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HU 111.15	348-15	1	12/1/2016	USHJA
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HU 185.4	362-15	1	12/1/2016	USHJA
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HU 192.1	373-15	1	12/1/2016	USHJA
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JP 106.0	389-15	1	4/1/2016	Jumper
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JP 111.9	367-15	1	12/1/2016	USHJA
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JP 117.6	391-15	2	4/1/2016	Jumper
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JP 118.4	364-15	1	12/1/2016	Jumper
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PROPOSED CHANGE

GR120 Exhibition (Class or Demonstration) [CHAPTER GR 1 A Definitions]

GR120 Exhibition (Class or Demonstration)

1. An Exhibition may be held as a recognized but unrated class or demonstration, as required by division rules. See DR136 for rules pertaining to exhibition classes and demonstrations at Dressage Competitions. ***See HJ 500 for rules pertaining to exhibition classes and demonstrations at Hunter, Jumper or Hunter/Jumper licensed competitions.***
2. Exhibition classes must be advertised in the prize list and may be judged and ranked. At any USEF licensed competition, Exhibition classes may not be restricted to Friesians.
 - a. However, results may not be counted for high score awards or championships.
 - b. If published, the rankings report must be clearly separated from competition results and noted as being from an exhibition.
 - c. Judges for breed, hunter, jumper, or Western exhibition classes held at Licensed Competitions are not required to be licensed by USEF.
 - d. Judges for Western Dressage exhibition classes must be licensed as described in WD123.1.
 - e. ~~At Federation licensed Hunter, Jumper or Hunter/Jumper competitions, only one exhibition or demonstration class may be held per licensed competition day and the results of such classes cannot be counted for Federation or Federation affiliate awards.~~
3. Exhibition demonstrations may also be held using horses individually, in groups or in entertainment acts. Such demonstrations cannot be held as a class.
4. Horses used in exhibitions, demonstrations, and retirement ceremonies are subject to the provisions of GR839, but are exempt from the dress and saddlery rules of the competition.

PROPONENT

USHJA

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INTENT

To clarify and provide a greater understanding of exhibitions at hunter/jumper competitions.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: demonstrations and exhibitions

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PROPOSED CHANGE

GR205 [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 2 NON MEMBERS]

SUBCHAPTER 2-C NON-MEMBERS

GR205-Participation

A non-member, who wishes to participate as a rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, owner, lessee, agent, coach or trainer at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Preliminary Level or above, Dressage Competitions, Endurance Rides, Reining Advanced Level, must pay a Show Pass fee for each competition in which competing. Lessees are considered owners in connection with this membership requirement. In the Competitions, Vaulting Competitions, and Combined Driving Competitions at the event of an entry under multiple ownership, only one owner need be a Member or pay a Show Pass fee. The competition is responsible for listing either the active member or the owner that paid the Show Pass fee in the results. The competitions will be responsible for forwarding copies of all Show Pass forms completed at the competition to the Federation with the post competition report. Payment of Show Pass fees for purposes of competing does not entitle the individual to any other privileges of USEF.

SUBCHAPTER 2-A MEMBERSHIPS

GR202 Membership Requirements

1. To be eligible to participate as a rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, owner, lessee, agent, coach or trainer at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Preliminary Level or above, Dressage Competitions, Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level, Endurance Rides, Reining Competitions, ParaEquestrian Competitions, and Vaulting Competitions, persons must be Members of the Federation as provided in Bylaw 201. No organization, other than the USEF and its Recognized Breed and Discipline Affiliates, may require mandatory membership or a non-member fee as a condition of participation in a USEF Licensed Competition. (See GR1210.13 for further information regarding the collection of mandatory participation fees at USEF licensed competitions).
2. All Life, Senior Active and Junior Active Members of the Federation must designate a primary breed/discipline affiliation upon joining or must do so annually upon renewing. A member will be deemed to continue his or her primary designation unless prior to the record date (November 30 of each year) such Life Member notifies the Federation in writing of change. This shall be considered the member's affiliation for the purpose of allocating Voting Director seats as provided in Bylaw 211.
3. Lessees are considered owners in connection with this membership requirement. If a horse(s) is owned by multiple individuals, only one owner need be a Member or pay a Show Pass fee.
4. If a horse(s) is owned by a farm or any other entity, only one principal owner of the farm or entity needs to be a member or pay a Show Pass fee. (To be eligible for Horse of the Year Awards, a farm or any other entity that owns a horse(s) must also obtain an exhibitor registration pursuant to GR1106.)
5. Non-members must pay a Show Pass fee of \$30.
6. The competitions will be responsible for forwarding Show Pass forms with the names of individuals who pay Show Pass fees at the competition to the Federation with the post competition report. Payment of Show Pass fees for purposes of competing does not entitle the individual to any other privileges of USEF membership.

SUBCHAPTER 2-D FEDERATION FEES AND DUES

GR206 Show Pass Fee

1. Federation Show Pass fee. The amount of the Show Pass fee will be established annually by the Federation. Unless otherwise established, the fee will be \$30 and must be collected by all appropriate competitions and remitted to the Federation (for exceptions see GR901.9). Non-US citizens who are members in good standing of their National

Federations are exempt from payment of the Federation Show Pass fee.

1. 2. Recognized Affiliate Association non-member fee. A Federation Recognized Affiliate Association as defined under Bylaw 222, Section 1 (1) and 1 (2) may establish a non-member fee for their respective breed or discipline. If established, the amount of the non-member fee will be determined annually by the applicable Recognized Affiliate Association. This fee must be collected by all appropriate licensed competitions and remitted to the Recognized Affiliate Association (for exceptions see GR901.9).

SUBCHAPTER 3-C LICENSED COMPETITION STANDARDS

GR311 Restrictions on Local Competitions

1. The total cash prizes shall not exceed \$500. Except Open Western Division(see ratings chart GR313), 100% sweepstakes and Reining Competitions; not including value of trophies offered.
2. The designation Local Competition must be stated on the cover of the prize list.
3. The Federation and applicable Federation Recognized Affiliate Association non-member/Show Pass fee will not apply.
4. Local Competitions benefit from all the general rules of the Federation and must abide by applicable division rules unless class specifications are printed otherwise in the prize list.

SUBCHAPTER 5-A CONDITIONS

GR503 Required Measurements and Re-measurements

2. All animals that have been assigned a card prior to March 1, 1982 must be re-measured. If the owner, ~~either member or non-member~~, is in possession of a measurement card issued prior to the aforementioned date, there will be no fee for re-measurement.

SUBCHAPTER 6-A FILING AND CONTENTS OF PROTESTS, CHARGES AND ATHLETE GRIEVANCES

GR603 Protests

1. Any rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, exhibitor, owner, agent, trainer or the parent of a junior exhibitor, or any Life, Senior, or Junior member present at the competition may file a protest with the Show Committee of a Licensed Competition or The Federation Hearing Committee alleging violation of any Federation rule(s). The protest must contain all information as specified in GR602.1 and must be:
 - a. in writing,
 - b. signed by the protester,
 - c. addressed to the Show Committee of the competition at which the alleged violation occurred, or to the Hearing Committee,
 - d. accompanied by a deposit of \$200 if made by a Federation member or the parent of a junior exhibitor member or ~~\$300 if made by a non-member~~ (if check, payable to the competition or to the Federation); said deposit will be refunded in the event the protest is upheld

SUBCHAPTER 8-C COMPETITION AND CLASS CONDITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY

GR821 Opportunity Classes

2. Opportunity Classes:
 - a. do not count towards Horse of the Year Awards and the results from Opportunity Classes may not be used by any entity for a national awards program. Only with permission of the respective recognized affiliate organization may results from Opportunity Classes be used for regional awards.
 - b. cannot be used as a qualifying class for any championship class held at the competition except an Opportunity Class championship at the competition.
 - c. cannot be considered in reckoning Competition Championships awarded on points except an Opportunity Class championship at the competition.
 - d. do not count towards the minimum number of classes nor amount of prize money offered when determining the rating of the competition.
 - e. Dressage classes can be offered as Opportunity classes at Dressage Competitions or Regular/Local Competitions with "Open" Dressage classes as described below:
 1. Classes are limited to the following competition levels and dressage tests:
 - a. Level 1 competitions may offer two tests and only two classes per level per day at Introductory - Second Level one of which can be the Riders Test at Training - Second levels.
 - b. Level 2 competitions may offer two tests and only two classes per level per day at Introductory - First Level one of which can be the Riders Test at Training and First levels.
 - c. Level 3 competitions may offer two tests and only two classes per day at Introductory - Training Level one of which can be the Training Level Riders Test. BOD 1/17/15 Effective Immediately.
 - d. Level 4 and Level 5 competitions may not offer Opportunity classes.
 2. Opportunity Classes are for entry level riders.

3. Freestyles may not be offered as Opportunity classes. Opportunity classes cannot be offered as "Test of Choice" classes.
4. If opportunity classes at Dressage Competitions or Regular/Local Competitions with "Open" Dressage classes are restricted to amateurs, riders are required to have an amateur status with USEF.
5. All rules and regulations in GR821 must be followed, except for GR821.6.
6. Horses, riders, owners, trainers, and coaches participating only in Opportunity classes are exempt from Federation and affiliate organization membership and Horse Identification (HID) requirements and non-member/Show Pass fees, but are required to list the Federation membership number if the participant is a

SUBCHAPTER 8-C COMPETITION AND CLASS CONDITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY

GR821 Opportunity Classes

5. Riders/drivers/handlers entered only in these classes are exempt from the Federation membership requirements ~~and are not required to pay a Show Pass fee~~ but are required to list the Federation membership number if the participant is a member.

SUBCHAPTER 9-A PRIZE LISTS

GR901

9. The following statement must be published in BOLD TYPE for all Regular Competitions; Eventing Competitions at the Preliminary Level or above, Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level, Dressage Competitions, Endurance Rides and Vaulting Competitions:

(See GR828.4 of the Federation rules).

Life, senior active and junior active members shall be eligible to participate in all classes at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Preliminary Level or above and Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level, Dressage, Reining and Vaulting Competitions and Endurance Rides. ~~A non-member may participate as a handler, rider, driver, owner, lessee, agent, coach or trainer at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions, Dressage Competitions, Reining Competitions and Combined Driving Competitions upon payment of a \$30 Show Pass fee.~~

11. Statement as to entry fees, prizes offered in each class and Show Pass fees pursuant to GR206 ~~which the Federation is assessing certain participants who are not current members of the Federation.~~ If a licensed competition's prize list does not state whether or not the competition will refund entry fees in the event of cancellation of classes due to severe weather or other emergency, refunds of entry fees must be made upon written request by the exhibitor within 30 days of the cancellation. See GR832.

SUBCHAPTER 10-C CLASSIFICATIONS - JUDGES

GR1011

~~5. For guest judge cards to be issued in classes where the Federation does not have division rules and does not license judges, and the applicant is not a Federation member, a full membership fee is not required in such instances provided that a Show Pass fee of \$30 for each such guest judge accompanies the application in addition to the guest judge fee.~~

5. 6. An FEI licensed judge does not need a Guest card to judge at any level at a Federation Licensed Competition in the discipline for which he/she is licensed by the FEI. However, foreign FEI 2* Dressage Judges are eligible to judge only through the Prix St. Georges level.

SUBCHAPTER 10-H REGULATIONS GOVERNING OFFICIALS

GR1034

I. To observe and report or charge in accordance with Chapter 6:

1. To see that each entry blank has been signed by a trainer;
2. To see that every rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, owner, lessee, agent and trainer participating in any Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Preliminary Level or above, Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level or above, Dressage Competitions, and Vaulting Competitions is a member of the Federation as required by the provisions of Bylaw 203; BOD 1/17/15 Effective Immediately.
3. To see that each Federation membership number appears on the entry blank ~~or that a Show Pass fee has been paid;~~ and

SUBCHAPTER 12-D DUTIES CONCERNING COMPETITION RECORDS

GR1213

~~5. Collect and remit promptly to the Federation and its applicable Recognized Affiliate Associations as defined under Bylaw 222, Section 1 (1) and 1 (2), the~~

Show Pass fee, if applicable, as provided in GR205 and GR206 for each rider, driver, handler, owner, lessee, agent and trainer who is a non-member and participates in any Regular Competition, Eventing Competition at the Preliminary Level or above, Dressage Competitions, Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level or above, Endurance and Vaulting Competitions who has not produced a valid Federation membership card or copy thereof. Lessees are considered owners in connection with this membership requirement. In the event of an entry under multiple ownership, where no owner is a Member, only one owner need pay a Show Pass fee.

5. 6. When classes or divisions are recognized by The Federation under the same competition number, duplicate Federation fees (drug, Show Pass, etc.) may not be charged to exhibitors, regardless of whether different competition secretaries officiate in these classes or divisions. See GR407.

SUBCHAPTER 12-D DUTIES CONCERNING COMPETITION RECORDS

GR1214 Results

1. All competition results and other data as specified by USEF in the license agreement may be electronically transmitted to USEF within 10 days following a Licensed competition including all corrections, changes and additions to the prize list. All results must meet the criteria and format of the Federation result template as published by USEF and must be submitted as outlined in the license agreement. A fee may be assessed for any required data not received electronically. Full results are defined as the names and Federation numbers of all horses, riders and owners in all classes. In the event of an entry under multiple ownership, only one owner need be a Member of pay a Show Pass fee. ~~The competition is responsible for listing either the active member or the person that paid the Show Pass fee in the results.~~

SUBCHAPTER 13-A RESPONSIBILITIES

GR1301 General

2. Obtain Federation membership ~~or pay a per-competition Show Pass fee~~ if competing at Federation member competitions. (See GR202 and GR205-GR206.)

4. Any member ~~or non-member~~ who fails to pay sums owing to the Federation or who makes payment for fees to the Federation which is not negotiable will be notified by the Federation of his or her indebtedness and warned that unless settlement is made within two weeks he or she will automatically be fined the sum of \$250 to be paid to the Federation; and further, that he or she and any horses owned by him or her and any horses and/or persons for which payment has not been made or for which the non-negotiable sums have been paid will automatically be barred from taking any part whatsoever in Licensed Competitions until payment or settlement is made of the total indebtedness to the Federation. Publication of the suspension will be published on the Federation's web site.

SUBCHAPTER 13-A RESPONSIBILITIES

GR1302

c. If an exhibitor does not submit the proper membership documentation to the competition and the competition cannot verify such information, (with the exception of Federation measurement cards) the exhibitor will be responsible to pay a \$30 Show Pass fee ~~which is non-refundable.~~ **for a competing membership at the competition which will not be refunded should the member have already renewed but not brought the proper credentials to the competition.**

SUBCHAPTER 13-C MEMBERSHIP AND DOCUMENT REQUIREMENTS

GR1308 Membership and Document Requirements

1. To be eligible to participate as a rider, driver, owner, handler, vaulter, longeur, lessee, agent, coach or trainer at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Preliminary Level or above, Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level, Dressage, Endurance and Vaulting Competitions, persons must be Members of the Federation as provided in GR202 ~~or if not a member, must pay a Show Pass fee as provided in GR206~~ (for exceptions see GR901.9). Exception: Applications for Federation Individual Membership and Horse Recordings submitted at Licensed Competitions:

c. Lessees are considered owners in connection with this membership requirement. When an entry is under multiple ownership, only one owner need be a Member ~~or pay a Show Pass fee.~~ When an entry is under a minor's ownership and training, the parent who must sign will be exempt from **membership requirement** ~~the Federation Show Pass fee.~~ Only a parent will be exempt from the Federation **membership** ~~Show Pass fee~~ if signing as coach for his/her minor child.

b. If an exhibitor does not submit the proper membership documentation to the competition and the competition cannot verify such information, (with the exception of Federation measurement cards) the exhibitor will be responsible to pay for a **for a competing membership at the competition which will not be refunded should the member have already renewed but not brought the proper credentials to the competition.** ~~a \$30 Show Pass fee which is non-refundable.~~

SUBCHAPTER AL-2 HALTER CLASSES

AL105 Conduct and Specifications

1. Emphasis shall be placed on type, conformation, quality, way of going, substance and manners. Half Andalusians will be judged on conformation, quality, way of going, substance and Andalusian type, in that order. The Half-Andalusians may show characteristics of any other breed. The foregoing first three qualities shall take precedence in adjudication of in hand classes over breed type.

2. An Exhibitor is any person who holds, walks or trots a horse in the competition arena. No Exhibitor may hold more than one horse at a time in the arena.

3. Every exhibitor is required to sign an entry blank and must be a Federation member ~~or pay a Show Pass fee.~~

SUBCHAPTER DR-2 DRESSAGE SPORT HORSE BREEDING

DR202 General Regulations

8. When Dressage Sport Horse Breeding, Dressage or other classes or divisions are recognized by the Federation under the same competition number, duplicate Federation fees (drug, ~~Show Pass~~, affidavit, etc.) may not be charged to exhibitors, regardless of whether different competition secretaries officiate in these classes or divisions. See GR407 and GR1213.6.

SUBCHAPTER DR-2 DRESSAGE SPORT HORSE BREEDING

DR203

15. Assistant Handler—Any person, other than the Handler, who holds or walks a horse in the competition area or ring during a class, whether or not it is being judged. An Assistant Handler is permitted only for call-backs after In-Hand or Group classes, for Championships and for handling non-competing mares or foals which accompany another entry in the competition ring. Assistant Handlers may not show a horse at the trot (except for horses not being judged but accompanying a mare or foal that is being judged), and if not Federation members, are exempted from the Federation ~~Show Pass fee~~ **membership**, but are otherwise subject to all rules regarding Handlers.

SUBCHAPTER DR-2 DRESSAGE SPORT HORSE BREEDING

DR205 Entries

5. Any and all handlers (including Assistant Handlers) of horses in the competition ring are required to sign an entry blank (see GR908.2). Handlers must be Federation members or ~~pay a Show Pass fee~~. Assistant Handlers need not be Federation members ~~and are exempted from the Show Pass fee~~. Only handlers and assistant handlers may act as whip assistants in the competition ring.

SUBCHAPTER EQ-3 SADDLE SEAT EQUITATION SECTION

EQ120 Saddle Seat World Cup Competition.

1. When the United States hosts the Saddle Seat World Cup in conjunction with a Federation licensed competition or as a stand alone Federation licensed competition, USEF Membership **requirement** ~~and Show Pass fees~~ will not apply to owners of donated horses and to international competitors.

SUBCHAPTER SB-1 GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS

SB101 Eligibility

1. In order to compete, all horses must be registered with the American Saddlebred Registry or the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation. They must be entered in their full registered names with registration numbers and under the names of the owner(s) of record with the A.S.R. or the C.L.R.C.

