

**USHJA ZONE 12  
2026 HUNTER, JUMPER AND EQUITATION  
SPECIFICATIONS**

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**2026 ZONE 12 HUNTER, JUMPER AND EQUITATION SPECIFICATIONS (AK)**

Zone 12 chooses no contiguous states.

**JUDGING FOR ALL HUNTER AND EQUITATION SECTIONS:**

- To be judged on performance and soundness, manners, suitability to count.
- Horses and Ponies are required to jog for soundness.
- In Equitation: to be judged on performance, style, form and suitability of horse and rider to count.

**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. Any horse and pony regardless of money won is eligible to compete in this division.

**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. Any horse and pony regardless of money won is eligible to compete in this division.

## **ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER**

### **Sections offered and requirements:**

- Adult Amateurs – may be split into two (2) sections

### **Cross Entry:**

No cross entry restrictions.

### **Fence Height:**

- 3'0" with spreads not to exceed the fence height.
- To be shown over a minimum of eight fences.
- In and outs will be permitted.

### **Combining/Dividing Sections:**

May be split into two sections:

- Adult Amateur Hunter 18– 35
- Adult Amateur Hunter 36 & Over

Adult Amateur Hunter classes may be combined with Children's Hunter classes.

### **Awards:**

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

- Adult Amateur Hunter 18- 35
- Adult Amateur Hunter 36 & 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 3'0" or 0.95m.

### **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**

### **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 1.25m.

#### **Horse/Pony:**

n/a

#### **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:**

- To be shown over a minimum of eight fences
- 1.00m to 1.05m
- 1.10m to 1.15m

### **Combining/Dividing Sections:**

Amateur Jumper classes may be combined with Junior Jumper classes.

### **Awards:**

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

- 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:**

- 3'0" with spreads not to exceed fence height
- Combinations will be permitted
- To be shown over a minimum of eight fences

### **Combining/Dividing Sections:**

May be combined with Children's/Junior equitation.

### **Awards:**

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

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

## **CHILDREN'S HUNTER**

### **Sections offered and requirements:**

- Children's Hunter

### **Cross Entry:**

No cross entry restrictions.

### **Fence Height:**

- 3'0" with spreads not to exceed the fence height.
- In and outs will be permitted
- To be shown over a minimum of eight fences

### **Combining/Dividing Sections:**

Children's Hunter classes may be combined with Adult Amateur Hunter classes.

### **Awards:**

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

- Children's Hunter

## **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 into any class or section at the same competition where fences exceed 3'0" or 0.95m.

### **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

## **JUNIOR JUMPER**

### **Sections offered and Requirements:**

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

### **Cross Entry:**

#### **Rider:**

Riders may not show in any classes where the jumps exceed 1.25m, except Junior riders competing in FEI Children's classes and USEF Talent Search Class.

#### **Horse/Pony:**

n/a

#### **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.

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

#### **Fence Height:**

- To be shown over a minimum of eight fences
- 1.00m to 1.05m
- 1.10m to 1.15m

### **Combining/Dividing Sections:**

Amateur Jumper classes may be combined with Junior Jumper classes.

### **Awards:**

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

- 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

### **Cross Entry:**

No cross entry restrictions.

### **Fence Height:**

- 3'0" with spreads not to exceed fence height
- To be shown over a minimum of eight fences
- Combinations will be permitted

### **Combining/Dividing Sections:**

May be combined with Adult equitation.

### **Awards:**

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

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