hunter section during the CCHS will have the qualification from the WCHR National and Regional Standings take precedence and be considered the official means of qualification.
3. Qualifying for the Developing Pro Challenge Class through the CCHS.
- a) Riders not already qualified for the Developing Pro Challenge class through the WCHR National and Regional Standings prior to the start of the CCHS may receive invitations to compete in the Developing Pro Challenge class based on their highest numeric score earned in a

professional section at the CCHS.

- b) The desired number of entries in the Developing Pro Challenge is thirty (30).
- c) At the sole discretion of show management, the five (5) riders with the highest numeric scores earned in a professional section at the CCHS may receive invitations to compete in the Developing Pro Challenge. (Any riders tied for fifth [5th] place will receive invitations to compete in the Developing Pro Challenge.)
- d) **Riders not already qualified for the Developing Pro Challenge class through the WCHR Regional and National Standings prior to the start of the current year's CCHS must notify the horse show office that they would like their scores to be tracked by 4:00 PM on the Monday prior to the start of the CCHS hunter week.**

D. Format

1. The WCHR Amateur Owner 3'6" and 3'3", Adult Amateur, Junior 3'6" and 3'3", Children's and Pony Challenge classes will consist of one round.
2. The WCHR Professional Challenge and WCHR Developing Professional Challenge classes will consist of two rounds.
 - a) All entries to compete over the first course.
 - b) The top 12 highest scoring horse-and rider combinations from the first round will be invited back to compete over a second course.

E. Judging Requirements

1. To be judged on quality, movement, jumping style, manners and way of going with suitability to count.
2. A minimum of two judging panels is required.
3. Each judging panel will consist of two judges.
4. The open numerical judging system will be utilized.
5. Each panel will give one score.
6. The scores from each panel will be announced and averaged for a single round total.
7. In the case of a two-round class, the first and second round averages will be added together for a two-round total.
8. The entry with the highest total will be the class winner.
9. Before the start of each class one judging panel will be designated the first tie breaking team and another judging panel will be designated the second tie breaking team.
10. In the case of a tie at the conclusion of the one round Challenge classes, the score of the first tie breaking panel of judges will determine the winner. Should there still be a tie, the score of the second tie breaking panel of judges will determine the winner.
11. In the case of a tie at the conclusion of the two round Challenge classes, the second round score of the first tie breaking panel of judges will determine the winner. Should there still be a tie, the second round score of the second tie breaking panel of judges will determine the winner.

F. Soundness

1. **Judges have the authority to disqualify a horse due to unsoundness at any time during the over fences performance.**
2. **Horses are required to trot a circle on a loose rein at the end of each over fences performance.**
3. **Horses may be asked to return to the ring and trot another circle at the judge's discretion.**

G. Course Requirements

1. Challenge classes are to be ridden over a Classic Hunter course of varied hunter type fences.
2. Challenge class courses must contain:
 - a) Ten (10) to twelve (12) fences.
 - b) A minimum of one in & out.
 - c) A minimum of three oxers.

H. Points

1. WCHR Points

- a) WCHR points accumulated in all WCHR Divisions during CCHS will be calculated and applied WCHR National points according to the point chart below:

<i>WCHR Increment Chart - Number of Exhibitors</i>				
<i>Ribbon</i>	<i>3 to 8</i>	<i>9 to 15</i>	<i>16 to 25</i>	<i>26 +</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>80</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>64</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>48</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>40</i>
<i>5</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>32</i>
<i>6</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>7</i>		<i>12</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>16</i>
<i>8</i>		<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>