2. A copy of the registration papers showing recorded ownership, or a copy of the registration papers with a Certificate of Eligibility to Show issued by the American Saddlebred Registry must be submitted with entry form at the time of making entry or presented to competition office before competition number will be released unless the competition, at their discretion, confirms registration electronically with the American Saddlebred Registry or the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation; competition management is responsible for notifying exhibitors of this requirement. See GR1308.2a(5). Exception: Horses shown in any USEF Regular Competition prior to December 31, 1979, and American Saddlebred-type ponies. The ASR will provide the Federation with a monthly report of affidavits filed in violation of this Article. A copy of the registration papers will be returned when exhibitors pick up their numbers, if requested. In the event a person files a false affidavit or an affidavit to show change of ownership or change of name without having submitted all required paperwork and fees to the American Saddlebred Registry, the Federation will levy a fine against that person in the amount of \$200. See GR1302.2a(5), GR907.4, and GR1308.2a(5). If the foregoing \$200 fine is not paid within 30 days of receipt of the Federation's notice of fine, said person and any horses owned by him/her or his/her stable will be automatically suspended until the fine is paid. If the person disputes that the fine is not properly owing, he/she can request a hearing of these issues before the Hearing Committee provided a written statement specifying the grounds for the hearing is received at the Federation's office within 30 days of receipt of the Federation's notice of fine. The request must be accompanied by a deposit of \$100 made by a Federation member or the parent of a junior exhibitor member ~~or \$200 if made by a non-member (check payable to the Federation)~~. Said deposit will be refunded in the event the hearing is resolved in the favor of the member/~~non-member~~.

PROPONENT

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft Received: 11/3/2015

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INTENT

to alleviate the additional burden on show staff from collecting more than one form and/or fee for participation and to alleviate the processing and auditing internally which also causes additional contact with show secretaries and additional work on their end after the show has ended

Web: show pass fee

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

American Saddlebred

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 11/18/2015

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Andalusian/Lusitano

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/24/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Arabian

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2015

Draft 2: For several reasons- religious, locals, etc. exhibitors may only attend one show each year. This would be punitive and decrease attendance

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/12/2015

Draft 2: Carriage has very few open shows in a wide geographical area. Would restrict the nonmembers who do attend that one show per year from participating reducing number of entries.

Competition Management

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/14/2015

Draft 2: This proposal discourages competitors from entering USEF competitions

Competition Secretaries

Draft 2: No Action

Draft 2: No Comments

Connemara

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/04/2015

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: This rule will decrease individual participation and recognized competitions of smaller groups who are working hard to increase those numbers.

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 01/13/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Concern this would discourage people from showing USEF shows.

Dressage

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/03/2015

Draft 2: This would impact Dressage potentially more than any other International Discipline because all Dressage Competitions must be recognized classes.

Friesian

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/11/2015

Draft 2: Not user friendly- go back to amateur certification for nonmembers

Hackney

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/18/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Morgan

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/10/2015

Draft 2: There is a large segment in the Morgan population that is not allowed membership within any organization (Amish/ religious sects). This would impact those currently participating competitors who are not members.

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Tabled 11/09/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 01/05/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: This change would discourage individuals from getting into our sport.

National Show Horse

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/11/2015

Draft 2: Not user friendly. Becoming more and more restrictive rather than welcoming.

Paso Fino

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/27/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Roadster

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/02/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: This would discourage exhibitors that only compete one time a year at USEF Competitions from participating. We want to encourage those competitors to participate not discourage them.
Draft 2: No Comments

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/04/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: This would eliminate those exhibitors whose religion prevents them from joining USEF as a member.
Draft 2: No Comments

Shetland

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/20/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/10/2015

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: The proposal discourages competitors from entering the Federation competition environment especially at the introductory level and is contrary to growing the sport. The possible increase to Federation membership fees being discussed will make the financial commitment of participating at a Federation competitions far greater and will result in less competitors willing to test the waters, significantly reducing opportunity for growth. Many of the issues with the current system can be resolved through changes in how the program is administered within the Federation.

Welsh

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/12/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: Welsh members are already having problems becoming USEF member, and USEF not providing this option will make it difficult to increase participation and competition growth.
Draft 2: No Comments

Western Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/09/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/04/2015

Draft 2: Discourage potential members

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/19/2016

PROPOSED CHANGE

[CHAPTER]

Please see attached document for proposed language - 23 pages.

PROPONENT

Mileage Rule Revision Task Force

Draft Received: 1/19/2016

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INTENT

The proposed rule clarifies and reorganizes Chapter 3 to enhance the user experience. Substantive changes will be noted as appropriate.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

American Saddlebred

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Arabian

Draft 1: No Action 11/13/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Competition Management

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/13/2016
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action 12/14/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/15/2016
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/14/2016
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Dressage

Draft 1: Referred 12/03/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/13/2016
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Action. Needs further review by Dressage Rules Sub-Committee
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Friesian

Draft 1: No Action 11/11/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: This needs further discussion at Annual Meeting
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Hackney

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Morgan

Draft 1: No Action 11/10/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/09/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

National Show Horse

Draft 1: No Action 11/11/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Roadster

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Referred 12/10/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Referred to January Meeting
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Western Committee

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 1: No Action 11/04/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Needs further discussion per changes
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

Referred 1/16/2016

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR 305 AGREEMENT [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 3-B COMPETITION LICENSES]

GR 305

1. All applications for a Federation license are accepted with the explicit agreement of competition officials that all classes (rated or unrated) to be held on a Federation licensed date must be recognized by the Federation and are governed by all applicable Federation rules, and that no unrecognized classes will be held on any date for which Federation recognition is requested, except that:

- a. Horse Trials at Eventing Competitions below the Preliminary Level,
- b. Eventing Tests at all levels
- c. Combined Driving below the Advanced Level
- d. Classes at Regular or Local Competitions restricted to breeds or disciplines whose rules are not included in the USEF Rulebook
- e. Non-affiliated National Breed or discipline association classes
- f. Vaulting levels/classes below A-Team, Gold, Silver and Pas de Deux
- g. Academy classes
- h. Qualifying classes for Youth Reining classes or Reining classes at USA Reining and NRHA approved competitions.
- i. Exhibitions for which there are no breed or discipline division rules
- j. Hunter/Jumper competitions designated "Outreach" competitions by USHJA and limited to **either** one competition day or ~~one competition ring~~ **multiple competition days with a maximum of two competition rings (one hunter ring and one jumper ring) per day.**
- k. These above named classes/levels can be held as unrecognized only provided a separate entry blank is used and the prize list and/or Omnibus clearly states that the classes are not recognized by the Federation.
- l. Exception: FEI rules take precedence as to international classes and events over Federation rules at all FEI Sanctioned Competitions. Federation rules take precedence as to national classes and events which are not FEI Sanctioned at FEI Sanctioned Competitions. In connection with Endurance Riding Events, the Federation shall nationally enforce the prohibition of the gastric ulcer medications ranitidine and meprazole, in accordance with GR410.

PROPONENT

USHJA

Draft Received: 1/5/2016

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INTENT

To clarify and enhance the definition of a USHJA "Outreach" competition in order to broaden the potential for sport growth.

Web: Outreach competitions

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Budget&Finance

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/14/2016

Draft 2: The Budget & Finance committee directed staff to work closely with USHJA on the implementation.

Competition Management

Draft 1: Tabled 12/14/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/13/2016

Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action 12/14/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: Referred 01/15/2016

Draft 2: Please amend on the board floor to adjust language according to USHJA.

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 01/06/2016

Draft 2: Council feels that there needs more information/clarification of what the underlying purpose is.

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/14/2016

Draft 2: No Comments

Jumper

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/30/2015

Draft 1: Causes confusion for officials and competitors when both types of competitions happen on the same competition grounds on the same day.

Draft 2: No Action

Draft 2: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/19/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/05/2016

Draft 2: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Referred 12/10/2015

Draft 1: Referred to January Meeting

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/04/2016

Draft 2: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

EFFECTIVE

BOARD ACTION

Standard

12/1/2016

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR312 GENERAL [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER GR-3-C LICENSED COMPETITION STANDARDS]

GR312 GENERAL

2. In the Hunter division, the Increment System will determine points for ribbons won in any rated section. The point value for ribbons won in "A", "B" or "C" rated hunter sections is determined according to the Increment System utilizing a combination of the base points for each placing at each level of section rating and adding one point for each entry shown in the first performance class. ~~Exception: In addition~~ **Additionally** in the **Young Hunter 3'0", 3'3" and 3'6", First and Second Year Green Hunter 3'0", 3'3", 3'6" and 3'9"**, High Performance Hunter, Performance Working Hunter 3'3" and 3'6", Green Conformation Hunter **3'6"** and **Regular High Performance** Conformation Hunter, standings for ~~all the~~ National Horse of the Year Awards based on money won will be determined by dollars won in the horses respective sections. See GR1131.

[...]

GR313 DETERMINING RATINGS

[...]

6. The following are rated "C" regardless of the number of classes or amount of prize money offered: Small Hunter, Hunter Breeding, Ladies Side Saddle Hunter, Adult Amateur **Hunter**, Children's Hunter, ~~Pre-Green Hunters~~ and Thoroughbred Hunter.

HUNTER SECTIONS	"A"	"A"	"B" and "C"	"B"
	Required	Min	Required	Min.
	Classes	Money	Classes	Money
Amateur Owner Hunter	4-6*	500	3-4	100
Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3"	4-5	500	3-4	100
Green Conformation Hunter 3'6"	4-6*	500	3-4	50
Reg. High Performance Conformation Hunter 4-6*		500	3-4	50
Green Working Hunter 3'0"	-	-	-	-
Green Hunter 3'3"	-	-	-	-
Green Hunter 3'6"	4-6*	500	3-4	100
Green Hunter 3'9"	4-6*	500	3-4	100
High Performance Working Hunter	3-5	750**	3-4	200
Hunter Pony	4-5*	400	3-4	100
Green Hunter Pony	4-5*	250	3-4	50
Junior Hunter	4-5*	500	3-4	100
Junior Hunter 3'3"	4-5*	500	3-4	100

Young Hunter 3'0"	-	-	-	-
Young Hunter 3'3"	-	-	-	-
Young Hunter 3'6"	-	-	-	-
Performance Hunters 3'3"	3-5	400	3-4	50
Performance Hunters 3'6"	3-5	500	3-4	100

(***The sixth class in any section may only be a model class.** See HU160.3 regarding Model Classes).

(**At Premier competitions, minimum prize money for High Performance ~~Working~~ **Hunter** must be \$1500)

PROPONENT

USHJA

Draft Received: 12/8/2015

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INTENT

Adding the Young Hunter 3', 3'3" and 3'6" section to the rule, and changing the names of the First and Second Year Green Hunter to include Green Hunter 3', 3'3", 3'6" and 3'9", striking the word Working from the rule, adding 3'6" to the name Green Conformation Hunter and changing the name of Regular Conformation Hunter to High Performance Conformation Hunter.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Staff: IT - Approximately 5 hours of IT work to make program changes to maintain the data. See Tracking 384-15 for IT costs concerning standings changes
Web: hunter division

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Competition Management

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: Tabled 12/14/2015

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action 12/14/2015

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/19/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

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Draft 3: No Action

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Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/16/2016

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR 313 DETERMINING RATINGS [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 3-C LICENSED COMPETITION STANDARDS]

GR312

2. In the Hunter division, the Increment System will determine points for ribbons won in any rated section. The point value for ribbons won in "A", "B" or "C" rated hunter sections is determined according to the Increment System utilizing a combination of the base points for each placing at each level of section rating and adding one point for each entry shown in the first performance class. ~~Exception: In addition~~ Additionally in the ~~First and Second Year~~ Green Hunter **3'0", 3'3", 3'6" and 3'9"**, High Performance Hunter, Performance Working Hunter 3'3" and 3'6", Green Conformation Hunter **3'6"** and Regular **High Performance** Conformation Hunter, standings for ~~all~~ **the** National Horse of the Year Awards based on money won will be determined by dollars won in the horses respective sections. See GR1131.

GR313 Determining Ratings

6. The following are rated "C" regardless of the number of classes or amount of prize money offered: Small Hunter, Hunter Breeding, Ladies Side Saddle Hunter, Adult Amateur **Hunter**, Children's Hunter, ~~Pre-Green Hunters~~, **USHJA Hunter 2'0", 2'3", 2'6", 2'9", 3'0"** and Thoroughbred Hunter.

HUNTER SECTIONS	"A"	"A"	"B" and "C"	"B"
	Required		Required	
	Classes	Money	Classes	Money
<u>Open Hunter Sections</u>	-	-	-	-
Green Conformation Hunter	4-6*	500	3-4	50
Reg. High Performance Conformation Hunter	4-6*	500	3-4	50
Green Working First Year Hunter	4-6*	500	3-4	100
Green Second Year Hunter	4-6*	500	3-4	100
High Performance Working Hunter	3-5	750**	3-4	200
Performance Hunters 3'3"	3-5	400	3-4	50

Performance Hunters 3'6"	3-5	500	3-4	100
Small Hunter			3-4	100
-	-	-	-	-
<u>Green Hunter Sections</u>	-	-	-	-
Green Working First Year Hunter 3'0"	-	-	-	-
Green Second Year Hunter 3'3"	-	-	-	-
Green Hunter 3'6"	4-6*	500	3-4	100
Green Hunter 3'9"	4-6*	500	3-4	100
<u>Young Hunter Sections</u>				
Young Hunter 3'0"	-	-	-	-
Young Hunter 3'3"	-	-	-	-
Young Hunter 3'6"	-	-	-	-
<u>Amateur Owner Hunter Sections</u>	-	-	-	-
Amateur Owner Hunter 3'6" 18-35	4-6*	500	3-4	100
Amateur Owner Hunter 3'6" 36 & Over	4-6*	500	3-4	100
Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3" 18-35	4-5	500	3-4	100
Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3" 36 & Over	4-5	500	3-4	100
-	-	-	-	-
<u>Junior Hunter Sections</u>	-	-	-	-
Small Junior Hunter 3'6" 15 & Under	4-5*	500	3-4	100

<i>Small Junior Hunter 3'6" 16-17</i>	<i>4-5*</i>	<i>500</i>	<i>3-4</i>	<i>100</i>
<i>Large Junior Hunter 3'6" 15 & Under</i>	<i>4-5*</i>	<i>500</i>	<i>3-4</i>	<i>100</i>
<i>Small Junior Hunter 3'6" 16-17</i>	<i>4-5*</i>	<i>500</i>	<i>3-4</i>	<i>100</i>
<i>Small Junior Hunter 3'3" 15 & Under</i>	<i>4-5*</i>	<i>500</i>	<i>3-4</i>	<i>100</i>
<i>Small Junior Hunter 3'3" 16-17</i>	<i>4-5*</i>	<i>500</i>	<i>3-4</i>	<i>100</i>
<i>Large Junior Hunter 3'3" 15 & Under</i>	<i>4-5*</i>	<i>500</i>	<i>3-4</i>	<i>100</i>
<i>Large Junior Hunter 3'3" 16-17</i>	<i>4-5*</i>	<i>500</i>	<i>3-4</i>	<i>100</i>
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<u><i>Hunter & Green Hunter Pony Section</i></u>	-	-	-	-
<i>Small Pony Hunter</i>	<i>4-5*</i>	<i>400</i>	<i>3-4</i>	<i>100</i>
<i>Medium Pony Hunter</i>	<i>4-5*</i>	<i>400</i>	<i>3-4</i>	<i>100</i>
<i>Large Pony Hunter</i>	<i>4-5*</i>	<i>400</i>	<i>3-4</i>	<i>100</i>
Green Hunter <i>Small Pony Hunter</i>	<i>4-5*</i>	<i>250</i>	<i>3-4</i>	<i>50</i>
<i>Green Medium Pony Hunter</i>	<i>4-5*</i>	<i>250</i>	<i>3-4</i>	<i>50</i>
<i>Green Large Pony Hunter</i>	<i>4-5*</i>	<i>250</i>	<i>3-4</i>	<i>50</i>

Children's Hunter Sections+

Children's Hunter Younger

Children's Hunter Older

Children's Hunter Pony Small/Medium

Children's Hunter Pony Large

Adult Amateur Hunter Sections+

- - - -

Adult Amateur Hunter Younger

Adult Amateur Hunter Middle

Adult Amateur Hunter Older

Miscellaneous Hunter Sections

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Ladies Side Saddle

Hunter Breeding

Small Hunter

Thoroughbred Hunter

USHJA Hunter Sections

- - - -

USHJA Hunter 2'0" 3-5 0 3-4 0

USHJA Hunter 2'3" 3-5 0 3-4 0

USHJA Hunter 2'6" 3-5 0 3-4 0

USHJA Hunter 2'9" 3-5 0 3-4 0

USHJA Hunter 3'0" 3-5 0 3-4 0

(+Denotes sections which may have USHJA Zone Specifications that govern number of classes and prize money)

(*See HU160.3 regarding Model Classes, and other class requirements).

(At Premier competitions, minimum prize money for High Performance Working Hunter must be \$1500)
See HU145.2 for requirements regarding minimum number of classes to award a championship.**

PROPONENT**USHJA**

Draft Received: 1/5/2016

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INTENT

To reorganize the rule and provide a broader and more inclusive menu of rated sections for competitions to choose from that recognizes differences in competitor interest throughout the country.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Staff: IT - Approximately 10+ hours of IT work to implement this rule by adding new sections and rules governing ratings.

Web: determining ratings - hunter

COMMITTEE ACTIONS**Competition Management**

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: Tabled 12/14/2015
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 01/13/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action 12/14/2015
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 01/15/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 01/13/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Tabled 10/19/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 01/05/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 12/10/2015
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 01/04/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

4/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/16/2016

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR414.5 Prohibited Practices [CHAPTER Chapter 4 Drugs and Medications]

No kinesiotape or self-adhesive patches may be used on any horse while mounted at any time during competition. Kinesiotape and self-adhesive patches are permitted exclusively while the horse is unmounted in the stabling area. Nasal strips are permitted unless prohibited by specific division rules.

PROPONENT

Veterinary

Draft Received: 12/15/2015

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INTENT

The intent of this rule is to conform with the FEI rules already in place. Kinesiotape and patches are not permitted to be used while the horse is mounted or being exercised. However, kinesiotape or patches may be used while the horse is unmounted in the stabling area. Kinesiotape and patches have not been found to be medically necessary for use on horses. With its use in the ring, there is a perception that the horse could be competing while unsound. The exception in the rule recognizes the permissibility of nasal flair strips in certain breeds and disciplines.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: kinesiotape and patches

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

American Saddlebred

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/18/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: Committee approves the concept but would like to see rule expanded to prevent its use for all types of exercise outside of stabling area, not just while mounted.
Draft 2: No Comments

Andalusian/Lusitano

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/21/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: If these products do not have medication, they would seem supportive; why prohibit?
Draft 2: No Comments

Breeds/Disciplines

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 1: Recommends Approval
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Connemara

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/04/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/06/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/14/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/03/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/13/2016

Draft 1: Recommend approval. This is not an exact duplicate of the Dressage RCP prohibiting body tape, etc., so the Dressage Committee believes both RCPs are needed
Draft 2: No Comments

Driving

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Endurance

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Eventing

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/03/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/18/2015

Draft 1: The Eventing Committee feels the proposed change lacks clarity. A definition of self-adhesive patches would be helpful.
Draft 2: The Eventing Committee would be amendable to approved this rule if "nasal flair strips" was changed to adhesive nasal strips, in part because "Flair" is a registered trademark and there are other adhesive nasal strips on the market **The verbiage of Draft 2 was changed by the proponent after the initial submission in a way which makes the proposed change acceptable to the Eventing Committee

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/11/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: Why is this different than leg wraps?
Draft 2: No Comments

Hackney

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/18/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: Committee understands that these are used for the therapeutic benefit of the horse. Therefore, should be permitted while schooling and warming up prior to class if same color as horse. Rule should apply to all horses not just those mounted/unmounted for a level playing field.
Draft 2: No Comments

Jumper

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/30/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/12/2016

Draft 1: Not sure there is a valid reason not to use them at least while schooling or otherwise mounted outside of competition ring.
Draft 2: No Comments

Legal Review

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Morgan

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/10/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: Prophylactic materials should not be prohibited
Draft 2: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/19/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 01/05/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Nasal strips are currently considered "artificial appliances" and prohibited under GR802.2 for the Hunter division. However, Hunter division rules do include the prohibition and so would not be covered by "specific division rules." The language in the current draft would be acceptable if the Federation would approve and extraordinary rule change prohibiting nasal strips in the Hunter division for implementation on the same 4/1/2016 effective date as this rule change.

