



2026 WCHR Categories

- A. Riders must declare their Category when enrolling in the Program.
- B. Riders may declare for only one Category when enrolling in the Program.
- C. A Rider may change their Category one time during the competition year.
 - 1. All points in the original Category are non-transferable and will be forfeited.
 - 2. Points in the new Category will be retroactive for the competition year.
 - 3. Riders have until July 1 to notify the USHJA in writing of the change in Category.
(Exception: If the final WCHR Event in a Region begins prior to July 1 no Category changes will be accepted for that Region once that Event has commenced).
 - 4. No changes of Category will be accepted after July 1 of the current competition year.
 - 5. When declaring a change of Category, the use of a delivery system that provides delivery confirmation is recommended.
 - 6. The USHJA is not responsible for Category change requests that have not been received.

The Program offers the following Categories for declaration:

1. Adult Amateur

- Riders earn points from any A-rated 3'0" Adult Amateur Hunter sections at WCHR Events.
- In order to be eligible riders may not have competed in the Amateur Owner Hunter 3'6" section or any other hunter section where the fences exceed 3'5" on any horse after June 1 of the current competition year.
- If a rider competes in any over fences class in any hunter section where the fences exceed 3'5" after June 1 of the current competition year they will no longer be eligible to accrue additional points in the Adult category.
- If a rider competes in any over fences class in any hunter section where the fences exceed 3'5" after June 1 of the current competition year they will no longer be eligible to compete in the WCHR Adult Amateur Challenge at the CCHS.
- Riders will keep any points accrued in the Adult category prior to showing in any over fences classes in a hunter section with fences exceeding 3'5" and remain eligible for Regional and National WCHR Points in the Adult category based on those points.
- Riders may show in the under saddle class in any hunter section where the fences exceed

3'5 without affecting their eligibility for the Adult category.

- Riders may compete in Amateur Jumper classes up to 1.10m, Amateur Jumper Classics up to 1.15m and/or any other jumper classes at that competition in which the fence height

does not exceed 1.10m.

- Riders may compete in any Equitation class in which the fence height does not exceed 3'6".

- Riders declared in the Adult category do not jeopardize their eligibility for the Adult Amateur Awards by competing in the Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3" hunter section.

2. Low Adult Amateur Hunter

- Riders earn points from any A-rated 2'6" Low Adult Amateur Hunter sections held at WCHR Events.

- In order to be eligible riders may not have competed in any other hunter section where the fences exceed 3'0" in height on any horse after June 1 of the current competition year.

- If a rider competes in any over fences class in any hunter section where the fences exceed 3'0" after June 1 of the current competition year they will no longer be eligible to accrue additional points in the Low Adult Amateur category.

- Riders will keep any points accrued in the Low Adult Amateur category prior to showing in any over fences classes in a hunter section with fences exceeding 3'0" and remain eligible for Regional and National WCHR Points in the Low Adult Amateur category based on those points.

- Riders may show in the under saddle class in any hunter section where the fences exceed 3'0" without affecting their eligibility for the Adult category.

- Riders may compete in Amateur Jumper classes up to 1.00m, Amateur Jumper Classics up to 1.05m and/or any other jumper classes at that competition in which the fence height does not exceed 1.00m.

- Riders may compete in any Equitation class in which the fence height does not exceed 3'0".

- Riders declared in the Low Adult category do not jeopardize their eligibility for the Low

Adult Amateur Awards by competing in the Low Adult Amateur Hunter 2'9" or Adult Amateur Hunter 3'0" sections.

3. Amateur Owner 3'3"

- Riders earn points from any A-rated Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3" sections held at WCHR Events.

4. Amateur Owner 3'6"

- Riders earn points from any A-rated Amateur Owner Hunter 3'6" sections held at WCHR Events

5. Children's

- Riders earn points from any A-rated 3'0" Children's Hunter Horse and/or Children's Hunter Pony Hunter Sections held at WCHR Events.
- In order to be eligible riders may not have competed in any other hunter section where the fences exceed 3'5" on any horse after June 1 of the current competition year.
- If a rider competes in any over fences class in any hunter section where the fences exceed 3'5" after June 1 of the current competition year they will no longer be eligible to accrue additional points in the Children's category.
- If a rider competes in any over fences class in any hunter section where the fences exceed 3'5" after June 1 of the current competition year they will no longer be eligible to compete in the WCHR Children's Challenge at the CCHS.
- Riders will keep any points accrued in the Children's category prior to showing in any over fences classes in a hunter section with fences exceeding 3'5" and remain eligible for Regional and National WCHR Points in the Children's category based on those points.
- Riders may show in the under saddle class in any hunter section where the fences exceed 3'5" without affecting their eligibility for the Children's category.
- Riders may compete in Junior Jumper classes up to 1.10m, Junior Jumper Classics up to 1.15m and/or any other jumper classes at that competition in which the fence height does not exceed 1.10m.
- Riders may compete in any Equitation class in which the fence height does not exceed 3'6".
- Riders declared in the Children's category do not jeopardize their eligibility for the

Children's Awards by competing in the Junior Hunter 3'3" hunter section.

