

**USHJA ZONE 9  
2026 HUNTER, JUMPER AND EQUITATION  
SPECIFICATIONS**

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**(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 AND EQUITATION SECTIONS:**

- To be judged on performance and soundness, suitability to count.
- Horses and Ponies are not 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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

### **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.

### **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

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

- Refer to HU166

### **Awards:**

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

- Adult Amateur Hunter 18- 39
- Adult Amateur 40- 55
- Adult Amateur 56 & 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 2'9".

### **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.

#### **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
- Adult Equitation 40- 55
- Adult Equitation 56 & Over

### **Cross Entry:**

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

### **Fence Height:**

- 2'9"- 3'6" with spreads not to exceed fence height
- Combinations will be permitted
- Management must state in the prize list, the height at which sections are being held.

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

- Refer to HU166.

### **Awards:**

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

- Adult Equitation 18- 39
- Adult Equitation 40- 55
- Adult Equitation 56 & Over

## **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 HU166

### **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"

### **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.

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

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

#### **Horse 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 11 & Under
- Hunter Equitation 12-14
- Hunter Equitation 15-17

### **Cross Entry:**

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

### **Fence Height:**

- Hunter Equitation 11 & Under:
  - Minimum 2'6", maximum 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.
  - 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.
  - Combinations are 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.
  - Combinations are optional

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

- Refer to HU166

### **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