National Show Horse

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/11/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: This is a maintenance material - not a medication
Draft 2: No Comments

ParaEquestrian

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Paso Fino

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/27/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Reining

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Roadster

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/02/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/04/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: Committee feels this is an overreaction. Preventative measures should be permitted.
Draft 2: No Comments

Shetland

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/20/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/10/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: Additive measures such as nasal strips are included in the products not permitted under this proposal and as such, this proposal is not in the best interest of the horse.
Draft 2: No Comments

Vaulting

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Veterinary

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/30/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/17/2015

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Welsh

Draft 1: No Action 11/12/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Western Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/09/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: Should be allowed in the schooling and warm up rings.
Draft 2: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/04/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: These are not restrictive; just support and stabilize muscles/joints
Draft 2: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

Immediately

BOARD ACTION

Disapproved 1/16/2016

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR801 Dress

4. Any exhibitor may wear protective headgear (ASTM/SEI) and/or a protective vest either body protecting or inflatable, specifically designed for use in equestrian sport in any division or class without penalty from the judge. **Safety vests may be worn in lieu of a jacket.** The Federation recommends that the vest pass or surpass the current ASTM standard F1937 or be certified by the Safety Equipment Institute. For Eventing, inflatable vests are permitted only when worn over a body protecting vest.

PROPONENT

ALEXIS RAPPAPORT

Draft Received: 5/11/2015

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INTENT

ensure rider can wear the safety gear without issue

POTENTIAL IMPACT

none what so ever.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: safety vests

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

American Saddlebred**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/18/2015**Draft 1:** If safety vest is worn, committee feels it should be worn under riding jacket.**Andalusian/Lusitano****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/21/2015**Draft 1:** No Comments**Arabian****Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/06/2015**Draft 1:** Vests are fine but complete appointments are required so may be in conjunction with not in lieu of

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/12/2015

Draft 1: Appointments must follow the rules. Vest may be in addition to but not in lieu of.

Connemara

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/04/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 01/06/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/22/2015

Draft 1: safety vests are already allowed under the rules with proper attire

Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/03/2015

Draft 1: Recommend disapproval. Dressage already has a specific rule in our division rules and this would cause confusion within the division.

Driving

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Endurance

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Eventing

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/03/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/11/2015

Draft 1: Not "in lieu of" . May use WITH required class appointments

Hackney

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/18/2015

Draft 1: Safety vests should be worn under jacket.

Jumper

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/30/2015

Draft 1: Would approve if "with approval from the judge" was added to the new sentence. There wouldn't be a reason not to follow attire rules in cooler climates, etc.

Morgan

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/10/2015

Draft 1: Not in lieu of; can be worn but not in lieu of correct appointments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/08/2015

Draft 1: This language needs to be in the Hunter/Jumper/Equitation discipline specific rules and not in the General Rules

National Show Horse

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/11/2015

Draft 1: Vests are fine but must not be substituted for correct appointments

ParaEquestrian

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Paso Fino

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/27/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Reining

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Roadster

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/02/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/04/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Shetland

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/20/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/10/2015

Draft 1: Safety vests are already permitted under Federation rules with no penalty. There are many different types of safety vests and feedback should be provided to manufacturers to help them develop a safety vest that can be sized depending on whether it is worn over a riding coat or without a riding coat.

Vaulting

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Welsh

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/12/2015

Draft 1: Exhibitors should be properly turned out and wear a jacket as well as the vest.

Western Committee

Draft 1: No Action 11/09/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/04/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR 803 USE OF WHIPS [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 8-A ATTIRE AND EQUIPMENT]

GR 803 Use of Whips

No item may be used inside or outside the ring while showing a horses except one whip per handler. If whips are allowed, they must be no longer than 6' including the snapper or lash. No appendages **or noise making materials** of any kind are permitted. One lungeing whip is permitted only when lungeing. Some breed and/or disciplines may have use of whip division rules that depart from this rule and as such, the division rule governs. (GR 150.1)

PROPONENT

USHJA

Draft Received: 9/1/2015

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INTENT

To define that noise making devices cannot be used with whips.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: whips

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

American Saddlebred**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/18/2015**Draft 1:** Should be in own division rules**Andalusian/Lusitano****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/21/2015**Draft 1:** No Comments**Arabian****Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2015**Draft 1:** Put in applicable division chapter rules**Breeds****Draft 1:** No Action**Draft 1:** No Comments

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/12/2015

Draft 1: Place in specific division chapters- not GRs

Connemara

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/04/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/03/2015

Draft 1: This would support our rules for both Dressage and Dressage Sport Horse Breeding.

Hackney

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/18/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Morgan

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/10/2015

Draft 1: Should be in the applicable division rules only

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/09/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

National Show Horse

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/11/2015

Draft 1: This should be in Division Chapter rules, not GRs

Paso Fino

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/27/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Roadster

Draft 1: No Action 11/02/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/04/2015

Draft 1: Committee feels General Rules works for the majority, any changes should be in individual division rules.

Shetland

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/20/2015

Draft 1: Some classes allow for use of these materials in Shetland division.

USHJA

Draft 1: Referred 12/10/2015

Draft 1: Referred to January Meeting

Welsh

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/12/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Western Committee

Draft 1: No Action 11/09/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/04/2015

Draft 1: Include language in applicable division rules not GRs

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

4/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

Referred 1/16/2016

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR821 Opportunity Classes [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 8-C COMPETITION AND CLASS CONDITIONS AN]

1. Opportunity Classes:

a. may be held at breed restricted or Hunter and/or Hunter Jumper competitions with no FEI recognized classes, Western Dressage competitions, Western Regular or Local Competitions. Classes must be open to all breeds unless it is a breed restricted competition. In a breed restricted competition it must be stated in the prize list if the classes will be restricted or open. Exception: At any USEF licensed competition, opportunity classes may not be restricted to Friesians.

~~b. are limited to 10% of the total number of the competition's classes, with a maximum of 20 Opportunity Classes per competition, whichever is less.~~

b. are limited as follows:

i. At breed restricted, multi-breed or western competitions, 15% of the total number of the competition's classes, with a maximum of 30 Opportunity Classes per competition, whichever is less.

ii. At all other competitions, 10% of the total number of the competition's classes, with a maximum of 20 Opportunity Classes per competition, whichever is less.

PROPONENT

Arabian

Draft Received: 12/23/2015

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INTENT

These classes are very popular but many shows feel that they are too limited with the number they may offer; these classes can attract many local unrecognized breeds increasing entries.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: opportunity classes

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

American Saddlebred

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/18/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: Committee feels the current numbers allow sufficient opportunity to compete. USEF is getting away from the reason opportunity classes were created. They were created to encourage grass roots exhibitors to compete at licensed competitions in entry level classes at a reduced rate. The goal was to attract these exhibitors and their horses into the fold of USEF and potentially grow the base of exhibitors resulting in increased revenue. The committee would like the economic impact studied prior to the Board considering this rule proposal.
Draft 2: No Comments

Andalusian/Lusitano

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/21/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/13/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/12/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Connemara

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/04/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 01/06/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Council feels that there needs more information/clarification of what the purpose is.

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/13/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/03/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 01/14/2016

Draft 1: Recommend disapproval. this change would not affect Dressage competitions, but it would reduce the need for USEF memberships and reduce income for USEF in many divisions. This would increase the likelihood of a dues increase for disciplines such as Dressage where membership is required at all levels.
Draft 2: We believe the previous comments are still valid with this new draft. See Saddlebred Committee draft 1 comments.

Driving

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Endurance

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Eventing

Draft 1: No Action 12/03/2015
Draft 2: No Action 01/15/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/11/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Hackney

Draft 1: No Action 11/18/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Jumper

Draft 1: No Action 11/30/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Morgan

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/10/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/19/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

National Show Horse

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/11/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Paso Fino

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/27/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Reining

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Roadster

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/02/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: No Action 11/04/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Shetland

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/20/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/10/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: The USHJA believes that increasing opportunity classes will not have a positive result on our environment and opportunities for these types of classes are better served throughout USHJA Outreach competitions. USHJA would approve this proposal if hunter, jumper and hunter/jumper competitions were excluded from this proposal.
Draft 2: No Comments

Vaulting

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Welsh

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/12/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Western Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/09/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/04/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR837 Hunter [CHAPTER 8-E SCHOOLING]

GR837 Hunter

4. A Steward/schooling supervisor must be present in the schooling areas during any Hunter class offering \$10,000 or more in prize money, *regardless of competition rating. For Premier rated hunter competitions, Competition Management is responsible for providing a Steward/Certified Schooling Supervisor to supervise schooling for the hunter warmup area of the hunter ring offering the highest amount of prize money during each session of scheduled classes.*

PROPONENT

USHJA

Draft Received: 9/1/2015

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INTENT

To mandate that a steward or schooling supervisor be appointed for the schooling area(s) offering the highest amount of prize money at any Premier rated Hunter competitions.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: hunter steward

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Competition Management

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Licensed Officials

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/09/2015

Draft 1: The committee feels that the current rule already covers the classes that need a steward present in the schooling area and that stewards should be able to use their discretion to go where deemed appropriate during other classes.

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/10/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

4/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/16/2016

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR845 Equine Vaccination Rule [CHAPTER 8-F Welfare of the Horse]

1. At Federation licensed competitions, horses **more than 7 months of age**, entering the grounds must be accompanied by documentation of Equine Influenza Virus and Equine Herpes Virus (Rhinopneumonitis) vaccinations within six months prior to entering the stables. Horses not in compliance with this rule may be required to leave the competition grounds upon request by Competition Management. Documentation should consist of one of the following methods mentioned below. The frequency of vaccine administration should be per the vaccine manufacturers' or veterinarian's recommendations. It is recommended that vaccines are administered by or under the direction of a veterinarian.

2. In the case of vaccines administered by a veterinarian, the exhibitor, upon request by Competition Management, must provide documentation from the veterinarian on documenting that the horse in question received the vaccinations; name of the vaccines and date of vaccine administration.

3. In the case of vaccines administered by a person other than a veterinarian, the exhibitor, upon request by Competition Management, must provide a receipt of the vaccine purchase which is signed by the owner, or agent with care, custody, and control of the horse; name, serial number and expiration date of the vaccine; and date of vaccine administration.

4. In the case of a horse that is unable to receive either of the vaccinations due to a history of adverse reactions, the exhibitor, upon request by Competition Management, must provide a letter from the veterinarian on official letterhead stating that the horse in question cannot be vaccinated due to medical concerns and a log of temperatures taken twice daily for the seven days prior to entering the competition grounds. These horses must also have their temperature taken and logged twice daily while on the competition grounds. The log of temperatures should be provided to the Competition Management, steward, or technical delegate when requested.

5. Competition Management may not amend or enhance vaccination requirements without prior approval of the Veterinary Committee

PROPONENT

Veterinary

Draft Received: 8/28/2015

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INTENT

To restrict the age of horses receiving vaccinations.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

COMMITTEE ACTIONS	
American Saddlebred	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/18/2015	Draft 1: No Comments
Andalusian/Lusitano	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/21/2015	Draft 1: No Comments
Arabian	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/13/2015	Draft 1: No Comments
Breeds/Disciplines	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Carriage Pleasure Driving	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/12/2015	Draft 1: No Comments
Connemara	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/04/2015	Draft 1: No Comments
Council - Intl Discipline	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/15/2015	Draft 1: No Comments
Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/22/2015	Draft 1: No Comments
Dressage	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/03/2015	Draft 1: Recommend approval as this is a needed addition to this rule.
Eventing	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/03/2015	Draft 1: No Comments
Friesian	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval	Draft 1: No Comments
Hackney	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/18/2015	Draft 1: No Comments
Morgan	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval	Draft 1: No Comments
National Hunter Committee	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/09/2015	Draft 1: No Comments
National Show Horse	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/11/2015	Draft 1: No Comments
Paso Fino	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/27/2015	Draft 1: No Comments

Roadster

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/02/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: No Action 11/04/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Shetland

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/20/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/10/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Veterinary

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/30/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Welsh

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/12/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Western Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/09/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/04/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

4/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

Referred 1/16/2016

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR902 CLASS SPECIFICATIONS [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 9-A PRIZE LISTS]

1. All classes offered at Licensed Competitions for which specifications appear in the Rule Book must be governed by current specifications, to the end that uniformity will prevail in the competition and in the adjudication. To cover any omission it is recommended that the prize list contain the following statement in a prominent position: "EVERY CLASS OFFERED HEREIN WHICH IS COVERED BY THE RULES AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THE CURRENT FEDERATION RULE BOOK WILL BE CONDUCTED AND JUDGED IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH."

2. A Licensed Competition is not limited to classes listed in the Rule Book. If a special class is offered which is not included in the Rule Book, the prize list or competition web site must furnish detailed specifications.

3. All classes (rated or unrated) to be held on a Federation licensed date are governed by all applicable Federation rules. No unrecognized classes can be held on any Federation licensed date, except

a. Horse Trials at Eventing Competitions below the Preliminary Level,

b. Eventing Tests at all levels

c. Combined Driving below the Advanced Level

d. Classes at Regular or Local Competitions restricted to breeds or disciplines whose rules are not included in the USEF rulebook

e. Non-affiliated National Breed or discipline association classes

f. Vaulting levels/classes below A-Team, Gold, Silver and Pas de Deux

g. Academy classes

h. Qualifying classes for Youth Reining classes or Reining classes at USA Reining and NRHA approved competitions.

i. Exhibitions for which there are no breed or division rules

j. Hunter/Jumper competitions designated "Outreach" competitions by USHJA are limited to either one competition day or multiple competition days with a maximum of two competition rings (one hunter ring and one jumper ring) per day.

j. k. These above named classes/levels can be held as unrecognized only provided a separate entry blank is used and the prize list and/or Omnibus clearly states that the classes are not recognized by the Federation. See GR305.

k. l. Exception: FEI rules take precedence as to international classes and events over Federation rules at all FEI Sanctioned Competitions. Federation rules take precedence as to national classes and events which are not FEI Sanctioned at FEI Sanctioned Competitions. In connection with Endurance Riding Events, the Federation shall nationally enforce the prohibition of the gastric ulcer medications ranitidine and meprazole, in accordance with GR410. See GR305.

PROPONENT

USHJA

Draft Received: 1/5/2016

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INTENT

To clarify and enhance the definition of a USHJA "Outreach" competition in order to broaden the potential for sport growth and create consistency with GR 305.

Web: outreach competitions hunter/jumper

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Competition Management

Draft 1: Tabled 12/14/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/13/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action 12/14/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/15/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 01/06/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Council feels that there needs more information/clarification of what the underlying purpose is.

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/14/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Jumper

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/30/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: Causes confusion for officials and competitors when both types of competitions happen on the same competition grounds on the same day.
Draft 2: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/19/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/05/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Referred 12/10/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/04/2016

Draft 1: Referred to January Meeting
Draft 2: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

4/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/16/2016

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR914.3 Refusal of Entries [CHAPTER 9-C Submission, Acceptance, and Refusal of Entries]

3. If a horse is withdrawn or eliminated from competition during a horse inspection at any FEI licensed competition, it is prohibited from competing at any concurrently-held Federation licensed competitions within 48 hours following the FEI Horse Inspection.

PROPONENT

Veterinary

Draft Received: 12/15/2015

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INTENT

The intent of this rule is to forbid unsound horses from competing at USEF licensed competitions that are run concurrently to FEI competitions. If a horse fails to pass a FEI Horse Inspection at any time throughout the competition, that horse cannot compete at the concurrent national competition. This rule is intended to protect the welfare of the horse. The rule does allow time for further evaluation and therapy.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: horse inspection

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: Rather than "any" competition should refer to same specific discipline held at a competition. Is this an enforcement of FEI drug rules over the USEF therapeutic drug rules even through they are not FEI classes?
Draft 2: No Comments

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/12/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: Wording should say ".....it is prohibited from competing in that same discipline at a concurrently-held USEF licensed competition."
Draft 2: No Comments

Competition Management

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 01/13/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Would approve if the withdrawn language stated that it was due to the horse being unsound

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action 12/14/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/15/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/06/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Disciplines

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/03/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/13/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Driving

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Endurance

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Eventing

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/03/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/16/2015

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/11/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: This should be written to include only FEI discipline licensed competitions
Draft 2: No Comments

HP - Dressage

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

HP - Driving

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

HP - Endurance

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

HP - Eventing

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

HP - Jumping

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

HP - Reining

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

HP - Vaulting

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Jumper

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/30/2015
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/30/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/12/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Legal Review

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Morgan

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Tabled 10/19/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 01/05/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: 48 hours still does not address the committee's problems with this rule as medication rules for the FEI are different from national medication rules.