6. Low Children's

- Riders earn points from any A-rated, 2'6" Low Children's Hunter sections held at WCHR Events.
- In order to be eligible riders may not have competed in any other hunter section where the fences exceed 3'0" on any horse after June 1 of the current competition year.
- If a rider competes in any over fences class in any hunter section where the fences exceed 3'0" after June 1 of the current competition year they will no longer be eligible to accrue additional points in the Low Children's category.
- Riders will keep any points accrued in the Low Children's category prior to showing in any over fences classes in a hunter section with fences exceeding 3'0" and remain eligible for Regional and National WCHR Points in the Low Children's category based on those points.
- Riders may show in the under saddle class in any hunter section where the fences exceed 3'0" without affecting their eligibility for the Children's category.
- Riders may compete in Junior Jumper classes up to 1.00m, Junior Jumper Classics up to 1.05m and/or any other jumper classes at that competition in which the fence height does not exceed 1.00m.
- Riders may compete in any Equitation class in which the fence height does not exceed 3'0".
- Riders declared in the Low Children's category do not jeopardize their eligibility for the Low Children's Awards by competing in the Low Children's Hunter 2'9" or the Children's Hunter Horse 3'0" section.

7. Junior 3'3"

- Riders earn points from any A-rated Junior Hunter 3'3" sections held at WCHR Events.

8. Junior 3'6"

- Riders earn points from any A-rated Junior Hunter 3'6" sections held at WCHR Events.

9. Pony

- Riders earn points from any A-rated Small Pony Hunter, Medium Pony Hunter, Large

Pony Hunter and/or Green Pony Hunter sections at WCHR Events.

10. Developing Professional

- Definition of a Developing Professional
- Riders in their first competition year as a declared professional with the USEF are eligible to compete as a Developing Professional for the duration of the competition year, regardless of previous results as a Junior or Amateur.
- 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 the competition year, regardless of results obtained within the same competition year:
 - o Riders who have never placed in the top ten (10) of the WCHR Professional National Standings
 - o Riders who have never been a WCHR Professional Regional Champion.
 - o Riders who have never won the Developing Professional Challenge at the Capital Challenge Horse Show.
 - o Riders who have never won the Developing Professional National Title.
 - o Riders who have never placed 1st-12th in the Professional Challenge during the WCHR Finals at the Capital Challenge Horse Show.
 - o Riders who have never placed 1st-12th in a WCHR Spectacular.
 - o 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 earn Developing Professional points from any A-rated Young Hunter 6 & Under 3', Young Hunter 7 & Under 3'3", Green Hunter 3', 3'3", 3'6", 3'9", Performance Working Hunter 3'3", 3'6", Green Conformation Hunter 3'6", High Performance Conformation Hunter, and/or High Performance Hunter sections held at WCHR Events.
- Riders may also earn Professional points, automatically and simultaneously, in any A rated Green Hunter 3', 3'3", 3'6", 3'9", Performance Working Hunter, 3'6", Green Conformation Hunter 3'6", High Performance Conformation Hunter, and/or High

Performance Hunter sections at the same WCHR Event.

- This may result in a rider's Developing Professional points differing from their Professional points earned at any one WCHR Event.
- A Developing Professional Rider's standings in the Developing Professional and Professional Categories will be determined by the total points earned by their highest placed horse from one of the eligible hunter sections in both Categories.
- Riders must declare themselves as a Developing Professional at the time of their WCHR Application.
- All Developing Professional declarations are subject to review by the WCHR Task Force to ensure the integrity and spirit of the Category are maintained.

11. Professional

- Professional Riders earn points in any A-rated Green Hunter 3', 3'3", 3'6", 3'9", Performance Working Hunter 3'6", Green Conformation Hunter 3'6", High Performance Conformation Hunter, and/or High Performance Hunter sections at WCHR Events.
- A Professional Rider's standings will be determined by the total points earned by their highest placed horse in one eligible hunter section.

12. Owner

- Regional and National Owner Awards are presented to the Owners of the horses accumulating the most points in the Professional and Developing Professional categories.
- WCHR considers the owner of record to be the owner of record with the USEF.

13. Farm or Business Owner

- If the owner of record of horses accumulating points in the WCHR Program is a Farm or Business that Farm or Business must be enrolled in the WCHR Program in order to be eligible for Owner Awards.
- The Farm or Business must be enrolled in the WCHR Program by midnight Eastern Standard Time of the final day of competition of any WCHR Event in order for points for any horses accumulated at that competition to be valid for Owner Awards.
- WCHR considers the owner of record to be the owner of record with the USEF.

14. Trainer

- Regional and National Trainer Awards are presented to the trainers of the riders accumulating the most points in the Amateur Owner 3'3" and 3'6", Junior 3'3" and 3'6", Adult, Low Adult, Children's, Low Children's and Pony categories.
- Riders whose trainers may be eligible for Trainer Awards are responsible for providing WCHR with the name of their trainers once National Standings are finalized.

Please note: *All category declarations are subject to review by the WCHR Program Coordinator and the WCHR Task Force to ensure the integrity and spirit of the Category are maintained.*

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