

A Snapshot: Understanding the USHJA and US Equestrian

Equestrians wishing to compete at a national level in the Hunter and Jumper disciplines obtain memberships to two organizations—the U.S. Equestrian Federation and U.S. Hunter Jumper Association. These organizations have complementary and collaborative roles in the Hunter/Jumper sport that help to ensure fairness, safety and welfare at a national level, while promoting and providing education for the sport. The following summarizes their unique and complementary roles.

EQUESTRIAN	UNITED STATES USHA
USEF is the national governing body of equestrian sport for the U.S. under the USOC, and the national fed- eration for equestrian sport under the FEI.	USHJA is the recognized national affiliate for Hunter and international recognized affiliate for Jumping under the USEF.
USEF provides access to and increases participation in equestrian sport at all levels by ensuring fairness, safety and welfare for 29 unique breeds and disciplines work- ing with their affiliate organizations, like the USHJA.	USHJA promotes and supports the hunter and jumper disciplines through educational programs, awards and recognition, communications, rule change proposals, sport history documentation and competitive opportu- nities at all levels.
USEF manages the USEF Official Rulebook and over- sees the rule change process, including the final review and approval of all rule changes through the USEF Councils and Board of Directors.	USHJA proposes rules to the USEF for approval. Note: Rule changes may originate from individual members, USHJA committees/task forces/working groups, or from the USEF.
USEF enforces the rules for fairness, safety and welfare through our licensed officials, Regulation Department and Compliance Department.	USHJA does not have a disciplinary or regulatory role.
USEF licenses over 2,400 competitions, tracks points and results for ranking lists for all USEF competitions and USEF Horse of the Year Awards, and monitors competition standards for safety, welfare and fairness. USEF also licenses and promotes over 116 USEF National Championships.	USHJA develops programs, championships and classes that are offered at USEF-licensed and unlicensed competitions and facilitates the Zone Horse of the Year Awards and education programs. USHJA promotes participation in these various programs and the sport.
USEF educates and informs Competing and Fan mem- bers through the US Equestrian Learning Center, Safe Sport Training, US Equestrian Magazine, US Equestrian Weekly and USEF Network livestream and on-demand content.	USHJA educates and informs members about important sport issues, opportunities and sport history through USHJA In Stride, regular email updates, and the USHJA Wheeler Museum. USHJA also runs educational programs that promote horsemanship in the sport.
USEF licenses officials, provides education for stewards and technical delegates, and manages SafeSport train- ing and criminal background checks for all USEF offi- cials.	USHJA educates Hunter/Jumper Licensed Officials by hosting clinics that help them earn their USEF accreditation (excludes stewards).
USEF coordinates with the FEI on hosting FEI events, licensing, rule changes and the international competition schedule.	USHJA is not involved with the FEI.
The U.S.E.T. Foundation raises funds to support devel- oping and high performance programs in the eight FEI disciplines. USEF also facilitates and manages numer- ous donations/grants and sponsorships to fund National Championships and key USEF properties. The USEF Equine Disaster Relief Fund raises money for disasters and designates funds to deserving and worthy organiza- tions addressing natural disasters impacting horses.	The USHJA Foundation advances the educational, humanitarian, and competitive programs of the USHJA. Valuing education as a priority, the Foundation offers grants, scholarships, and funding for programs that empower talented hunter/jumper equestrians to pursue their personal and professional goals. At the same time, we respond with relief for USHJA members in times of crisis.
USEF selects and supports our United States Equestrian Teams , and USEF works with USHJA to create opportunities along the Show Jumping Athlete Pathway.	USHJA works with USEF to create opportunities along the Show Jumping Athlete Pathway up to 1.45m.