National Show Horse

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/11/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: This is FEI- should only apply to FEI disciplines in both International and National parts of a competition
Draft 2: No Comments

ParaEquestrian

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Reining

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/10/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: Horses competing in FEI competitions are subject to a different set of standards from horses competing in Federation National competitions. We all acknowledge welfare of the horse is paramount, however Federation rules allow horses to receive therapeutic treatments that could resolve issues that would permit a horse to compete in accordance with soundness rules.
Draft 2: No Comments

Vaulting

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Veterinary

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/17/2015

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/04/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: Exclude non-FEI discipline licensed competitions
Draft 2: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

4/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

Referred 1/16/2016

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR 915 LIMITING ENTRIES [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 9-C SUBMISSION, ACCEPTANCE, AND REFUSAL OF ENTRIES]GR 915 Limiting Entries (*For Hunter/Jumper competitions see Chapter HJ Subchapter 4*)

PROPONENT

USHJA

Draft Received: 9/1/2015

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INTENT

To move the requirements for limiting entries at Hunter/Jumper competitions into the HJ Chapter on Competition Standards and make the applicable heading amendments.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: limiting entries - Hunter/Jumper

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Admin & Finance**Draft 1:** Referred 01/15/2016**Draft 1:** May have legal implications for the Federation. 1/15 - Refer to mid year**Council - Natl Breed & Discipline****Draft 1:** Referred 01/14/2016**Draft 1:** referred to mid year**Jumper****Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/30/2015**Draft 1:** Federation Jumper Committee makes recommendations regarding Jumper classes per JP 114.**National Hunter Committee****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/19/2015**Draft 1:** No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

4/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

Disapproved 1/16/2016

EO REASON

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR 1002.1 [CHAPTER Subchapter 10 - A Licensed Officials Committee]

Subchapter 10 A Licensed Officials Committee

GR 1002 Applications

1. The Committee will carefully review all applications, solicit ~~confidential~~ evaluations from the appropriate Breed/Discipline Committee members and others as it may elect as provided in GR 1041.4 including names furnished by the applicant and consider returned questionnaires, competitions reports, any letters received regarding the applicant and other relevant information submitted to the committee. For all applicants the Committee will request and give due consideration to recommendations received from Recognized National and FEI Affiliates before granting a new license or promotion. All such submissions shall be strictly **not be** confidential, and shall be ~~not be~~ subject to examination by the applicant, and shall be made available only to Committee members and staff. ~~All applicants specifically waive their rights to examine submissions.~~

4. All applications whether for initial enrollment, renewal, promotion or for change of status or recommendation to the FEI shall contain a statement to be signed by the applicant, indicating that the applicant **does not** waives his/her right to review confidential submissions. ~~and the file, and has read and understands the rules governing the application process, and agrees to be bound thereby.~~

PROPONENT

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INTENT

The reason for the rule change is have greater transparency in the evaluation of officials for license or for promotion. Confidential evaluations that are not allowed to be shown to the applying official/candidate deny that individual due process. Due process is a basic fundamental right of every citizen of the United States. Anyone submitting an evaluation should be willing to say to the applicants face/one on one their evaluation of the candidates abilities. If it unfair for a confidential evaluation where a individual can not know the exact situation and provide their version of the events. It is fundamentally not fair for a individual to not have the opportunity to provide their side of the story. There is always two sides to every story and applicants have a right to know what is being said against them. Our sport in many ways is a very small world and the USEF should be picking people on whether or not they fulfill the criteria of the license, not on their popularity, or not that someone has a personal disagreement or a personal dislike against an individual. People should be picked on their capabilities and that they met the criteria not whether they are the most popular or they have "brown nosed" their way up the ladder or they are the wrong sex. Ultimately the market will assure that sub-par officials are not hired.

POTENTIAL IMPACT

Provide a more fair, impartial view of candidates, and allow candidates to provide his/her side of the story as there is always two sides of every story. Provide transparency to a process that is very unfair and not based on officials capabilities.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: Applying for license

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

American Saddlebred

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/18/2015

Draft 1: The committee feels the process is working. If someone is denied they are given the reason why they were denied and what they need to work on. There is a process to appeal the decision with an explanation from the applicant.

Andalusian/Lusitano

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/21/2015

Draft 1: It is important to maintain confidentiality to encourage accurate evaluations of candidates.

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2015

Draft 1: Confidentiality is essential

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/12/2015

Draft 1: Must be confidential

Connemara

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/04/2015

Draft 1: The evaluations must remain confidential in order to receive a fair assessment of the candidate.

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/14/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/01/2015

Draft 1: Confidentiality must be maintained for the process to work

Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/03/2015

Draft 1: Agree with comments from several other committees

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/11/2015

Draft 1: Confidentiality is essential

Hackney

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/18/2015

Draft 1: In order for evaluators to be completely honest and forthcoming they need to be confidential.

Licensed Officials

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/16/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Morgan

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/10/2015

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/10/2015

Draft 1: Confidentiality should be maintained for true assessments

Draft 1: Confidentiality should be maintained for true assessments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/09/2015

Draft 1: It is very important that evaluations remain confidential in order to get individuals to complete them.

National Show Horse

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/11/2015

Draft 1: Confidentiality is essential to the process

Paso Fino

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/27/2015

Draft 1: Confidentiality is of utmost importance when submitting an honest evaluation of a candidate.

Roadster

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/02/2015

Draft 1: Committee feels current process works and is fair.

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/04/2015

Draft 1: Does not allow for someone to be honest without fear of retaliation.

Shetland

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/20/2015

Draft 1: The repercussions of this will prevent honest evaluations of candidates.

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/10/2015

Draft 1: Confidentiality must be maintained in order for evaluators to feel comfortable providing candid comments. There are other ways to for an applicant to (as the intent states) "provide their side of the story," and those other methods can be implemented without negatively affecting the confidentiality of an evaluator and integrity of the Licensed Officials program.

Welsh

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/12/2015

Draft 1: We will receive a lot less feedback from officials if they know their evaluations are not confidential.

Western Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/09/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/04/2015

Draft 1: Information needs to stay confidential for true assessments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

4/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/16/2016

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1004.1 General [CHAPTER 10-B General Rules and Fees] **add and renumber as necessary:**

GR1004.1 Only licensed officials in good standing may officiate at Licensed Competitions in those divisions covered by the rules and specifications of the current Rule Book. ~~With the exception of those who have been issued Guest and/or Special Cards (see GR1010, GR1011, and GR1016), only licensed officials in good standing may officiate at Licensed Competitions in those divisions covered by the rules and specifications of the current Rule Book.~~

a. Unless stated otherwise, judges in the following classes are not required to be licensed by USEF nor is the competition required to obtain a guest card for the judge:

1. Exhibition classes for Breed, hunter, jumper or Western.

2. Opportunity Classes, with the exception of Dressage which must be judged by licensed Dressage judges.

3. Opportunity classes in the Western Dressage Division which must be judged by either licensed Dressage judges with the exception of Western Dressage Suitability, Western Dressage Hack and Western Dressage Seat Equitation or licensed Western Dressage judges including Western Dressage Suitability, Western Dressage Hack, and Western Dressage Seat Equitation. Breed licensed judges are also eligible to officiate Western Dressage Suitability, Western Dressage Hack and Western Dressage Seat Equitation classes.

4. Academy Classes, with the exception of Dressage which must be judged by licensed Dressage judges.

PROPONENT

Licensed Officials

Draft Received: 4/28/2015

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INTENT

To clarify that guest and special cards are exceptions to active USEF licensed officials adjudicating USEF licensed competitions. Guest and Special card rules have been in effect for several years, this addition now refers to them.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: guest and special cards

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Andalusian/Lusitano

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/21/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/13/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Breeds

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/12/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Competition Management

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/14/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Connemara

Draft 1: No Action 05/27/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 01/15/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/22/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/03/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Driving

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Endurance

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Eventing

Draft 1: No Action 12/03/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/11/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Hackney

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 07/15/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Jumper

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/30/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Morgan

Draft 1: No Action 11/10/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 08/17/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

National Show Horse

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/11/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

ParaEquestrian

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Paso Fino

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/27/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Reining

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Roadster

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 07/14/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/04/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Shetland

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/20/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/10/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Vaulting

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Welsh

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 06/08/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Western Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/09/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 1: No Action 11/04/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

EFFECTIVE

BOARD ACTION

Standard

4/1/2016

Approved 1/16/2016

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1009 Recorded Judge [CHAPTER 10-C Classifications- Judges]

GR1009 Recorded Judge

1. A Recorded judge (r) may not officiate alone or independently in:

a. an "A" or "B" division or section;

b. a Jumper class offering more than \$2,500;

c. a Federation Hunter/Jumping Seat Medal Class at a National or Premier Rated Hunter competition; or

d. a Saddle Seat Medal Championship/Finals. (See GR1009.5 for exceptions.) *BOD 6/30/15 Effective 8/1/15.*

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2. A Recorded Dressage judge may officiate at Second Level and below and may not officiate at the Third Level and above. Recorded Dressage judges may not officiate in FEI or USEF Dressage Tests for 4 and 5 year-old horses or in FEI Pony Tests. Recorded Dressage judges may officiate in Eventing or FEI Para-Equestrian Dressage Tests equivalent to Second Level or below (Exception: Eventing Competitions).

3. A Recorded Eventing judge may officiate at the Preliminary level and below (see also EV171.1d). *BOD 1/12/14 Effective 12/1/14.*

4. Recorded hunter judges with Special judges' cards may not officiate alone at an "A" rated hunter section.

5. A Recorded judge may, however, officiate alone under the following circumstances:

a. at a competition which is Local except in the Saddle Seat Medal Championship/ Finals;

b. in any "C" division or section or "B" rated Hunter section in which he/she is a Recorded judge;

c. in any American Saddlebred Division;

d. in any Arabian Division;

e. in any Friesian Division;

f. in any Morgan Division;

g. in any division (except Dressage and Eventing) for which a competition has requested in writing that the Federation grant a Special judge's card to a Recorded judge for that particular competition and provided the Federation approves the issuance of such card;

h. Recorded Hunter judges can officiate alone in "B" and "C" rated Welsh Pony Hunter classes;

i. A recorded (r) Andalusian/Lusitano judge may officiate alone in any Andalusian/Lusitano class except for Regional or National Championship competitions.

j. A Recorded (r) Carriage Pleasure Driving Judge may officiate alone in any Carriage Pleasure Driving competition that does not exceed one day or an aggregate of eight (8) hours judging time.

k. A Recorded (r) Vaulting judge may officiate alone or be President of the Jury at any Federation licensed vaulting competition.

l. A Recorded (r) Shetland judge may officiate alone at any Federation licensed Shetland competition.

m. in any National Show Horse Division.

~~n. in any Roadster Division.~~

~~o. In the open Saddle Seat Equitation Division~~

~~6. A Recorded Dressage Judge may officiate at any level of Western Dressage with the exception of Western Dressage Suitability, Western Dressage Hack and Western Dressage Seat Equitation classes.~~

~~7. A Recorded Western Dressage judge may officiate Introductory and Basic Levels only and also Western Dressage Suitability, Western Dressage Hack and Western Dressage Seat Equitation classes.~~

Draft #2

GR1009 Recorded Judge

1. A Recorded judge 'r' may officiate alone or independently in the following divisions:

1. American Saddlebred
2. Andalusian/Lusitano, except for Regional or National Championship competitions
3. Arabian
4. Carriage Pleasure Driving that do not exceed one day or an aggregate of eight (8) hours judging time
5. Connemara
6. English Pleasure, refer to GR1004 for specific licenses required to officiate this division.
7. Friesian
8. Hackney
9. Morgan
10. National Show Horse
11. Reining
12. Roadster
13. Saddle Seat Equitation, in any open division except in the USEF Saddle Seat Medal Championship/Finals
14. Shetland
15. Vaulting, may also be President of the Ground Jury at any Federation licensed Vaulting competition

2. The following divisions have specific limitations for 'r' recorded judges.

1. Combined Driving- A 'r' recorded Combined Driving judge may officiate at any level as a member of the ground jury. The President of the Ground Jury must be a Federation 'R' Registered Combined Driving judge.
2. Dressage- A Recorded Dressage judge may officiate at Second Level and below and may not officiate at the Third Level and above. Recorded Dressage judges may not officiate in FEI or USEF Dressage Tests for 4 and 5 year-old horses or in FEI Pony Tests. Recorded Dressage judges may officiate in Eventing **Competitions at the Intermediate Level or below** or FEI Para-Equestrian Dressage Tests equivalent to Second Level or below (~~Exception: Eventing Competitions~~).
3. Eventing- A Recorded Eventing judge may officiate at the Preliminary level and below (see also EV171.1d). BOD 1/12/14 Effective 12/1/14.
4. Hunter- A 'r' recorded judge may not officiate alone or independently in a 'AA' or 'A' division or section.
5. Hunter Seat Equitation- A 'r' recorded judge may not officiate alone or independently in a Federation Hunter/Jumping Seat Medal Class at a National or Premier Rated Hunter competition
6. Jumper- A 'r' recorded judge may not officiate alone or independently in a Jumper class offering more than \$2,500
7. Paso Fino- A 'r' recorded judge may not officiate alone or independently in an 'A' or division or section

8. Welsh- A 'r' recorded judge may not officiate alone or independently in a 'AA', 'A' or 'B' division or section, however a licensed Hunter judge may officiate alone in 'B' and 'C' rated Welsh Pony Hunter classes
9. Western Dressage
 1. A Recorded Dressage Judge may officiate at any level of Western Dressage with the exception of Western Dressage Suitability, Western Dressage Hack and Western Dressage Seat Equitation classes.
 2. A Recorded Western Dressage judge may officiate Introductory and Basic Levels only and also Western Dressage Suitability, Western Dressage Hack and Western Dressage Seat Equitation classes.
3. A Special Judge card may be accepted in any division for which a competition has requested in writing that the Federation grant a Special judge's card to a 'r' recorded judge for that particular competition and provided the Federation approves the issuance of such card. The following divisions are exceptions:
 1. Dressage
 2. Eventing
 3. Hunter- recorded hunter judges with Special judges' cards may not officiate alone in an "A" or "A" rated hunter section.
 4. Saddle Seat Equitation- recorded Saddle Seat Equitation judges may not receive a Special judges' card to officiate the USEF Saddle Seat Medal Championship/Finals

PROPONENT

Licensed Officials

Draft Received: 1/13/2016

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INTENT

Over the years, this rule has had additions/subtractions/changes that have affected the overall flow and clarity of the rule. The intent is to re-organize the rule for less confusion. The actual intent of these rules have not changed other than updates to make them consistent with current division/section ratings. An exception to this is that our Competition department has received feedback from competitions that 'r' recorded judges should be able to officiate English Pleasure. This requested change has been made on the re-write.

POTENTIAL IMPACT

None

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: Reorganization of r and R license language

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

American Saddlebred

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/18/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Andalusian/Lusitano

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/21/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/13/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 1: Recommends Approval
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Connemara

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/04/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action 12/14/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 01/15/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Tabled 01/06/2016
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 01/14/2016

Draft 1: Tabled until Annual Meeting.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/13/2016
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 01/14/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/03/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 01/13/2016
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 01/14/2016

Draft 1: Disapprove. The last sentence under 2b needs clarification as it reads contradictory as currently written. Appears that recorded 'r' judges are not permitted to judge Eventing competitions at all.
Draft 2: Still needs clarification as to what level(s), if any, a Dressage 'r' judge can judge at an Eventing Competition
Draft 3: No Comments

Driving

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Endurance

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Eventing

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/03/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 01/14/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/11/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Hackney

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/18/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Jumper

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/30/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/12/2016
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Morgan

Draft 1: No Action 11/10/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/19/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

National Show Horse

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/11/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

ParaEquestrian

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Paso Fino

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/27/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Approve if "AA" and "B" ratings is struck out in .2.g to reflect current rules.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Reining

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Roadster

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/02/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: No Action 11/04/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Shetland

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/20/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/10/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Vaulting

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Welsh

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/12/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Western Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/09/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Request to amend and delete GR1009.2i as Western does not offer a 'r' recorded license.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/04/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

4/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/16/2016

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1011.20 Guest Cards [CHAPTER 10-C Classifications - Judges] **change to read:**

GR1011.20 Hunter Breeding: Guest Cards will only be permitted in the following circumstances:

- a. Judges currently holding an "R" or "r" Hunter license (~~In addition, s~~See GR1011.7.b.ii)
- b. Registered (R) or recorded (r) Hunter judges may receive ~~two~~ **three** Hunter Breeding Guest Cards per year.
- c. If a judge receives a Hunter Breeding Guest Card ~~three times twice~~ in one year, ~~the each~~ Guest Cards must be used in **at least two** different Zones.
- d. If a competition has 15 or more aggregate entries in the Hunter Breeding Section the previous year, they are ineligible to apply for a Guest Card and must have a judge(s) who holds a Hunter Breeding License.

PROPONENT

Licensed Officials

Draft Received: 8/27/2015

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INTENT

The Licensed Officials Committee reviewed member concerns regarding the challenges in obtaining Hunter Breeding Judges at competitions. As a response, the LOC took action to allow three Hunter Breeding Guest Cards per year for Hunter Judges. Note that this change is in addition to the Guest Card re-organization that was approved for an effective date 12/1/2015.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: Guest cards in Hunter Breeding

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Competition Management**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 12/14/2015**Draft 2:** No Comments**Competition Secretaries****Draft 1:** No Action**Draft 1:** No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/14/2015

Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/22/2015

Draft 2: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Tabled 08/17/2015

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 10/19/2015

Draft 1: The committee would like to see point c. in this rule changed to read "If a judge received a Hunter Breeding Guest Card three times in one year, the Guest Cards must be used in at least two different zones."

Draft 2: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/10/2015

Draft 2: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

EFFECTIVE

BOARD ACTION

Standard

12/1/2016

Referred 1/16/2016

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1034 Stewards and Technical Delegates [CHAPTER Subchapter 10H REGULATIONS GOVERNING OFFICIALS]

EXISTING GR1034 Stewards and Technical Delegates WILL BE DELETED and REPLACED WITH THIS LANGUAGE.

GR1034 Stewards and Technical Delegates

1. The following are required responsibilities and duties of Stewards and Technical Delegates:

- a. Safeguard the welfare of the horse;
- b. Protect the interests of competitors, judges and Competition Management;
- c. Notify the appropriate individual or official if they become aware of a potential violation of USEF Rules, and, if not rectified, report the alleged rule violation;
- d. Assist Competition Management to insure that every effort is made to provide for a safe competition;
- e. Confirm that all judges are either licensed in the divisions to which they have been assigned or the competition has a Guest or Special card for the judge for the divisions not covered by his license, and if not, report the alleged rule violation.

2. Measurement: Measuring all animals required to be measured as provided for in Chapter 5 of the General Rules, Measurement of Entries, Chapter DR (DR135 Pony Measurement), Chapter DC (DC930 Height) and Subchapter HU-10 Measurement (HU170-HU181), and if necessary return Measurement cards to the Federation.

- a. Stewards and Technical Delegates are responsible for ensuring that measurements are conducted in accordance with the rules and that all required paperwork is completed in a legible manner.
- b. Offenders could be subject to a fine or administrative penalty at the discretion of the CEO or his designee.

3. Forms – The following forms must be submitted in a timely manner to:

- a. USEF (within 14 days after the last licensed day of the competition)
 - 1. Steward or Technical Delegate Report on the form furnished by the Federation
 - a. The Report must include any offenses or violations of the rules by the competition or any exhibitors.
 - b. If the Federation does not receive the completed report and/or attachments postmarked and/or electronically submitted within fourteen (14) days of the closing of the competition, the Steward/Technical Delegate will be fined a fee of \$100. For the second offense and any offense thereafter in the same competition year, said official will be fined \$250. A third offense and any offense thereafter will result in an automatic suspension from office as Steward or Technical Delegate for 90 days, in addition to the fines.
 - c. Failure to pay any fine within 30 days will result in a violation of rules and the Steward/Technical Delegate will be subject to an additional \$100 late fee.
 - d. If the Steward/Technical Delegate disputes that the report was not timely filed, he/she may appeal in writing to the Federation within 30 days of receipt of the Federation's notice of the fine. The appeal must be accompanied by a check for \$50, payable to the Federation, which will be refunded if the appeal is upheld. The CEO or his designee and three members of the Licensed Officials Committee will consider the appeal and may waive a part or all of the fine upon finding of good cause of why the report was not timely filed and/or a finding that extreme hardship results from the automatic penalty. Note: only the fine may be waived. The rule violation will remain on record for the official.