- b) In accordance with the WCHR program rules, a rider must ride the same horse throughout the entire hunter section, with the exception of the under saddle class, to receive WCHR points.
- c) If a WCHR Hunter section only offers a total of three to four classes versus the traditional five classes, the classes over fences will receive points based on a multiplier.
 - i. When a WCHR section is offered with two over fences and one under saddle class, points earned in each over fences class will be multiplied by two.
 - ii. When a WCHR section is offered with three over fences classes and one under saddle class, points earned in each over fences class will be multiplied by 1.33.
 - iii. When the total number of points earned in a section is not a whole number, the point total will be rounded up or down, according to accepted principles of rounding (i.e. 124.49 would be rounded down to 124 and 124.50 would be rounded up to 125).
- d) In addition to any points earned in the respective WCHR Divisions, WCHR Bonus points accumulated in all WCHR Challenge Classes during the current year's CCHS will be calculated and applied toward

current year's WCHR National Awards according to the point chart below:

Place	Points
1st	140
2nd	130
3rd	120
4th	110
5th	108
6th	106
7th	104
8th	102

2. HOTY Points

- a) National HOTY points and money won (where applicable) will be awarded for placing in a WCHR Challenge Class. Horses and ponies must be eligible for the section declared at the time of entry.
- b) The two-round stand-alone Hunter Classic point scale will be utilized when awarding National HOTY bonus points earned in WCHR Challenge classes. See HU174.9(b)
- c) In order for National HOTY points and money won (where applicable) from WCHR Challenge classes for Professionals or Developing Professionals to be awarded riders must complete the USHJA Exhibitor Declaration Form prior to the conclusion of the competition.
 - i. Declarations for the Professional Challenge class may be in any one WCHR recognized professional section with fence heights of 3'6" or higher
 - ii. Declarations for the Developing Professional Challenge Class may be in any one WCHR recognized professional section with fence heights of 3' or 3'3".
 - iii. Riders may only declare one section in which to earn HOTY points or money won (where applicable).
 - iv. HOTY points and money won (where applicable) will only be awarded towards a declared Hunter section for HOTY points if the horse competes in the declared section a minimum of five (5) times during the current competition year.

V. WCHR Professional Challenge

- A. Twelve Ribbons
- B. **A minimum** of \$25,000 Prize Money.
- C. Prize Money to be distributed first through twelfth place: **30%, 22%, 13%, 8%, 6%, 5%, 4%, 3%, 3%, 2%, 2%, 2%**
- D. Grooms Awards to be distributed first through twelfth place: \$425; \$300; \$150; \$100; \$75; \$50; \$50; \$40; \$40; \$40, \$40, \$40. Additional Prize Money may be awarded.
- E. Invitations for the Professional Challenge will be issued to the following:
 1. The top ten Nationally ranked WCHR Professionals prior to the start of the show.
 2. The top six Regionally ranked WCHR Professionals from each of the **nine** WCHR Regions prior to the start of the show.

3. The winner of the previous year's WCHR Professional Challenge.
 4. The reigning WCHR Professional National Champion.
 5. The professional riders who finish in the top four from *the Green Hunter 3', 3'3", 3'6", 3'9"*, Green Conformation Hunter, High Performance Conformation Hunter, Performance Working Hunter 3'6", and/or High Performance Working Hunter sections at the Capital Challenge Horse Show.
- F. Developing Professionals are eligible to compete. Points earned in this class will count only toward the Professional National Standings.
- G. Fence heights of 3'6".

VI. WCHR Developing Pro Challenge

- A. Twelve Ribbons
- B. *A minimum* of \$5,000 Prize Money.
- C. Prize Money to be distributed first through twelfth place: *30%, 22%, 13%, 8%, 6%, 5%, 4%, 3%, 3%, 2%, 2%, 2%*
- D. Invitations will be extended as follows:
 1. The top ten Nationally ranked WCHR Developing Professionals prior to the start of the show.
 2. The top six Regionally ranked WCHR Developing Professionals from each of the *nine* WCHR regions prior to the start of the show.
 3. Fence heights of 3'3"

