

**USHJA ZONE 2
2026 HUNTER, JUMPER AND EQUITATION SPECIFICATIONS**

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(NJ, NY, PA)

In accordance with GR1111.4: Contiguous states are DE, CT, MA, VT, MD, WV, OH, & Canada.

JUDGING FOR ALL HUNTER SECTIONS:

- To be judged on performance and soundness, suitability to count.
- Horses and Ponies are not required to jog for soundness.

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 and requirements:

- Adult Amateurs – may be split into three (3) sections

Cross Entry:

Riders:

Riders may cross enter between the Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3" and 3'6". Riders competing in the Amateur Owner Hunter sections may ride one horse that they do or do not own in the Adult Amateur Hunter division.

Riders may not compete in any other classes at the same competition where the fence height exceeds 3'6" (1.10m), except Amateur Jumper 1.10/1.15m and USEF Talent Search.

In the under saddle, if a rider has two or more horses entered, one horse must be ridden by the original rider, and the additional horse(s) entered may be ridden by another Amateur rider, regardless of cross entry restrictions.

Horses:

Horses may be shown by a different rider in any other section or class at the same competition. Horses may not cross enter between any Adult Amateur and any Amateur Owner Hunter sections at the same show.

Horse and Rider Combination:

No cross entry restrictions

Fence height:

- 3'0" with spreads not to exceed the fence height.
- Courses will not be adjusted for ponies.

Combining/Dividing Sections:

May be split into three sections:

- Adult Amateurs 18– 35
- Adult Amateurs 36– 49
- Adult Amateurs 50 & over

If there are fewer than three (3) entries in one Adult section if offered split it may be combined with another Adult Amateur section.

Hunter sections (Adult Amateur, Children's, Ponies) may be combined if there are fewer than three (3) entries in any section

Section Requirements: If the section is held in one day a maximum of four (4) classes may be offered. If the section is held over two days a maximum of five classes may be offered.

Awards:

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

- Adult Amateur Hunter 18- 35
- Adult Amateur 36- 49
- Adult Amateur 50 & over

LOW ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER

Cross Entry:

Riders:

Riders may not cross enter into any class or section at the same competition where fences exceed 2'9" (.85m).

Fence Height:

- 2'6"

Combining/Dividing Sections:

Low Hunter sections (Adult Amateur, Children's, Ponies) may be combined if there are fewer than three (3) entries in any section

May be split into two sections:

- **Low Adult Amateurs 18– 35**
- **Low Adult Amateurs 36 & over**

Awards:

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

- Low Adult Amateur Hunter **18-35**
- **Low Adult Amateur Hunter 36 & Over**

AMATEUR JUMPER

Sections offered and requirements:

- 1.00-1.05m Amateur Jumper
- 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.

Any competition wishing to have further cross entry restrictions must clearly state them within the Prize List.

Horse/Pony:

Horses may show at 1.40m or below with another rider.

Horse and Rider Combination:

If a horse and rider combination compete where fences exceed 1.15m the horse and rider cannot compete in a classic, stake, or highest prize money class, **held at or below 1.15m** at the same horse show.

A horse and rider combination may not compete in the classic, stake, or highest prize money class in both the 1.00-1.05m Amateur Jumper and 1.10-1.15m Amateur Jumper at the same horse show.

Fence Height:

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

Combining/Dividing Sections:

If there are fewer than three (3) entries in any section, the sections may be combined at management's discretion allowing each section to compete at their respective height. If sections are combined a horse can only compete at one height in each class.

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- 35
- Adult Equitation 36 & Over

Cross Entry:

No cross-entry restrictions.

Fence Height:

- Classes may be held at: 2'9", 3'0", or 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 combinations are 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 equitation sections. EQ101.3.

Awards:

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 and requirements:

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

Cross Entry:

Rider:

Rider may not cross enter into any other class at the same competition where the fences **3'3" (1.10m)** (exception: Junior Jumper **1.05/1.10/1.15m, *any jumper class restricted to ponies***, USHJA National Hunter Derby and Equitation Classes where the fences do not exceed 3'6" **(1.10m)**).

A rider on a Children's Hunter Horse may cross enter into the Pony Hunter section or the Green Pony Hunter section at the same competition.

A rider competing in the Children's Hunter Horse section may ride one horse in the Junior Hunters 3'3" section, if they are the USHJA & USEF recorded owner or lessee of the Junior Hunter Horse.