2. Accident/Injury Report Forms on the official form provided by the Federation (details of injuries relating to both humans and equines)
EXCEPTION: In the event of a fatality, the Federation or weekend on-call number must be notified as soon as possible but not later than 24 hours after the incident.

3. Each competition's Accident Preparedness Plan as provided for in GR1211.5e.

b. USEF Office of Equine Drugs and Medications

- 1. Medication report forms, filed either with the Steward/Technical Delegate or Designated Competition Office Representative, must be sent to the USEF Office of Equine Drugs and Medications, 956 King Avenue, Columbus, OH 43212-2655.

4. Except in Hawaii and Alaska, no steward may officiate for more than three consecutive years at the same competition or at more than three consecutive competitions run by the same governing body, Board of Directors or Licensee. When three or more stewards are officiating, one steward will not be subject to these restrictions and will be eligible to serve as steward for a fourth consecutive competition run by the same governing body, Board of Directors or Licensee.

5. Except in Hawaii, no technical delegate may officiate for more than two consecutive years at the same competition or at more than two consecutive competitions run by the same governing body, Board of Directors or Licensee. In Alaska, no dressage technical delegate may officiate more than three consecutive years at the same competition, but are not otherwise restricted from officiating at consecutive competitions run by the same governing body, Board of Directors or Licensee. For the purposes of this rule, multiple, consecutive day Dressage Competitions held within a six-day period will be counted as one competition, if they are run by the same governing body, Board of Directors or Licensee.

6. The Steward's and/or schooling supervisor's decision regarding schooling fences, tack and equipment in the warm-up and/or schooling areas is final (Exception for Dressage: The final authority rests with Competition Management).

7. No Steward or Technical Delegate may officiate at more than one competition at the same time.

8. Stewards and technical delegates must retain copies of steward/technical delegate report forms, and supporting documentation, for a period of three years.

PROPONENT

Steward-Technical Delegate Task Force

Draft Received: 1/13/2016

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INTENT

The Steward Technical Delegate Task Force feels strongly that the existing rule includes is too detailed and is proposing a re-write/re-outlining in its entirety. They cite, for example, that there should be no need to have a rule requiring that certain forms must be available.

This rule change proposal distills the responsibilities and duties of these officials to those they consider essential. They further propose that the duties currently included in GR1035 and taken out in this proposal should be moved to a check list.

Draft #3

Deletion of GR1034.3.a.1b

- The Task Force is in agreement with the Eventing Committee that this rule should be taken out because the FEI does not require TDs to submit reports directly to the NF and obtaining these reports from foreign TDs would be difficult.
- The same is true for USEF competitions held in Canada because Equine Canada, not USEF, stewards officiate at those competitions.

Addition of new GR1034.6 – This language has been in USEF rules since at least 2004 and was inadvertently omitted from the Rule Change Proposal. In discussion, to clarify that the Steward's and/or schooling supervisor's was only in the warm-up area and not the competition arena, the Task Force recommends adding 'schooling' to the language, i.e. "warm-up and/or schooling areas".

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

GR 1038 (164-15)

Legal:

Web: steward and td responsibilities

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

American Saddlebred

Draft 1: No Action 11/18/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Andalusian/Lusitano

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/21/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/13/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Breeds/Disciplines

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 1: No Action 11/12/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Competition Management

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Tabled 12/14/2015
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Tabled 01/13/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: Need comparison of old language to new language

Connemara

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/04/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Referred 12/14/2015
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Tabled 01/15/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: Tabled 01/06/2016
Draft 4: Referred 01/14/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: Tabled until Annual Meeting.
Draft 4: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/22/2015
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 01/13/2016
Draft 4: Tabled 01/14/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/03/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/03/2015
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Recommends Disapproval 01/14/2016

Draft 1: It is impossible to tell exactly what is changed without a line-by-line comparison. There are a few important changes from the original which need further review by the Dressage Rules Sub-Committee.
Draft 2: It is impossible to tell exactly what is changed without a line-by-line comparison. There are a few important changes from the original which need further review by the Dressage Rules Sub-Committee.
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: All Dressage recommended changes are not notated in this draft. Needs draft 5.

Driving

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Endurance

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Eventing

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/03/2015
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 01/14/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: The Eventing Committee would approve if the verbiage under GR1034.3.1 b) was amended to exclude competitions comprised exclusively of FEI Classes. The FEI does not require TDs to submit reports directly to the NF and obtaining these reports from foreign TDs would be difficult.
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Approval
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Hackney

Draft 1: No Action 11/18/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Jumper

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Tabled 11/30/2015
Draft 3: Tabled 01/12/2016
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: Drafts need to include changes from previous draft especially in these long PRC.
Draft 4: No Comments

Licensed Officials

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Morgan

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Tabled 10/19/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 01/05/2016
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

National Show Horse

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/11/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

ParaEquestrian

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Paso Fino

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/23/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Reining

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Roadster

Draft 1: No Action 11/02/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: No Action 11/04/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Shetland

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/20/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Steward-Technical Delegate Committee

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/11/2015
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 01/14/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Committee would approve the rule change if the reference to FEI competition were removed.
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: Approved pending additional changes from Dressage

USHJA

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/10/2015
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Vaulting

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Welsh

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/12/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Western Committee

Draft 1: No Action 11/09/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/04/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1038.10 [CHAPTER Subchapter 10H REGULATIONS GOVERNING OFFICIALS]

10. No Steward or Technical Delegate who is presently receiving, or has received within the past 30 days, any form of **paid** compensation from a competition management firm for services other than as a USEF licensed official or schooling supervisor, may officiate at any of said management's competitions.

PROPONENT

Steward-Technical Delegate Task Force

Draft Received: 11/24/2015

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INTENT

The Steward Technical Delegate Task Force is proposing a re-write/re-outlining of GR1035. Included in that rule change proposal is language which they feel covers the conflict of interest issues which they believe GR1039.10 seeks to address. For that reason, their recommendation is that GR1038.10 should be deleted.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

GR 1034 (162-15)

Web: Stewards & TDs - Conflict of Interest

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Arabian

Draft 1: No Action 11/13/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Competition Management

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/14/2015

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Limiting to paid compensation narrows the scope of the rule, this needs further research.

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action 12/14/2015

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/22/2015

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: difficult to track and concern about enforcement; would like to see the rule deleted as previously submitted

Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/03/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/03/2015

Draft 1: This Rule was put in originally to reduce conflict of interest situations where management employees act as TDs or Stewards for the same management companies. Also, cannot locate this language in 1035 as stated in the intent.
Draft 2: No Comments

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/11/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Morgan

Draft 1: No Action 11/10/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Tabled 10/19/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 01/05/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: The language in this draft is a significant change from the previous draft and causes a significant change in the rule, therefore it needs additional time for research.

National Show Horse

Draft 1: Recommends Approval
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/10/2015

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Limiting compensation to only paid compensation significantly narrows the scope of the rule and rather than implement this, an analysis of the necessity of the rule needs to be completed and those results disseminated and discussed.

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/04/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

4/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/16/2016

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1040.8 General [CHAPTER 10-I License Applications, Enrollment, Promotion, and Maintenance] **add and renumber as necessary:**

GR1041.8 *Anyone denied for the same license level and type more than three times may not apply again for the same license and type for seven years.*

PROPONENT

Licensed Officials

Draft Received: 1/13/2016

CONTACT

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INTENT

To not allow an applicant to apply more than three times for the same license level and type. It is understood that following three denials, attempts to receive the license have been exhausted. The rule change prevents further financial expenditure by the applicant. Add and renumber as necessary. The Licensed Officials Committee would like to point out that the option to 'table' a license is now heavily implemented. If the Licensed Officials Committee believes that an applicant has the ability but needs additional time, they are tabled rather than denied and given a year's time to continue working on their skills. Denials are only considered if the Committee feels that improvement cannot be significantly made within the next year.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: Applying for license

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

American Saddlebred**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 07/08/2015**Draft 2:** No Action**Draft 3:** No Action**Draft 1:** No Comments**Draft 2:** No Comments**Draft 3:** No Comments**Andalusian/Lusitano****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/21/2015**Draft 2:** No Action**Draft 3:** No Action**Draft 1:** No Comments**Draft 2:** No Comments**Draft 3:** No Comments

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Lifetime is too restrictive; a set time such as 3-5 years before reapplying would seem more reasonable.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Breeds

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/12/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Not lifetime; should be several years before applying
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Connemara

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 05/27/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Continuing Education

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/30/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 01/14/2016

Draft 1: Committee would like a shorter timeline. Circumstances may change and lifetime is too riddled.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action 12/14/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 01/15/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 01/06/2016
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/06/2016
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 01/14/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/22/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/13/2016
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 01/14/2016

Draft 1: concern about lifetime; would consider approval with no more than three times in any five year period
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Disciplines

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/03/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 01/13/2016

Draft 1: Agree with opinions expressed by other committees
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Driving

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Endurance

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Eventing

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/03/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 01/14/2016

Draft 1: The Eventing Committee would approve this rule change proposal if amended to state "...three times in a 10 year period".
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/11/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Recommend a 3 year period before reapplying; lifetime too restrictive
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Hackney

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 07/15/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Jumper

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/30/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/12/2016
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Morgan

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/10/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 08/17/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: The committee feels that an individuals' circumstances change throughout his or her life and an applicant should not be limited on the number of times he or she is allowed to apply for a license.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

National Show Horse

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/11/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Must wear correct attire; vest can be included but not in lieu of
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

ParaEquestrian

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Paso Fino

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/27/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Reining

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Roadster

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 07/14/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Shetland

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/20/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/10/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: This proposal should be written to relate the number of times a person can apply for the same license to a specific number of years such as, no more than three times in any five-year period. As written, it does not encourage a candidate to continue their education. Individual circumstances can change over the course of a person's lifetime.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Vaulting

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Welsh

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 06/08/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/04/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Would approve if changed to "must wait 3 years before reapplying" rather than lifetime
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

4/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/16/2016

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1040.13.b Renewal, Reinstatement, Re-enrollment, and Re-application of Licenses [CHAPTER 10-I License Applications, Enrollment, Promotion, and Maintenance] **change to read:**

GR1040.13.b. If two competition years have passed since an official has renewed his/her license(s), they must request a reinstatement of licensing. A request for reinstatement must be submitted to the Licensed Officials Department.~~for presentation to the Licensed Officials Committee.~~ ***All first time requests are decided by a Licensed Official Co-Chair. If an Official has received a reinstatement for a specific license in the past, it must be reviewed by the Licensed Officials Committee.***

PROPONENT

Licensed Officials

Draft Received: 1/16/2016

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INTENT

The Licensed Officials Committee reviewed and approved a proposal to allow staff to follow objective criteria in processing specific reinstatement requests. This in-house processing will decrease the time lag in officials requesting reinstatements and allow them to get back to officiating in a timely manner. Note that certain reinstatements, based on the circumstances, will continue to be reviewed by the LOC.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: Reinstatement of license

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

American Saddlebred**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 07/08/2015**Draft 2:** No Action**Draft 3:** No Action**Draft 1:** No Comments**Draft 2:** No Comments**Draft 3:** No Comments**Andalusian/Lusitano****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/21/2015**Draft 2:** No Action**Draft 3:** No Action**Draft 1:** No Comments**Draft 2:** No Comments**Draft 3:** No Comments

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Individuals on the LOC may know these individuals better than staff
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Breeds

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/12/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: If staff will do this, need published objective criteria which is available to members available
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Connemara

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 05/27/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Continuing Education

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/30/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/13/2016
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Published objective criteria should be available if staff is to approve reinstatement requests
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/22/2015
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: feel the responsibility should be on the LOC, not staff
Draft 3: No Comments

Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/03/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/14/2016
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Needs published criteria.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/11/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Hackney

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 07/15/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Morgan

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/10/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Staff may not be aware of personal issues where LO committee members may
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 08/17/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/05/2016
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

National Show Horse

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Paso Fino

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/27/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Roadster

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 07/14/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/04/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Shetland

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/20/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/10/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Welsh

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 06/08/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Western Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/09/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/04/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

4/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

Referred 1/16/2016

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1040

14. Renewal, Reinstatement, Re-enrollment, and Re-application of Licenses

a. An official who is eligible to renew (up to date on clinic, exam, **quiz**, and officiating requirements) his/her license will have one full competition year after the lapse of their license(s) to renew by the standard procedure; i.e. hard copy renewal or the online renewal.

b. Officials may be required to complete a yearly quiz for renewal. Quizzes will be offered on an as-needed basis as determined by the respective breed/discipline Committee. If a Committee determines that a quiz is not needed in a specific competition year, one will not be offered. If a Committee determines that a quiz is necessary, it will be no longer than fifteen questions and will primarily cover new rule changes.

b.c. If two competition years have passed since an official has renewed his/her license(s), they must request a reinstatement of licensing. A request for reinstatement must be submitted to the Licensed Officials Department for presentation to the Licensed Officials Committee.

e.d. If three but less than five competition years have lapsed since an official has renewed his/her license(s) they must then apply for re-enrollment of those licenses, following the specific requirements outlined for each license.

d.e If five or more competition years have lapsed since an official has renewed his/her license(s) they must then re-apply for licensing, following the full license requirements specified for each license.

GR1041 Clinic and Officiating Requirements [CHAPTER 10-I License Applications, Enrollment, Promotion, and Maintenance] change to read:

1. Clinic and officiating requirements must be met by November 30 to be eligible to renew each license for the following competition year which begins December 1.

2. Any official who fails to fulfill clinic requirements or who fails to meet officiating requirements will not be eligible to have his/her license renewed and will have to apply for an extension. ~~The Licensed Officials Committee has the option of allowing a~~ **A one-year clinic extension with officiating restrictions or a one-year officiating extension *may be granted. If the Licensed Officials Committee reviews the clinic extension request, officiating restrictions may be given.*** All requests must be received in writing via mail, email, or fax.

3. In the event that an official's clinic requirement falls due in a year in which a corresponding clinic is not offered, the deadline will automatically be extended to the following year with no restriction providing all other requirements of the license are met.

4. Documented adjudication of FEI recognized classes at foreign FEI sanctioned competitions will count towards maintaining the same national discipline judge or course designer license, providing it occurs during the same time frame required by the national license.

5. Refer to the specific breed/discipline rules in Subchapter 10-I of this Chapter for specific officiating and exam requirements.

5.6. Verified judging of an Equine Canada competition will be considered a suitable substitute for a Federation competition for the purposes of maintaining a current license but not for enrollment or promotion learner/apprentice requirements. Written verification must be submitted to the Federation to substantiate EC officiating. Any requests for acceptance of officiating experience in countries other than Canada will be considered on an individual basis.

~~6.7.~~ The LOC can require an official to complete additional educational experience.

PROPONENT

Licensed Officials

Draft Received: 1/13/2016

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INTENT

The Licensed Officials Committee reviewed and approved a proposal to allow staff to follow objective criteria in processing specific clinic and officiating extension requests. This in-house processing will decrease the time lag in officials requesting extensions and allow them to get back to officiating in a timely manner. Note that certain extensions, based on the circumstances, will continue to be reviewed by the LOC. In addition, this rule change would eliminate the current maintenance exams required in the licenses listed and substitute them with as-needed annual quizzes, which would be required to renew a respective license (An annual quiz may not be necessary every year for each license if there are not enough rule changes affecting the license to warrant.). The quizzes would be short (maximum of 15 questions), and would focus on new rules coming into effect for the particular license.

The rule change would also add a quiz requirement to those licenses which currently do not have an exam maintenance requirement, i.e. Hunter, Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation, Hunter Breeding, Hunter Course Designer, Jumper Course Designer, Certified Jumping Schooling Supervisor, Reining, American Saddlebred, Saddle Seat Equitation, Vaulting, and Welsh.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: Extension requests

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

American Saddlebred

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 07/08/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/18/2015
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Committee feels new rules are covered adequately in clinics and their judges stay up to date with new rules. A quiz is not necessary for American Saddlebreds.
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Andalusian/Lusitano

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 10/21/2015
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: Opposed to restricting officials from renewing license. Committee feels there are already too many tests and quizzes for officials and feels new rules effecting specific licenses should be mailed to those officials.
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Arabian

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 11/13/2015
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: What is this "Quiz" Needs detail available to officials to be able to make a decision as to approval or not
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Breeds/Disciplines

Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/12/2015
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: Quizzes- there is nothing currently available to define quizzes; require more information
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Connemara

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 05/27/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 11/04/2015
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Continuing Education

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/30/2015
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 01/14/2016

Draft 2: Needs to be objective criteria published so it is available to membership if staff is to approve reinstatement requests
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 2: Referred 12/14/2015
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 01/15/2016

Draft 2: Lack of detail about the quiz makes it difficult to determine whether this would be advantageous to the education of our licensed officials.
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: Tabled 01/06/2016
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 01/14/2016

Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: Tabled until Annual Meeting for further clarification.
Draft 4: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Referred 01/14/2016

Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: referred to mid year

Dressage

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/03/2015
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 01/14/2016

Draft 2: Disapprove as written now. Needs more details.
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Driving

Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Endurance

Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Eventing

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/03/2015
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 01/14/2016

Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Approval
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/11/2015
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Quizzes are excessive
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Hackney

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 07/15/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/18/2015
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Feels the process is efficient the way it is now. New rules are taught in the clinic and covered on the maintenance exam.
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Jumper

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/30/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: Recommends Disapproval 01/12/2016
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: Do not send tests and quizzes by mail.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: Will approve the 4th draft once submitted.
Draft 4: No Comments

Morgan

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/10/2015
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: Exception Morgan; inconsistent with Morgan specific clinic/test requirements rule
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 08/17/2015
Draft 2: Tabled 10/19/2015
Draft 3: Recommends Disapproval 01/05/2016
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: This is not the direction we should be going with these hunter and equitation divisions.
Draft 4: No Comments

National Show Horse

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/11/2015
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: Bad time of year for testing; many national championships; excessive testing
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

ParaEquestrian

Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Paso Fino

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 10/27/2015
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Reining

Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Roadster

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 07/14/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/02/2015
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Agree with removing maintenance exams but do not agree with requiring quizzes each year in order to renew license. New rules are covered in clinics and should be sent to judges each year for their review prior to the competition year.
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/04/2015
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: Saddle Seat Equitation changes rules so infrequently, implementing a quiz in order to renew license would not be a good application of this proposal.
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Shetland

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 10/20/2015
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: Committee expressed concern for judges who may not be able to take quizzes online.
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/10/2015
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: This rule eliminates exams and replaces them with short quizzes which are much less comprehensive than exams. While this might be easier for the office staff, it could seriously affect the quality and competency of our licensed officials which must be our primary consideration. In addition, it removes the requirements that have been created by affiliates who know their sport needs far better.
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Vaulting

Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Welsh

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 06/08/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/12/2015
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: The quiz needs to be further defined.
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Western Committee

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 11/09/2015
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: Each division needs to have their own requirements; doesn't fit for all. Willing to review maintenance exam requirements in the future.
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 11/04/2015
Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: No Action

Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

4/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/16/2016

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1057.1.c Hunter Judges [CHAPTER 10-I License Applications, Enrollment, Promotion, and Maintenance] **add and renumber as necessary:**

GR1057.1.c. Learner Permit applicants must attend a Federation Hunter clinic within ~~two~~ **three** years preceding application. ***A Learner Permit is not required when an applicant holds a license in Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation, Hunter Breeding, and/or Jumper; however, the applicant must attend a Federation Hunter clinic within the three years preceding his first Learner Judge experience in the Hunter division.***

PROPONENT

Licensed Officials

Draft Received: 5/21/2015

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INTENT

Addition to the rules stating that a clinic must be taken prior to learner judging, even if you already are licensed in one of the four (HU/HE/HB/JP) divisions. The Committee feels that it is important to receive education in an additional license even if they already hold one of the four license(s), because the new license has totally different rules and should be treated as such.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: Clinics for Hunter judges

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Admin & Finance**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 12/14/2015**Draft 2:** No Comments**Council - Natl Breed & Discipline****Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 12/22/2015**Draft 2:** No Comments**National Hunter Committee****Draft 1:** Tabled 05/11/2015**Draft 1:** No Comments**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 01/05/2016**Draft 2:** No Comments**USHJA****Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 12/10/2015**Draft 2:** No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

4/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/16/2016

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1057.1 Hunter Judges [CHAPTER 10-I License Applications, Enrollment, Promotion, and Maintenance] **delete and renumber as necessary:**

GR1057.1 Hunter Judges

1. Learner Permit. Applicants for the Hunter license must apply for a learner judge's permit. ~~through the Federation Licensed Officials Committee.~~ (Exception: individuals currently licensed in at least one of these divisions: Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation, Hunter Breeding, or Jumper). Specific requirements are as follows:

a. Hunter learner permit applicants must be a minimum of 21 years old at the time of application.

b. Learner Permit applicants must have been an active competitor as either a rider, trainer, handler, breeder or coach in these divisions at USEF licensed competitions within the last four years.

c. The completed application form along with the fee must be returned to the Federation Licensed Officials Department.