Developing Professional

- The Developing Professional Program was created to provide opportunities to professional riders.
- Developing Professional riders earn Developing Professional points from the *Young Hunter 6 & Under 3', Young Hunter 7 & Under 3'3"*, Green Hunters 3', 3'3", 3'6", 3'9", Green Conformation Hunter, High Performance Conformation Hunter, Performance Working Hunter 3'3", 3'6" and/or High Performance Working Hunter sections at WCHR Events.
- Developing Professional riders are also eligible for all WCHR Professional awards.
- Developing Professional riders earn Professional points, automatically and simultaneously, from the Green Hunter 3', 3'3", 3'6", 3'9", Green Conformation Hunter, High Performance Conformation Hunter, Performance Working Hunter 3'6", and/or High Performance Hunter sections at WCHR Events.
- The WCHR has defined the following criteria to be eligible as a Developing Professional:
 - Riders who meet the following criteria as of December 1 of the current competition year are eligible to compete as a Developing Professional for the duration of that competition year, regardless of results obtained within the same competition year:
 - **Riders in their first competition year as a declared professional with USEF and USHJA, regardless of previous results as a Junior or Amateur.**
 - Riders who have never placed in the top 10 of the WCHR Professional National Standings
 - Riders who have never been a WCHR Professional Regional Champion.
 - Riders who have never won the Developing Professional Challenge at the CCHS.
 - Riders who have never won the Developing Professional National Title.
 - Riders who have never placed 1st-12th in the Professional Challenge at the CCHS.

- Riders who have never placed 1st-12th in a WCHR Spectacular
- Riders who have never been Champion or Reserve Champion in a Professional Hunter section at 3'6" or higher at the following competitions: Devon, Capital Challenge, Pennsylvania National Horse Show, Washington International Horse Show and/or The National Horse Show
- Riders must declare Developing Professional at the time of WCHR Application. All Developing Professional declarations are subject to review by the WCHR Task Force to ensure the integrity and spirit of the program are maintained.

VII. WCHR Amateur Owner 3'6" Challenge

- A. Twelve Ribbons
- B. ***A minimum of*** \$2,500 Prize Money.
- C. Prize Money to be distributed first through twelfth place: ***30%, 22%, 13%, 8%, 6%, 5%, 4%, 3%, 3%, 2%, 2%, 2%***
- D. Invitations will be extended to the top ten nationally ranked WCHR Amateur Owner 3'6" riders prior to the start of the show, the top eight regionally ranked WCHR Amateur Owner 3'6" riders from each of the ***nine*** WCHR regions and the winner of the Amateur Owner 3'6" Challenge from the previous year's CCHS.
- E. Additionally, invitations will be extended to the top eight riders from each of the Amateur Owner 3'6" sections at the CCHS. Should any rider finish in two or more of the top eight placings in a section, invitations will be extended to the next highest finisher(s) to ensure that eight individual riders receive invitations to compete.
- F. Fence heights of 3'6".
- G. ***Amateur Owner riders must compete on a horse that either they or a member of their family owns per HU137.**
- H. Eligibility
 1. Any horse-and-rider combination showing in the Amateur Owner 3'6" section at the CCHS may not show in the WCHR Amateur Owner 3'3" Challenge.
 2. Amateur Owner 3'6" riders may compete in the WCHR Amateur Owner 3'3" Challenge at the CCHS on a different horse.

VIII. WCHR Amateur Owner 3'3" Challenge

- A. Twelve Ribbons
- B. ***A minimum of*** \$2,500 Prize Money.
- C. Prize Money to be distributed first through twelfth place: ***30%, 22%, 13%, 8%, 6%, 5%, 4%, 3%, 3%, 2%, 2%, 2%***
- D. Invitations will be extended to the top ten nationally ranked WCHR Amateur Owner 3'3" riders prior to the start of the show, the top eight regionally ranked WCHR Amateur Owner 3'3" riders from each of the ***nine*** WCHR regions and the winner of the Amateur Owner 3'3" Challenge from the previous year's CCHS.
- E. Additionally, invitations will be extended to the top eight riders from each of the Amateur Owner 3'3" sections at the CCHS. Should any rider finish in two or more of the top eight placings in a section, invitations will be extended to the next highest finisher(s) to ensure that eight individual riders receive invitations to compete.
- F. Fence heights of 3'3".
- G. ***Amateur Owner riders must compete on a horse that either they or a member of their family owns per HU137.**
- H. Eligibility
 1. Any horse-and-rider combination showing in the Amateur Owner 3'6" section at the CCHS may not show in the WCHR Amateur Owner 3'3" Challenge.
 2. Any horse-and-rider combination showing in the Amateur Owner 3'3"