In the under saddle, if a rider has two or more horses entered, at least one horse **must be** ridden by the original rider, and the additional horse(s) entered may be ridden by another junior rider, **regardless of cross entry restrictions.**

Horses/Ponies:

Horses competing in the Children's Hunter Horse section may not cross enter into 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

Combining/Dividing Sections:

If there are more than twenty-five (25) in any one section then that section may be split into Sections A and B. If there are fewer than three (3) horses entered in the Children's Hunter Horse section, then they may be combined and judged with the Children's Hunter Pony or Adult Amateur Hunter section.

Awards:

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

Cross Entry:

Riders:

Riders may not cross enter at the same competition into the Children's Hunter, Pony Hunter or any class/section where fences exceed 2'9"

Fence Height:

- 2'6" (.85m)

Combining/Dividing Sections:

If there are fewer than three (3) horses entered in the Low Children's Hunter Horse section, then they may be combined and judged with the Low Pony Hunter or the Low Adult Amateur Hunter section. Low Hunter sections (Adult Amateur, Children's, Ponies) may be combined if there are fewer than three (3) entries in any section.

May be split into two sections:

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

Awards:

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

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

CHILDREN'S HUNTER PONY

Sections offered and requirements:

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

Cross Entry:

Rider:

Rider may not cross enter into any other class at the same competition where the fences exceed 3'0" (exception: Junior Jumper 1.10-1.15m, Pony Jumpers, USHJA National Hunter Derby and Equitation Classes where the fences do not exceed 3'6").

A rider competing in the Children's Hunter Pony section may ride one pony in a Regular Hunter Pony section, or one pony in a Green Hunter Pony section, if they are the USHJA & USEF recorded owner or lessee of the Regular Hunter pony or Green Hunter pony.

In the under saddle, if a rider has two or more ponies entered, at least one pony must be ridden by the original rider, and the additional pony(s) entered may be ridden by another junior rider, regardless of cross entry restrictions.

Horse/Pony:

Ponies showing in the Children's Pony section may not cross enter into the Regular Pony Hunter sections or the Green Pony Hunter section at the same competition.

Horse and Rider:

No cross entry restrictions

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.

Combining/Dividing Sections:

If there are more than twenty-five (25) in any one section then that section may be split into Sections A and B.

If there are fewer than three (3) ponies in the Children's Hunter Small/Medium Pony or Children's Hunter Large Pony, then the classes may be combined and judged together. If there are still fewer than three (3) ponies after the Small/Medium and Large sections have been combined, the Children's Hunter Pony sections may combine with the Children's Hunter Horse section.

If there are still fewer than three (3) entries after the Children's Hunter Small/Medium and Large Pony sections have been combined with the Children's Hunter Horse section, these sections may only then combine with the Adult Amateur Hunter Horse section.

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

LOW CHILDRENS HUNTER PONY

Cross Entry:

Rider:

Low Children's Hunter Pony riders may not cross enter into any class where fences exceed 2'9" (.85m) or into the Children's Hunter Pony, Pony Hunter, or Green Pony Hunter Section at the same competition.

Fence Height:

- 2'0"

Combining/Dividing:

- Can be split.
- *If there are fewer than three (3) horses entered in the Low Children's Hunter Pony section, then they may be combined and judged with the Low Children's Hunter Horse or the Low Adult Amateur Hunter section.*
 - *Low Hunter sections (Adult Amateur, Children's, Ponies) may be combined if there are fewer than three (3) entries in any section*

Awards:

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

- Low Children's Hunter Pony

JUNIOR JUMPER

Sections offered and Requirements:

- 1.00-1.05m Junior Jumper
- 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.

Any competition wishing to have further cross entry restrictions must clearly state them within the Prize List.

Horse/Pony

Horses may show at 1.40m or below with another rider.

Horse and Rider Combination:

If a horse and rider combination compete where fences exceed 1.15m the horse and rider cannot compete in a classic, stake, or highest prize money class at the horse show.

A horse and rider combination may not compete in the classic, stake, or highest prize money class in both the 1.00-1.05m Junior jumpers and 1.10-1.15m Junior jumpers at the same horse show.

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Fence Height:

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

Combining/Dividing Sections:

If there are fewer than three (3) entries in any section, the sections may be combined at management's discretion allowing each section to compete at their respective height. If sections are combined a horse can only compete at one (1) height in each class.

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.

Fence Height:

- Hunter Equitation 11 & Under
 - 2'0"-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
 - 2'9"-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
 - A minimum of one option from EQ109.11 must be included
- Hunter Equitation 15- 17
 - 3'0"-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