~~d. No application will be considered unless and until 10 forms which actually evaluate the applicant are returned from USEF members, three (3) of which must be from relevant licensed judges, stewards, course designers, or committee members.~~

~~e. If the learner judges permit application is approved by a sub-committee composed of a minimum of three members of the Licensed Officials Committee, the applicant may enter the learner judges training program.~~

f. The learner judge's permit will expire three years from the date of issuance.

g. The Learner judge must still apply for individual competitions through the Federation Licensed Officials Department.

~~h. If a permit application is denied, the applicant may reapply after one year.~~

PROPONENT

Licensed Officials

Draft Received: 4/28/2015

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INTENT

The Licensed Officials Committee reviewed and approved a proposal to allow permits to be processed by staff without LOC approval. This is due to the fact that permit requirements are all objective criteria. This allows all applicants interested in the program to have the opportunity to learn and gain experience prior to being reviewed by the LOC as well as reducing the lag time before being able to learner judge.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: Learner permits - hunter

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/14/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 01/13/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 08/17/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/10/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

4/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/16/2016

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1058.1 Hunter Breeding Judges [CHAPTER 10-I License Applications, Enrollment, Promotion, and Maintenance] **delete and renumber as necessary:**

GR1058 Hunter Breeding Judges

1. Learner Permit. Applicants for the Hunter Breeding license must apply for a learner judge's permit. ~~through the Federation Licensed Officials Committee, following the requirements of GR1060.1.~~ (Exception: individuals currently licensed in at least one of these divisions: Hunter, Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation, or Jumper.)

a. Hunter Breeding learner permit applicants must be a minimum of 21 years old at the time of application.

b. Learner Permit applicants must have been an active competitor as either a rider, trainer, handler, breeder or coach in these divisions at USEF licensed competitions within the last four years.

c. The completed application form along with the fee must be returned to the Federation Licensed Officials Department.

~~d. No application will be considered unless and until 10 forms which actually evaluate the applicant are returned from USEF members, three (3) of which must be from relevant licensed judges, stewards, course designers, or committee members.~~

~~e. If the learner judges permit application is approved by a sub-committee composed of a minimum of three members of the Licensed Officials Committee, the applicant may enter the learner judges training program.~~

f. The learner judge's permit is valid for and will expire three years from the date of issuance.

g. The Learner judge must still apply for individual competitions through the Federation Licensed Officials Department.

~~h. If a permit application is denied, the applicant may reapply after one year.~~

PROPONENT

Licensed Officials

Draft Received: 4/28/2015

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INTENT

The Licensed Officials Committee reviewed and approved a proposal to allow permits to be processed by staff without LOC approval. This is due to the fact that permit requirements are all objective criteria. This allows all applicants interested in the program to have the opportunity to learn and gain experience prior to being reviewed by the LOC as well as reducing the lag time before being able to learner judge.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: Learner permits - hunter breeding

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/14/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/22/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 08/17/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/10/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

4/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/16/2016

PROPOSED CHANGE

[CHAPTER 10-I License Applications, Enrollment, Promotion, and Maintenance] **add and renumber as necessary:**

GR1058.1.c Learner Permit applicants must attend a Federation Hunter Breeding clinic within three years preceding application. A Learner Permit is not required when an applicant holds a license in Hunter, Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation and/or Jumper; however, the applicant must attend a Federation Hunter Breeding clinic within the three years preceding his first Learner Judge experience in the Hunter Breeding division.

PROPONENT

Licensed Officials

Draft Received: 4/28/2015

CONTACT

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INTENT

Addition to the rules stating that a clinic must be taken prior to learner judging in the Hunter Breeding division, even if you already are licensed in one of the other three(HU/HE/JP) divisions. The Committee feels that it is important to receive education in an additional license even if they already hold one of the four license(s), because the new license has totally different rules and should be treated as such.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: Clinics for Hunter Breeding judges

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Admin & Finance**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/14/2015**Draft 1:** No Comments**Council - Natl Breed & Discipline****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 01/13/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments**National Hunter Committee****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 01/05/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments**USHJA****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/10/2015**Draft 1:** No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

EFFECTIVE

BOARD ACTION

Standard

12/1/2016

Referred 1/16/2016

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR 1058 HUNTER BREEDING JUDGES [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 10-I LICENSE APPLICATIONS, ENROLLEMNT, PROMOTION, AND MAINTENANCE]

GR1058 Hunter Breeding Judges

1. Learner Permit. Applicants for the Hunter Breeding license must apply for a learner judge's permit. ~~through the Federation Licensed Officials Committee, following the requirements of GR 1060.1.~~ (Exception: individuals currently licensed in at least one of these divisions: Hunter, Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation, or Jumper.)

a. Hunter Breeding learner permit applicants must be a minimum of 21 years old at the time of application.

b. Learner Permit applicants must have been an active competitor as either a rider, trainer, handler, breeder or coach in these divisions at USEF licensed competitions within the last four years.

c. The completed application form along with the fee must be returned to the Federation Licensed Officials Department.

~~d. No application will be considered unless and until 10 forms which actually evaluate the applicant are returned from USEF members, three (3) of which must be from relevant licensed judges, stewards, course designers, or committee members.~~

d. Learner Permit applicants must attend a Federation Hunter Breeding clinic within three years preceding application. If a Learner Permit is not required due to the applicant already holding a license in at least one of these divisions (Hunter, Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation, Jumper), the applicant must attend a Federation Hunter Breeding clinic within three years preceding his first Learner Judge experience in the Hunter Breeding division.

~~e. If the learner judges permit application is approved by a sub-committee composed of a minimum of three members of the Licensed Officials Committee, the applicant may enter the learner judges training program.~~

f. ~~e.~~ The learner judge's permit is valid for and will expire three years from the date of issuance.

g. ~~f.~~ The Learner judge must still apply for individual competitions through the Federation Licensed Officials Department.

~~h. If a permit application is denied, the applicant may reapply after one year.~~

2. Specific requirements are as follows:

a. Learner judge evaluations must be received from all judges with whom applicant officiates.

b. Learner judge will receive one point for every horse that he/she judges at Federation Licensed Competitions. Once the learner judge earns a total of ten (10) points at a minimum of two (2) separate competitions with at least two (2) different judges, he/she may apply for 'R' Hunter Breeding Judge status.

~~b. c.~~ A Recorded "r" Hunter judge with five or more years of judging experience, may apply for a Hunter Breeding license after learner judging two complete Hunter Breeding sections at two Federation licensed Competitions under two different Federation Hunter Breeding judges within a three-year period preceding application.

~~c. d.~~ A Registered "R" Hunter judge with a minimum of five years judging experience ***is eligible to receive "R" Hunter Breeding Judge status. These applicants must attend a Hunter Breeding clinic before their license will become effective.***

3. All persons applying for enrollment or re-enrollment must have attended a Federation judges' clinic within two years preceding application.

4. No application will be considered unless and until 15 forms which actually evaluate the applicant per division are returned from USEF members, eight of which must be from relevant licensed judges, stewards, course designers, or committee members.

5. Applicants approved in the Hunter Breeding Division shall automatically receive Registered status.

6. The Committee will require judges who do not officiate at one licensed Competition within five years in the Hunter Breeding, Pony Hunter Breeding, or Arabian Sport Horse Divisions after obtaining a license to attend a Hunter Breeding Clinic within the current or previous year before their license can be renewed.

7. Hunter Breeding Judges must attend a Federation Hunter Breeding judges' clinic at least once every ~~five~~ **eight** years.

PROPONENT

USHJA

Draft Received: 9/1/2015

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INTENT

To modify licensed officials' requirements associated with obtaining and maintaining a Hunter Breeding permit and/or license.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: hunter breeding judges

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: Referred 01/15/2016

Draft 1: Refer to mid year

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Referred 01/13/2016

Draft 1: Mid Year

Licensed Officials

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/16/2015

Draft 1: The Licensed Officials Committee has a rule change proposal in for this rule and upholds their version.

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Referred 01/05/2016

Draft 1: Recommend referral to the USEF mid-year BOD meeting.

USHJA

Draft 1: Referred 01/04/2016

Draft 1: Recommending referred to Mid-Year

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

4/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/16/2016

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1059.1.c Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Judges [CHAPTER 10-I License Applications, Enrollment, Promotion, and Maintenance] **add and renumber as necessary:**

GR1059.1.c. Learner Permit applicants must attend a Federation Hunter/***Jumping*** Seat Equitation clinic within ~~two~~ **three** years preceding application. ***A Learner Permit is not required when an applicant holds a license in Hunter, Hunter Breeding, and/or Jumper; however, the applicant must attend a Federation Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation clinic within the three years preceding his first Learner Judge experience in the Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation division.***

PROPONENT

Licensed Officials

Draft Received: 5/21/2015

CONTACT

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INTENT

Addition to the rules stating that a clinic must be taken prior to learner judging, even if you already are licensed in one of the four (HU/HE/HB/JP) divisions. The Committee feels that it is important to receive education in an additional license even if they already hold one of the four license(s), because the new license has totally different rules and should be treated as such.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: Clinics for Equitation judges

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Admin & Finance**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 12/14/2015**Draft 2:** No Comments**Council - Intl Discipline****Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 01/06/2016**Draft 2:** No Comments**Council - Natl Breed & Discipline****Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 01/13/2016**Draft 2:** No Comments**National Hunter Committee****Draft 1:** Tabled 05/11/2015**Draft 1:** No Comments**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 01/05/2016**Draft 2:** No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

4/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/16/2016

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1059.1 Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Judges [CHAPTER 10-I License Applications, Enrollment, Promotion, and Maintenance] **delete and renumber as necessary:**

GR1059 Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Judges

1. Learner Permit. Applicants for the Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation license must apply for a learner judge's permit. ~~through the Federation Licensed Officials Committee.~~ (Exception: individuals currently licensed in at least one of these divisions: Hunter, Hunter Breeding, or Jumper.) Specific requirements are as follows:

a. Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation learner permit applicants must be a minimum of 21 years old at the time of application.

b. Learner Permit applicants must have been an active competitor as either a rider, trainer, handler, breeder or coach in these divisions at USEF licensed competitions within the last four years.

c. The completed application form along with the fee must be returned to the Federation Licensed Officials Department.

~~d. No application will be considered unless and until 10 forms which actually evaluate the applicant are returned from USEF members, three (3) of which must be from relevant licensed judges, stewards, course designers, or committee members.~~

~~e. If the learner judges permit application is approved by a sub-committee composed of a minimum of three members of the Licensed Officials Committee, the applicant may enter the learner judges training program.~~

f. The learner judge's permit will expire three years from the date of issuance.

g. The Learner judge must still apply for individual competitions through the Federation Licensed Officials Department.

~~h. If a permit application is denied, the applicant may reapply after one year.~~

PROPONENT

Licensed Officials

Draft Received: 4/28/2015

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INTENT

The Licensed Officials Committee reviewed and approved a proposal to allow permits to be processed by staff without LOC approval. This is due to the fact that permit requirements are all objective criteria. This allows all applicants interested in the program to have the opportunity to learn and gain experience prior to being reviewed by the LOC as well as reducing the lag time before being able to learner judge.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: Learner permits - equitation

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/14/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/22/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 08/17/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/10/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

4/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/16/2016

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1061 Jumper Judges [CHAPTER 10-I License Applications, Enrollment, Promotion, and Maintenance] **change to read:**

GR1061 Jumper Judges

1. Learner Permit. Applicants for the Jumper license must apply for a learner judge's permit. ~~through the Federation Licensed Officials Committee.~~
(Exception: individuals currently licensed in at least one of these divisions: Hunter, Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation, or Hunter Breeding.) Specific requirements are as follows:

- a. Jumper learner permit applicants must be a minimum of 21 years old at the time of application.
- b. Applicants must demonstrate experience in the Jumper Division in the past three years, e.g. trainer, competitor, or official. They must also submit recommendations from a minimum of two Registered (R) Jumper judges.
- c. The completed application form along with the fee must be returned to the Federation Licensed Officials Department.
- d. ~~No application will be considered unless and until 10 forms which actually evaluate the applicant are returned from USEF members, three (3) of which must be from relevant licensed judges, stewards, course designers, or committee members.~~
- e. ~~If the learner judges permit application is approved by a sub-committee composed of a minimum of three members of the Licensed Officials Committee, the applicant may enter the learner judges training program.~~
- f. The learner judge's permit will expire three years from the date of issuance.
- g. The Learner judge must still apply for individual competitions through the Federation Licensed Officials Department.
- h. ~~If a permit application is denied, the applicant may reapply after one year.~~

PROPONENT

Licensed Officials

Draft Received: 4/28/2015

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INTENT

The Licensed Officials Committee reviewed and approved a proposal to allow permits to be processed by staff without LOC approval. This is due to the fact that permit requirements are all objective criteria. This allows all applicants interested in the program to have the opportunity to learn and gain experience prior to being reviewed by the LOC as well as reducing the lag time before being able to learner judge. In addition, a clarification was added regarding the exception for holding one of the other respective licenses. This process has been in the requirements and has been in effect for quite sometime. An update of this was necessary as it appears to have been left out.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: Learner permits - jumper

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/14/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 06/02/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/22/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Jumper

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/30/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/19/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/10/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

4/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/16/2016

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1061.1.c Jumper Judges [CHAPTER 10-I License Applications, Enrollment, Promotion, and Maintenance] **add and renumber as necessary:**

GR1061.1.c. Learner Permit applicants must attend a Federation Jumper clinic within ~~two~~ **three** years preceding application. ***A Learner Permit is not required when an applicant holds a license in Hunter, Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation, and/or Hunter Breeding; however, the applicant must attend a Federation Jumper clinic within the three years preceding his first Learner Judge experience in the Jumper division.***

PROPONENT

Licensed Officials

Draft Received: 5/21/2015

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INTENT

Addition to the rules stating that a clinic must be taken prior to learner judging, even if you already are licensed in one of the four (HU/HE/HB/JP) divisions.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: Clinics for Jumper judges

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Continuing Education

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/13/2016**Draft 2:** No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/14/2015**Draft 2:** No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/06/2016**Draft 2:** No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/13/2016**Draft 2:** No Comments

Jumper

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 11/30/2015

Draft 2: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/10/2015

Draft 2: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/16/2016

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR 1102 HORSE RECORDINGS [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 11-A HORSE IDENTIFICATION AND RECORDING]

1. Using each horse's Unique Horse ID number the Federation maintains the only official record of winnings *for Federation awards, Federation ranking lists, Federation qualifying classes and Federation championships* of horses at all Regular Competitions. To keep these records consistent, a horse should be recorded with the Federation in the same name of horse and owner under which it is exhibited at competitions. The Federation's horse recording records are not a title registry and the Federation does not decide, otherwise resolve, or become involved in ownership disputes.

PROPONENT

USHJA

Draft Received: 12/9/2015

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INTENT

To define the Federation's responsibility for awards, ranking lists, qualifying classes and championships.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: horse recordings

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

American Saddlebred

Draft 1: No Action 11/18/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Andalusian/Lusitano

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/21/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Arabian

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Breeds/Disciplines

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 1: No Action 11/12/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Connemara

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/04/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/15/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Council requests additional, clarifying information regarding the purpose. 1/15 - Approved

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 01/06/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Council feels that there needs more information/clarification of what the underlying purpose is.

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/22/2015

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Dressage

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Driving

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Endurance

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Eventing

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/03/2015
Draft 2: No Action 12/16/2015

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/11/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: This should be in specific Division Chapter rules, not GRs
Draft 2: No Comments

Hackney

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/18/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Jumper

Draft 1: Tabled 11/30/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: The intent is not clear on what the desired outcome is for this proposal.
Draft 2: No Comments

Legal Review

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/09/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/08/2015

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

ParaEquestrian

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Paso Fino

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/23/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: Concern this would affect how PFHA tracks qualifications for their championship.
Draft 2: No Comments

Reining

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Roadster

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/02/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: No Action 11/04/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Shetland

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/20/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/10/2015

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Vaulting

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Welsh

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/12/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Western Committee

Draft 1: No Action 11/09/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/30/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: Would approved with the "Exception: Western Dressage" added to this PRC
Draft 2: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1109 GENERAL [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER GR-11-D HORSE OF THE YEAR AWARDS AND NATIONAL CHAMPIONS]

The Federation offers annual Horse of the Year Awards on a national, district, regional and zone level, in numerous divisions. The purpose of these awards is to encourage participation at Federation Licensed Competitions. In making the awards the Federation in no way implies that the winners are the best in their respective divisions (although they may well be) but certifies that these animals are properly recorded for competition purposes, and registered with the USHJA if competing for awards defined in GR1131, GR1132 or GR1133, are exhibited by the recorded owner, who must be a Federation Member, and USHJA Member if competing for awards defined in GR1131, GR1132 or GR1133, and acquired the greatest number of points during a given year.

Exception: In Hunter sections, HOTY points will be calculated based on the top 20 competitions annually.