- section at the CCHS may not show in the WCHR Adult Amateur Challenge.
- 3. Amateur Owner 3'3" riders may compete in the WCHR Amateur Owner 3'6" Challenge at the CCHS on a different horse.
- 4. Amateur Owner 3'3" riders may compete in the WCHR Adult Amateur Challenge at Capital Challenge on a different horse as long as they have not shown in a hunter section where the fences exceed 3'5" after June 1 of the current competition year.

IX. WCHR Adult Amateur Challenge

- A. Twelve Ribbons
- B. **A minimum** of \$2,500 Prize Money.
- C. Prize Money to be distributed first through twelfth place: **30%, 22%, 13%, 8%, 6%, 5%, 4%, 3%, 3%, 2%, 2%, 2%**
- D. Invitations will be extended to the top ten nationally ranked WCHR Adult Amateur riders prior to the start of the show, the top six regionally ranked WCHR Adult Amateur riders from each of the **nine** WCHR regions and the winner of the Adult Amateur Challenge from the previous year's CCHS.
- E. Additionally, invitations will be extended to the top six riders from each of the Adult Amateur sections at the CCHS. Should any rider finish in two or more of the top six placings in a section, invitations will be extended to the next highest finisher(s) to ensure that six individual riders receive invitations to compete.
- F. Fence heights of 3'0".
- G. Eligibility
 - 1. Any horse-and-rider combination showing in the Amateur Owner 3'3" section at the CCHS may not show in the WCHR Adult Amateur Challenge.
 - 2. Amateur Owner 3'3" riders are eligible to compete in the WCHR Adult Amateur Challenge on a different horse at the CCHS as long as they have not shown in a hunter section where the fences exceed 3'5" after June 1 of the current competition year.

X. WCHR Junior 3'6" Challenge

- A. Twelve Ribbons
- B. **A minimum** of \$2,500 Prize Money.
- C. Prize Money to be distributed first through twelfth place: **30%, 22%, 13%, 8%, 6%, 5%, 4%, 3%, 3%, 2%, 2%, 2%**
- D. Invitations will be extended to the top ten nationally ranked WCHR Junior 3'6" riders prior to the start of the show, the top six regionally ranked WCHR Junior 3'6" riders from each of the **nine** WCHR regions and the winner of the Junior 3'6" Challenge from the previous year's CCHS.
- E. Additionally, invitations will be extended to the top six riders from each of the Junior 3'6" sections at the CCHS. Should any rider finish in two or more of the top six placings in a section, invitations will be extended to the next highest finisher(s) to ensure that six individual riders receive invitations to compete.
- F. Fence heights of 3'6".

XI. WCHR Junior 3'3" Challenge

- A. Twelve Ribbons
- B. **A minimum** of \$2,500 Prize Money.
- C. Prize Money to be distributed first through twelfth place: **30%, 22%, 13%, 8%, 6%, 5%**,