PROPONENT

USHJA

Draft Received: 9/1/2015

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INTENT

To define the amount of competitions that will be used to calculate a horse's HOTY points.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Staff: IT - Approximately 20+ hours of IT work to program all the standings programs to implement this rule.

Web: HOTY points - Hunter

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline**Draft 1:** No Action**Draft 1:** No Comments**National Hunter Committee****Draft 1:** Tabled 11/09/2015**Draft 1:** No Comments**USHJA****Draft 1:** No Action**Draft 1:** No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

EFFECTIVE

BOARD ACTION

Standard

12/1/2016

Referred 1/16/2016

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR 1131 Hunter Divisions, GR 1132 Pony Hunter Breeding and Hunter Breeding & GR 1133 Jumpers [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 11-F AWARD SECTIONS]

GR 1131 Hunter Divisions

1. Eligibility

a. Points toward any **Federation National** Horse of the Year Award for the Hunter Division will not be credited until the applications and fees for the horse's recording, exhibitor's registration, transfer of ownership, name change or addition of owner(s) and owner's Senior Active, Junior Active or Life membership are received by the Federation office. Furthermore, points toward **Federation National** Horse of the Year Awards for the Hunter Division will not be credited until the applications and fees for the horse's USHJA Horse Registration, the owner's USHJA Active or USHJA Life membership are received by the Federation or USHJA offices. Exception: Applications for Federation and USHJA Individual Membership and Horse Recordings submitted at Licensed Competitions.

b. USHJA Zone points toward any **USHJA Zone Horse of the Year Award for the Hunter Division or any Hunter Seat or Jumper Seat** Equitation Division Rider of the Year Awards will not be credited until the applications and fees for the horse's USHJA registration, and rider's USEF and USHJA's active membership are received by the Federation or USHJA offices. Exception: Applications for Federation and USHJA Individual Membership and USHJA Horse Registration submitted at licensed competitions.

[...]

11. Hunter Division Section awards are offered for the following at the Zone **level** from USHJA and National levels from the Federation:

a. Green Conformation Hunter, Green Working Hunter - First and Second Year, Regular Conformation Hunter, High Performance Working Hunter, Performance Working Hunters 3'3", Performance Working Hunters 3'6", Small Green Pony Working Hunter, Medium Green Pony Working Hunter, Large Green Pony Working Hunter, Small Pony Working Hunter, Medium Pony Working Hunter, Large Pony Working Hunter, Small Junior Working Hunter 15 yrs. & under, Small Junior Hunter 16-17 yrs., Large Junior Working Hunter 15 yrs. & under, Large Junior Working Hunter 16-17 yrs., Amateur Owner Hunter - 18-35 Years Old and Over 35 Years Old, Ladies Side Saddle, Amateur Owner 3'3" 18-35 Years Old and Over 35 Years Old, Small Hunter, and Junior Hunter 3'3".

[...]

GR 1132 Pony Hunter Breeding and Hunter Breeding

1. Eligibility

a. Points toward any **Federation National** Horse of the Year Award will not be credited until the applications and fees for the horse's recording, exhibitor's registration, transfer of ownership, name change or addition of owner(s) and owner's Senior Active, Junior Active or Life membership are received by the Federation office. Furthermore, points toward Horse of the Year Awards will not be credit until the applications and fees for the horse's USHJA Horse Registration, the owner's USHJA Active or USHJA Life membership are received by the Federation or USHJA offices. Exception: Applications for Federation and USHJA Individual Membership and Horse Recordings submitted at Licensed Competitions.

b. USHJA Zone points toward any USHJA Zone Horse of the Year Award will not be credited until the applications and fees for the horse's USHJA registration, and rider's Federation and USHJA's active membership are received by the Federation or USHJA offices. Exception: Applications for Federation and USHJA Individual Membership and USHJA Horse Registration submitted at licensed competitions.

2. Hunter Breeding Awards are offered for the following at the Zone **level** from USHJA and National level from the Federation: Hunter Breeding Yearling, Hunter Breeding TwoYear-Old, Hunter Breeding Three-Year-Old. Point Tabulation, see HU186.4.

[...]

GR 1133 Jumpers

1. Eligibility.

a. Points toward any Horse of the Year Award will not be credited until the applications and fees for the horse's recording, exhibitor's registration, transfer of ownership, name change or addition of owner(s) and owner's Senior Active, Junior Active or Life membership are received by the Federation office. Furthermore, points toward Horse of the Year Awards will not be credit until the applications and fees for the horse's USHJA Horse Registration, the owner's USHJA Active or USHJA Life membership are received by the Federation or USHJA offices. Exception: Applications for Federation and USHJA Individual

b. USHJA Zone points toward any **USHJA Zone Horse of the Year Award** will not be credited until the applications and fees for the horse's USHJA registration, and rider's USEF **Federation** and USHJA's active membership are received by the Federation or USHJA offices. Exception: Applications for Federation and USHJA Individual Membership and USHJA Horse Registration submitted at licensed competitions.

[...]

4. The Open Jumper Horse of the Year Award will be based on money won in classes which comply with JP150, classes of \$25,000 or more. One point for every dollar won will be awarded. 5. Award Categories. National awards will be given in the following categories: Low Junior, Junior, Low Amateur Owner, Amateur Owner, Open, Pony, YOUNG RIDERS. **USHJA** Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be given by USHJA in the following categories (see JP118 for Zone specifications): LOW JUNIOR, JUNIOR, CHILDREN'S, ADULT, LOW AMATEUR OWNER, AMATEUR OWNER, PONY, YOUNG RIDERS and Thoroughbred Jumper.

PROPONENT

USHJA

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INTENT

To promote sport growth by providing a more economically attainable entry into Federation competitions for those competitors only interested in USHJA Zone HOTY Awards.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Staff: IT - Approximately 100+ hours of IT work to implement this rule as it will be a massive overhaul of all standings and report programs.

Web: USHJA Zone points

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Budget&Finance

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 01/14/2016

Draft 1: Negative financial impact could be significant. Significant IT staff costs to implement.

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/14/2015

Draft 1: Potentially negative impact on USEF revenue.

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 01/06/2016

Draft 1: Council feels that there needs more information/clarification of what the underlying purpose is.

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Referred 01/14/2016

Draft 1: referred to mid year

Jumper

Draft 1: Tabled 11/30/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 01/05/2016

Draft 1: The committee would like to see this withdrawn in favor of the two rules regarding outreach competitions.

RULE CHANGE TYPE

EFFECTIVE

BOARD ACTION

Standard

12/1/2016

Approved 1/16/2016

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1131 HUNTER AND EQUITATION DIVISIONS [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER GR-11-F AWARD SECTIONS]

GR1131 HUNTER AND EQUITATION DIVISIONS

[...]

3. In the Hunter division, points are calculated according to the Increment system. In "C" and "B" rated sections, points are determined by the number of horses that compete in the **first performance class of the section**; in "A" rated sections, points are determined by both the rating of the competition (based on scheduling restrictions of HU160) as well as the number of horses that compete **in the first performance class of the section**. Exception: National awards for ~~First and Second Year Green Hunter 3'0", 3'3", 3'6" and 3'9"~~, High Performance and Performance Working Hunter 3'3" and 3'6", Green Conformation Hunter 3'6", and ~~Regular High Performance~~ Conformation Hunter will be calculated using two systems towards two separate sets of national awards. The national Money Won Awards will be based on the money won by each horse in their respective section. The national Points Awards will be calculated according to the Increment System. Both money won and points won in hunter classics and the **USHJA International Hunter Derby** will be included. The money won and points won in the USHJA International Hunter Derby will only be awarded towards a declared Hunter section for HOTY points if a horse competes in the declared section a minimum of **5 five (5)** times during the competition year.

[...]

6. Points are calculated according to the Hunter Division Increment System utilizing a combination of the base points for each placing at each level of section rating and adding one point for each entry that competes in the first performance class. (**Exception: where individual classes may be entered except in** (High Performance Hunter, 3'6" Performance Hunter 3'6", and 3'3" Performance Hunter 3'3"), ~~where individual classes may be entered in which case the~~ points will be calculated by the number of entries that competed in each individual class (see HU106). In the under saddle classes points will be calculated on the number of horses entered. Points for competitions offering add-backs will be determined in the Federation Office when results and amount of prize money paid are received.

[...]

9. Hunter Division Section champions will be awarded 2.0 times the total 1st place point value of the first class in that section toward any National Horse of the Year point award based on points earned. Section reserve champions will be awarded 1.2 times the total 1st place value of the first class in that section towards any National Horse of the Year award based on points earned. Exception: For National Horse of the Year awards that are based on money won, Section Champions in the ~~First and Second Year Green Hunter 3'0", 3'3", 3'6" and 3'9"~~, High Performance Working Hunter, Green Conformation Hunter 3'6", Performance Working Hunters 3'3", Performance Working Hunters 3'6", and ~~Regular High Performance~~ Conformation Hunter will be awarded dollars equal to 10% of the total prize money offered for each respective section towards National Horse of the Year awards. Reserve Champions will be awarded dollars equal to the amount of 5% of the total prize money for each respective section.

10. Hunter Division Section Awards

a. Awards are offered from USHJA for the following at the Zone level: Children's Working Hunter Ponies, Children's Working Hunter Horses, Adult Amateur Working Hunter 18-35 Years Old, Adult Amateur Working Hunter Over 35 Years Old, ~~Pre-Green Hunter and Small Hunter and Thoroughbred Hunter.~~

[...]

11. Hunter Division Section awards are offered for the following at the Zone **level** from USHJA and National levels from the Federation:

a. Green Conformation Hunter 3'6", Green Working Hunter 3'0", 3'3", 3'6" and 3'9" – ~~First and Second Year, Regular High Performance~~ Conformation Hunter, High Performance Working Hunter, Performance Working Hunters 3'3", Performance Working Hunters 3'6", **Young Hunter 3'0", 3'3" and 3'6"**, Small Green Pony Working Hunter, Medium Green Pony Working Hunter, Large Green Pony Working Hunter, Small Pony Working Hunter, Medium Pony Working Hunter, Large Pony Working Hunter, Small Junior Working Hunter 15 yrs. & under, Small Junior Hunter 16-17 yrs., Large Junior Working Hunter 15 yrs. & under, Large Junior Working Hunter 16-17 yrs., Amateur Owner Hunter - 18-35 Years Old and Over 35 Years Old, Ladies Side Saddle, Amateur Owner **Hunter 3'3"** 18-35 Years Old and Over 35 Years Old, Small Hunter, and Junior Hunter 3'3".

[...]

12. Grand Champion Horse of the Year Awards are based on National points and are offered for the following Hunter sections:

a. Amateur Owner Hunter: awarded to the horse with the most points from the rider age sections of Amateur Owner **Hunter 3'6"**

b. Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3": awarded to the horse with the most points from the rider age sections of Amateur Owner **Hunter 3'3"**

c. Junior Hunter 15 Years & Younger: awarded to the horse with the most points in the 15 & Under rider age section of the 3'6" Junior Hunters

d. Junior Hunter 16-17 Years: awarded to the horse with the most points in the 16-17 rider age section of the 3'6" Junior Hunters

e. Pony Hunter: awarded to the pony with the most points from the small, medium and large Regular Hunter Pony sections

f. Green Hunter Pony: awarded to the pony with the most points from the small, medium and large Green Hunter Pony sections

g. Conformation Hunter: awarded to the horse with the most points from the ~~Regular~~ **High Performance** Conformation **Hunter** and Green Conformation Hunter **3'6"** sections

h. Green ~~Working~~ Hunter: awarded to the horse with the most points from the ~~1st year and 2nd year~~ Green Hunter **3'0"**, **3'3"**, **3'6"** and **3'9"**, sections.

i. High Performance ~~Working~~ Hunter: awarded to the horse with the most points from the High Performance ~~Working~~ Hunter section.

j. **Young Hunter: awarded to the horse with the most points from the Young Hunter 3'0", 3'3" and 3'6" sections.**

[Renumber as necessary]

PROPONENT

USHJA

Draft Received: 1/5/2016

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INTENT

Adding the Young Hunter 3', 3'3" and 3'6" section to the rule, and changing the names of the First and Second Year Green Hunter to include Green Hunter 3', 3'3", 3'6" and 3'9", striking the word Working from the rule, adding 3'6" to the name Green Conformation Hunter, and changing the name of Regular Conformation Hunter to High Performance Conformation Hunter.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Staff: IT - Approximately 10+ hours of IT work to create the new standings calculations to implement this rule.

Web: hunter and equitation divisions

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/22/2015

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/13/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/19/2015

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/05/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: No Comments

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/04/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/16/2016

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR 1131 HUNTER DIVISIONS [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 11-F AWARD SECTIONS]

GR1131 Hunter and Equitation Divisions

3. In the Hunter division, points are calculated according to the Increment system. In "C" and "B" rated sections, points are determined by the number of horses that compete in the section; in "A" rated sections, points are determined by both the rating of the competition (based on scheduling restrictions of HU160) as well as the number of horses that compete. Exception: National awards for First and Second Year Green Hunter, High Performance and Performance Working Hunter, Green Conformation Hunter, and Regular Conformation Hunter will be calculated using two systems towards two separate sets of national awards. The national Money Won Awards will be based on the money won by each horse in their respective section. The national Points Awards will be calculated according to the Increment System. Both money won and points won in hunter classics, ***the USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake*** and the international hunter derby will be included. The money won and points won in the USHJA International Hunter Derby ***and USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake*** will only be awarded towards a declared Hunter section for HOTY points if a horse competes in the declared section a minimum of 5 times during the competition year.

PROPONENT

USHJA

Draft Received: 9/1/2015

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INTENT

To include the USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake in the existing hunter HOTY bonus point and money won rule.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Staff: IT - Approximately 5+ hours of IT work to implement this rule.

Web: awards - hunter and eq divisions

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/22/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/08/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/10/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/16/2016

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR 1131 HUNTER DIVISIONS [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 11-F AWARD SECTIONS]

GR 1131 Hunter Divisions

3. In the Hunter division, points are calculated according to the Increment system. In "C" and "B" rated sections, points are determined by the number of horses that compete in the section; in "A" rated sections, points are determined by both the rating of the competition (based on scheduling restrictions of HU160) as well as the number of horses that compete. Exception: National awards for First and Second Year Green Hunter, High Performance and Performance Working Hunter, Green Conformation Hunter, and Regular Conformation Hunter will be calculated using two systems towards two separate sets of national awards. The national Money Won Awards will be based on the money won by each horse in their respective section. The national Points Awards will be calculated according to the Increment System. Both money won and points won in hunter classics and the ~~international hunter derby~~ **International Hunter Derby** will be included. The money won and points won in the USHJA International Hunter Derby will only be awarded towards a declared Hunter section for HOTY points if a horse competes in the declared section a minimum of 5 times during the competition year.

[...]

8. Number of entries. The number of entries for the Hunter Division is determined by the number of entries that compete in the first performance class of the section, except in sections where individual classes may be entered in which case the number of entries will be determined by the number of entries that competed in each individual class (see HU106). In the under saddle classes the number of entries will be determined by the number of horses entered. ~~Sections may not be split if there are less than 40 entries. Sections may be split if there are 40 but less than 50 entries. Sections must be split if there are more than 49 entries.~~ Competition management must post within 12 hours of the completion of the class, in a prominent place on the competition grounds, the number of entries that compete in the first performance class of each rated Hunter section, signed by the officiating Judge.

[...]

10. Hunter Division Section Awards

a. Awards are offered from USHJA for the following at the Zone level: Children's Working Hunter Ponies, Children's Working Hunter Horses, Adult Amateur Working Hunter 18-35 Years Old, Adult Amateur Working Hunter Over 35 Years Old, Pre-Green Hunter, Small Hunter ~~and Thoroughbred Hunter, USHJA Hunter 2'0", USHJA Hunter 2'3", USHJA Hunter 2'6", USHJA Hunter 2'9" and USHJA Hunter 3'0"~~. BOD 1/12/14 Effective 12/1/14.

b. The USHJA shall determine the Zone and/or Stirrup Cup HOTY points to be awarded for its USHJA Hunter Championships, Finals and Classes. The USHJA shall notify the Federation and publish the point scale to be utilized on the USHJA website a minimum of 120 days prior to the start of each event.

11. Hunter Division Section awards are offered for the following at the Zone from USHJA and National levels from the Federation:

a. Green Conformation Hunter, Green ~~Working~~ Hunter - First and Second Year, Regular Conformation Hunter, High Performance ~~Working~~ Hunter, Performance ~~Working~~ Hunters 3'3", Performance ~~Working~~ Hunters 3'6", Small Green Pony ~~Working~~ Hunter, Medium Green Pony ~~Working~~ Hunter, Large Green Pony ~~Working~~ Hunter, Small Pony ~~Working~~ Hunter, Medium Pony ~~Working~~ Hunter, Large Pony ~~Working~~ Hunter, Small Junior ~~Working~~ Hunter 15 yrs. & under, Small Junior ~~Working~~ Hunter 16-17 yrs., Large Junior ~~Working~~ Hunter 15 yrs. & under, Large Junior ~~Working~~ Hunter 16-17 yrs., Amateur Owner Hunter - 18-35 Years Old and Over 35 Years Old, Ladies Side Saddle, Amateur Owner 3'3" 18-35 Years Old and Over 35 Years Old, Small Hunter, ~~and Small Junior Hunter 3'3" 15 yrs. & under, Small Junior Hunter 3'3" 16-17 yrs., Large Junior Hunter 3'3" 15 yrs. and under and Large Junior Hunter 3'3" 16-17 yrs.~~

b. The USHJA shall determine the National HOTY points to be awarded for its USHJA Hunter Championships, Finals and Classes. The USHJA shall notify the Federation and publish the point scale to be utilized on the USHJA website a minimum of 120 days prior to the start of each event.

[...]

PROPONENT

USHJA

Draft Received: 9/1/2015

CONTACT

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INTENT

To add USHJA Hunter sections to the awards categories, to split the Junior Hunter awards into four categories, and to remove unnecessary language.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Staff: IT - Approximately 10+ hours of IT work to create rules to calculate the new awards.

Web: hunter divisions

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 01/13/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 01/05/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/10/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

4/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/16/2016

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1131 HUNTER AND EQUITATION DIVISIONS [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 11-F AWARD SECTIONS]

GR1131 Hunter and Equitation Divisions

12. USHJA Zone Rider of the Year Hunter Seat Equitation Division Awards.

Unless USHJA Zone Committees submit their specifications by August 1, the following specifications will apply for the Age Group Equitation Hunter section:

a. Awards are offered for the following at the Zone level: Equitation 14 and under, Equitation 15-17, Adult Equitation 18-35 and Adult Equitation 36 and over.

d. **Competition management may offer Age Group Equitation classes divided at their discretion.** Equitation that is offered by age and then combined at the competition will be awarded points and points that will be credited to the correct age groups **defined in GR1131.12.a or the relevant Zone Specifications** in the appropriate section. ~~Classes restricted in any other way than outlined above will not count for points (i.e. Amateur/Owner Equitation; Equitation classes that are not offered in the prize list split by age; and all medal classes).~~

e. ~~Equitation 14 and under and Equitation 15-17 classes~~ **Age Group Equitation classes for junior riders** to be shown over a course of not less than eight fences and the fence heights cannot exceed 3'6" **(or 1.10 m when class specifications list fence height in metric)** and wings are optional.

f. ~~Adult Equitation 18-35 and Adult Equitation 36+ classes~~ **Age Group Equitation classes for adult amateurs** to be shown over a course of not less than eight fences and the fence height cannot exceed 3'3" **(or 1.0m when class specifications list fence height in metric)**.

g. The USHJA shall determine the Zone and/or Stirrup Cup HOTY points to be awarded for its USHJA Equitation Championships, Finals and Classes. The USHJA shall notify the Federation and publish the point scale to be utilized on the USHJA website a minimum of 120 days prior to the start of each event.