4%, 3%, 3%, 2%, 2%, 2%

- D. Invitations will be extended to the top ten nationally ranked WCHR Junior 3'3" riders prior to the start of the show, the top six regionally ranked WCHR Junior 3'3" riders from each of the nine WCHR regions and the winner of the Junior 3'3" Challenge from the previous year's CCHS.
- E. Additionally, invitations will be extended to the top six riders from each of the Junior 3'3" sections at the CCHS. Should any rider finish in two or more of the top six placings in a section, invitations will be extended to the next highest finisher(s) to ensure that six individual riders receive invitations to compete.
- F. Fence heights of 3'3".
- G. Eligibility
 - 1. Any horse-and-rider combination showing in the Junior 3'6" section at the CCHS may not show in the WCHR Junior 3'3" Challenge.
 - 2. Any horse-and-rider combination showing in the Junior 3'3" section at the CCHS may not show in the WCHR Children's Challenge.
 - 3. Junior 3'3" riders are eligible for the WCHR Children's Challenge at the CCHS as long as they have not shown in a hunter section where the fences exceed 3'5" after June 1 of the current competition year.

XII. WCHR Children's Challenge

- A. Twelve Ribbons
- B. A minimum of \$1,500 Prize Money.
- C. Prize Money to be distributed first through twelfth place: 30%, 22%, 13%, 8%, 6%, 5%, 4%, 3%, 3%, 2%, 2%, 2%
- D. Invitations will be extended to the top ten nationally ranked WCHR Children's riders prior to the start of the show, the top six regionally ranked WCHR Children's riders from each of the nine WCHR regions and the winner of the Children's Challenge from the previous year's CCHS.
- E. Additionally, invitations will be extended to the top six riders from each of the Children's sections at the CCHS. Should any rider finish in two or more of the top six placings in a section, invitations will be extended to the next highest finisher(s) to ensure that six individual riders receive invitations to compete.
- F. Fence Heights
 - 1. Horses - 3'0"
 - 2. Large ponies - 2'6"
 - 3. Small/Medium ponies - 2'0"
- G. Eligibility
 - 1. Any horse-and-rider combination showing in the Junior 3'3" section at the CCHS may not show in the WCHR Children's Challenge.
 - 2. Any horse-and-rider combination showing in the Pony Hunter section at the CCHS is not eligible to show in the WCHR Children's Hunter Challenge.
 - 3. Junior 3'3" riders are eligible to compete in the WCHR Children's Challenge at the CCHS on a different horse as long as they have not shown in a hunter section where the fences exceed 3'5" after June 1 of the current competition year.
 - 4. Pony Hunter riders are eligible to compete in the WCHR Children's Challenge at the CCHS on a different horse or pony.

XIII. WCHR Pony Challenge

- A. Twelve Ribbons
- B. **A minimum** of \$2,500 Prize Money.
- C. Prize Money to be distributed first through twelfth place: **30%, 22%, 13%, 8%, 6%, 5%, 4%, 3%, 3%, 2%, 2%, 2%**
- D. Invitations will be extended to the top ten nationally ranked WCHR Pony riders prior to the start of the show, the top six regionally ranked WCHR Pony riders from each of the **nine** WCHR regions and the winner of the Pony Challenge from the previous year's CCHS.
- E. Additionally, invitations will be extended to the top four riders from each of the Pony Hunter sections at the CCHS. Should any rider finish in two or more of the top four placings in a section, invitations will be extended to the next highest finisher(s) to ensure that four individual riders receive invitations to compete.
- F. Fence Heights
 1. Small - 2'3"
 2. Medium - 2'6"
 3. Large - 2'9"-3'0"
- G. Eligibility
 1. Any horse-and-rider combination showing in the Pony Hunter section at the CCHS is not eligible to show in the WCHR Children's Hunter Challenge.
 2. **Pony Hunter riders are eligible to compete in the WCHR Children's Challenge at the CCHS on a different horse or pony.**
 3. Pony Hunter riders are ineligible to compete in any other WCHR Challenge at the CCHS other than the WCHR Children's Challenge.

USHJA Contact Information

If questions arise pertaining to the World Championship Hunter Rider program that cannot be answered from the class specifications provided, one of the following USHJA representatives must be contacted to resolve any questions regarding the judging procedures or class specifications:

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