PROPONENT

USHJA

Draft Received: 9/1/2015

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INTENT

A Presidential Modification was requested and approved for the 2015 competition year to correct widespread confusion with the awarding of points for the Age Group Equitation sections. This rule change will allow competition managers the option to divide age group equitation classes at their discretion and still have the points count for the appropriate Zone HOTY awards. Additionally, a clarification regarding maximum fence heights in metric was added.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: hunter and eq divisions

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/01/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/19/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/10/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

4/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/16/2016

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR901 Requirements [CHAPTER 9 Competition Prize Lists and Entries] **Add****GR901 Requirements**

See GR1212 for procedures regarding submitting prize lists to the Federation office. The prize list of every Licensed Competition must contain the following:

1. Federation Page. This must be printed in its entirety and placed in a conspicuous position in the prize list of each Licensed Competition in typeface large enough to be easily legible. If a Licensed Competition prints a catalogue, the Federation page must be included and the competition is urged to instruct its announcer to invite the attention of spectators to this page at each session.
2. Classification of competition and level or ratings of divisions or sections on the Federation Page.
3. Entry blank, which must contain the rule to be signed by each exhibitor, rider, driver, handler, coach and trainer(s), or his/her agent(s). (See GR908).
4. Names of the officiating judges with the division(s) in which they will adjudicate and the names of the Federation stewards or technical delegates, provided they have accepted to serve. (See GR706.1j) Both division and sections to be adjudicated must be listed for breed division judges, provided they have accepted to serve. (See GR 706.1j)
5. List of competition officials. (See GR113).
6. The name of the Licensee (see GR132 and GR304.2) and the name of the Chief Executive Officer or the person with the largest ownership interest.
7. The name of the Hunter and Jumper and/or Trail course designer or responsible person. Exception: Arabian, American Saddlebred, Morgan and Andalusian/Lusitano divisions.
8. The name of the veterinarian and, if on call, the phone number where he can be reached during the competition. If not known, the prize list must state where the information will be posted during the competition. ***If not included in the prize list, competition management must submit to the Federation the designated competition veterinarian's contact information no less than seven (7) days prior to the start of competition.***
9. The following statement must be published in BOLD TYPE for all Regular Competitions; Eventing Competitions at the Preliminary Level or above, Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level, Dressage Competitions, Endurance Rides and Vaulting Competitions:

(See GR828.4 of the Federation rules).

Life, senior active and junior active members shall be eligible to participate in all classes at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Preliminary Level or above and Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level, Dressage, Reining and Vaulting Competitions and Endurance Rides. A non-member may participate as a handler, rider, driver, owner, lessee, agent, coach or trainer at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions, Dressage Competitions, Reining Competitions and Combined Driving Competitions upon payment of a \$30 Show Pass fee. Participants in the following classes are exempted from the Requirements of this rule: 1) leadline; 2) exhibitions; 3) games and races; 4) classes for 4-H members; 5) walk trot and academy classes (academy classes are classes limited to horses used regularly in a lesson program); 6) USDF introductory level tests, pas de deux and quadrille classes; 7) NRHA Endorsed Reining Competitions. 8) Opportunity classes, 9) citizens of other nations who have proof, in English, of current membership in good standing of their own National Federation, 10) USEA beginner novice division; and 11) assistant handlers in Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes.

10. Complete class description and judging specifications for all classes offered that are not included in this Rule Book must either be included in the Prize List or referred in the Prize List to a conspicuous place on the competition's web site.

PROPONENT

Veterinary

CONTACT

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Draft Received: 1/15/2016

INTENT

The intent of this rule is for all competition managers to provide the contact information for the competition veterinarian (on the grounds or on-call) to the Federation in order to disseminate educational materials to all designated competition veterinarians.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Staff: IT - Approximately 10+ hours of IT work to create a system to manage the data

Web: veterinarians contact information

COMMITTEE ACTIONS**American Saddlebred**

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/18/2015

Draft 2: No Action

Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Approve of the intent but should be moved to Chapter 12 Duties of Competition Management as they hire the vet and would have this information.

Draft 2: No Comments

Draft 3: No Comments

Andalusian/Lusitano

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/21/2015

Draft 2: No Action

Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: This should be the responsibility of show management, not steward. Also, should say "veterinarian or vet clinic contact information" as many shows hire a clinic instead of a specific vet.

Draft 2: No Comments

Draft 3: No Comments

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2015

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/01/2015

Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Should be manager's responsibility

Draft 2: No Comments

Draft 3: No Comments

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/12/2015

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/01/2015

Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Responsibility of Show Management, not Steward

Draft 2: No Comments

Draft 3: No Comments

Competition Management

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/14/2015

Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: USEF should send a mass communication to competitions asking them to provide the names of the Vets they use and then USEF should contact those Vets with necessary information.

Draft 3: No Comments

Connemara

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/04/2015

Draft 2: No Action

Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Approve of the intent, but this should be the responsibility of competition management. The stewards and TDs are often not at the competition 7 days prior, and this rule change should be moved to the appropriate section for competition management.

Draft 2: No Comments

Draft 3: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/15/2016

Draft 3: Recommends Approval 01/15/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: No Comments

Draft 3: Council approved previous draft with the understanding that it would be moved to chapter 9.

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/14/2016
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 01/15/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: Council approved previous draft with the understanding that it would be moved to chapter 9.

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Tabled 12/22/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/14/2016
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 01/15/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Approved with amendment to move to the rule section regarding prize lists
Draft 3: Council approved previous draft with the understanding that it would be moved to chapter 9.

Dressage

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/13/2016
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Driving

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Endurance

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Eventing

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/03/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/16/2015
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 01/15/2016

Draft 1: The TD is not always aware of the name of the Veterinarian until they have arrived at the competition grounds. This responsibility lies with competition management.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/11/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/01/2015
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Change to "Manager" not "Steward"
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Hackney

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/18/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Committee suggests that this information should be required in the prize list. When USEF staff reviews the prize list they can then record contact information to disseminate materials. If it's not included in prize list, then should be noted in comments to manager as a reminder to submit at least 7 days prior to the start of the competition.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Jumper

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action 11/30/2015
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Morgan

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/10/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/01/2015
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Should be responsibility of Show Management who hires the vet, not Steward
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/19/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 01/05/2016
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: This committee would approve if the language was amended to say Veterinarian contact information must be provided to the Federation if it has not been provided in the prize list already.
Draft 3: No Comments

National Show Horse

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/11/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/01/2015
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Show management should be responsible for this- not the steward
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

ParaEquestrian

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Paso Fino

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/27/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Information from the Federation should be sent to competition managers to disseminate as needed. Would recommend editing GR901.8 to expand current prize list requirement.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Reining

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Roadster

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/02/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Agree with concept but should be duty of Competition Manager not Steward or TD.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/04/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Agree with concept but should be moved to duties of Competition Management as they hire the official vet.
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Shetland

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/20/2015
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Steward-Technical Delegate Committee

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/11/2015
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Committee disapproves this rule change and believes this should be the responsibility of show Management. Committee also feels this would be hard to police and difficult to enforce.
Draft 3: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 12/10/2015
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: There is already a requirement for this information to be listed in the competition prize list. Perhaps that requirement needs to be examined to make certain it contains language to fully describe the information needed. Additionally, the vet is employed by the competition and not by the Federation so it makes sense to be consistent that the Licensee provide this information.
Draft 3: No Comments

Vaulting

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Veterinary

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 11/30/2015
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Welsh

Draft 1: No Action 11/12/2015

Draft 2: No Action

Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: This is not the steward's responsibility, but competition management. This information should be available in the prize list.

Draft 2: No Comments

Draft 3: No Comments

Western Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/09/2015

Draft 2: No Action

Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Agree with the concept but needs to be duty of competition management not steward.

Draft 2: No Comments

Draft 3: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/04/2015

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/01/2015

Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: Change responsibility to Manager

Draft 2: No Comments

Draft 3: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2017

BOARD ACTION

Referred 1/16/2016

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1211.5f Appointment of Officials and Employees [CHAPTER 12-C Duties of Competition Management in General]**Competition management shall:**

1. *have an isolation protocol for horses suspected of infectious disease in place prior to the start of the competition;*
2. *ensure that all competition officials, including Stewards and/or Technical Delegates, and competition staff are advised of the isolation protocol prior to the start of competition;*
3. *confirm that the protocol is distributed accordingly; and*
4. *ensure that the Steward and/or Technical Delegate submits a copy of the protocol to the Federation along with the Steward or Technical Delegate Report.*

PROPONENT

Veterinary

Draft Received: 12/15/2015

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INTENT

The intent of this rule is to protect horses from the potential of widespread infectious disease at competition grounds. Competition management should be prepared for the potential that an infected horse enters the competition grounds. In the event that this occurs, competition management must have an isolation protocol in place to protect other horses from contracting the disease. The isolation protocol may include designated stalls on the competition grounds, or nearby. All officials and staff must be made aware of the protocol prior to the start of competition. The delay in the effective date would allow for proper education of competition managers as to what are good isolation practices and to assist competitions in developing appropriate plans.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: Isolation protocol

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

American Saddlebred

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/18/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: Committee feels that mandating a protocol would be a detriment to a competition being licensed by USEF. A mandate rather than a suggested practice would be a burden on competition management. A number of competitions do not have facilities to accommodate a separate isolation area on the grounds or nearby. Our exhibitors are very conscientious in monitoring our horses' health therefore committee does not feel a mandate is necessary.
Draft 2: No Comments

Andalusian/Lusitano

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/21/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: Suggests adding this to the accident preparedness plan instead of requiring separate submission. Suggests removing the word stall in .2 as some facilities may not have "stalls" for isolation.
Draft 2: No Comments

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: It is premature to create a rule; better to gather information and then define minimal basic criteria developed by USEF. Protocols may vary based on the infectious disease and the recommendations of state vets as to good procedures
Draft 2: No Comments

Breeds/Disciplines

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/12/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: Should initially send surveys to show managers and gather information during the initial phase and then define minimal guidelines. Shows should work in concert with state veterinarian's recommendations
Draft 2: No Comments

Competition Management

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 01/13/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Recommend that the vet committee and the competition management committee discuss this further and put this forward at the mid-year meeting

Connemara

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/04/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action 12/14/2015
Draft 2: Referred 01/15/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 01/06/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: In general the concept is good but verbiage needs work.

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/22/2015
Draft 2: Referred 01/14/2016

Draft 1: this is better addressed by providing a best practice protocol on the website
Draft 2: referred to mid year

Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/03/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 01/13/2016

Draft 1: Recommend disapproval of this RCP as currently written. See comments from other committees. Make more workable for competition management.
Draft 2: Management should not have to monitor or ensure that steward/TD submits copy with report

Driving

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Endurance

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Eventing

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/03/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/16/2015

Draft 1: The Eventing Committee would approve if the word "stalls" was removed from GR1211.5 f.1, thus requiring competitions to provide adequate isolation e.g.. Many Eventing Competitions do not offer stabling or they allow competitors to trailer in for the day.
Draft 2: No Comments

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/11/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Hackney

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/18/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: Not all competitions will have access to a place to totally isolate horses. It is situational on how these cases should be handled. It should be left to management and the vet to figure out the best solution for the situation. If a protocol is going to be mandated then more information on the guidelines of the protocol should be provided.
Draft 2: No Comments

Jumper

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/30/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 01/12/2016

Draft 1: Just to say an isolation protocol shall be in place could mean anything for the actual protocol. If we're going to add a rule, it needs to be specific as to what the protocol needs to be.
Draft 2: The rule is still too general and gives no specifics for a protocol. The rule also needs to address the differences between a one day competition with no stabling versus a 5+ day competition, or even large competitions that are multiple weeks.

Legal Review

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Morgan

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/10/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: no much oversight/restrictions/costs
Draft 2: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/19/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 01/05/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: If we are going to add a rule it needs to be specific to what the protocol will be.

National Show Horse

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/11/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: Vet committee should recommend minimal guidelines
Draft 2: No Comments

ParaEquestrian

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Paso Fino

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/23/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: Some competitions do not have extra stalls available or stalls separate from main barns. Horses may need to leave facility instead. Protocol may differ depending on situation.
Draft 2: No Comments

Reining

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Roadster

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/02/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: Understand concern but this is one more thing to make it difficult to hold a Federation licensed competition.
Draft 2: No Comments

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/04/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: Understand intent but this would be one more reason for shows to leave USEF as it would cause a financial detriment to management with extra cost of stalls, and over burden officials.
Draft 2: No Comments

Shetland

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/20/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Steward-Technical Delegate Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/11/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/14/2016

Draft 1: Committee feels that more information should be available and a defined basic criteria developed. Protocols will vary based on the infectious disease. Competition conditions could make this difficult to implement successfully depending on the size of the show and the restrictions of the facilities.
Draft 2: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/10/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: Different diseases require different protocols which vary state to state and/or across geographic areas. The proposal does not address how to manage this requirement at competitions without stabling or provide how to find the resources to create a plan.
Draft 2: No Comments

Vaulting

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Veterinary

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/17/2015

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Welsh

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/12/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Western Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/09/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: Agree with concept but may not be feasible at all competitions. Making it a requirement will be burdensome for small shows.
Draft 2: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/04/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

EO REASON

N/A

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1301 General [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 13-A RESPONSIBILITIES]

9. All cell phones or devices with ear buds used while mounted are prohibited in all hunter and jumper schooling areas. Exception: Pre-approved devices for those with a bona fide need.

PROPONENT

Glena Wirtanen

Draft Received: 7/27/2015

CONTACT

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INTENT

To increase safety for all riders and horses.

POTENTIAL IMPACT

None

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: cell phones and ear buds

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Arabian**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2015**Draft 1:** If needed, place in applicable division rules.**Carriage Pleasure Driving****Draft 1:** No Action**Draft 1:** No Comments**Council - Intl Discipline****Draft 1:** No Action**Draft 1:** No Comments**Council - Natl Breed & Discipline****Draft 1:** No Action**Draft 1:** No Comments

Friesian

Draft 1: No Action 11/11/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Jumper

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/30/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Morgan

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/10/2015

Draft 1: Should not be in GR rules; should be in respective discipline chapter rules

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Tabled 10/19/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

National Show Horse

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/11/2015

Draft 1: Put in Division specific rules

USHJA

Draft 1: Referred 12/10/2015

Draft 1: Referred to January Meeting

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/04/2015

Draft 1: Safety issue. Place in appropriate division rules

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

4/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1301.9 General [CHAPTER 13-A Responsibilities]**9. Safety stirrups with a rubber band and hook design are prohibited for use on competition grounds.**

PROPONENT

Safety

Draft Received: 8/28/2015

CONTACT

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INTENT

Safety stirrups designed with rubber bands and hooks pose a significant threat to the safety of riders as they dismount. In dismounting, riders' clothing could get caught on the hook. Even more dangerously, the hook could rip through riders' pants or lacerate the groin area and genitals. There have been several reported incidents of riders being injured by these safety stirrups and it is therefore necessary that the Federation prohibit its use to protect the wellbeing of our members.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: safety stirrups

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

American Saddlebred**Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/18/2015**Draft 1:** Feels the good outweighs the bad**Andalusian/Lusitano****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/21/2015**Draft 1:** No Comments**Arabian****Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/13/2015**Draft 1:** Are there statistics?**Breeds/Disciplines****Draft 1:** No Action**Draft 1:** No Comments

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/12/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Connemara

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/04/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/14/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 01/06/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/22/2015

Draft 1: the benefits of these stirrups may outweigh the risk; need more data to support banning them

Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/03/2015

Draft 1: This Committee feels that there are many more accidents that have been prevented in the last few decades from the use of these types of safety stirrups than have been caused.

Driving

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Endurance

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Eventing

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/03/2015

Draft 1: As this is the only safety stirrup available in a smaller size and for a reasonable amount of money, the Eventing Committee feels the rule change proposal, if passed, would be cost-prohibitive for many and may cause competitors to revert to regular stirrups.

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/11/2015

Draft 1: Over-reaction to a few issues

Hackney

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/18/2015

Draft 1: These stirrups have prevented injuries to several riders.

Jumper

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/30/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Morgan

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/10/2015

Draft 1: 1 incident should not create a rule

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 01/05/2016

Draft 1: Safety stirrups save more people than they hurt.

National Show Horse

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/11/2015

Draft 1: Provide statistics to justify a rule change

ParaEquestrian

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Paso Fino

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/23/2015

Draft 1: Committee feels that the benefits of safety stirrups outweigh the risks and would like to see statistics.

Reining

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Roadster

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/02/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: No Action 11/04/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Shetland

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/20/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/10/2015

Draft 1: This sport is inherently dangerous and there are many situations that without proper management could become dangerous. These stirrups have been successfully utilized in the sport for many years to prevent dragging incidents and it is incumbent on the educational personnel to inform users of potential risks.

Vaulting

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Welsh

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/12/2015

Draft 1: Accidents like the one mentioned can happen, but how many more riders do these safety stirrups benefit than they harm?

Western Committee

Draft 1: No Action 11/09/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/04/2015

Draft 1: Best option available; no good alternatives. How many have they helped?

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

4/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/16/2016

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR 1310 Dispensations [CHAPTER GR1 Definitions and Governance]

1. Dispensation Certificate. Any individual with a diagnosed permanent physical disability wishing to compete in a Federation licensed competition with a compensatory aid and/or adaptive equipment must obtain a Dispensation Certificate from the Adaptive Sports Committee, **including those individuals with a current USEF or FEI Classification**. Upon the Committee's approval, a Dispensation Certificate will be issued by the Federation. The Dispensation Certificate will list all compensatory aids and adaptive equipment allowed the individual while competing. Other compensatory aids or special equipment not specifically listed on the Dispensation Certificate are not allowed. A copy of the Dispensation Certificate must be included with the individual's entry. The competition manager or secretary shall include a copy attached to all applicable scoring sheets for the judge's reference. For instructions on how to apply for the Dispensation Certificate, please refer to GR1312. Also see GR1315 for definitions of terms used in this section. (Exception: Dispensation certificates are not required for Breed or Multi-breed restricted or Hunter competitions or classes; Equitation Division classes, Carriage Pleasure Driving Division, or the Open Western Division). 2. In circumstances that fall outside of the dispensation program, a Presidential Modification may be considered. Please refer to GR152 and Bylaw 332.1.f.

PROPONENT

ParaEquestrian

Draft Received: 8/28/2015

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INTENT

Align USEF rules with FEI rules.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: Dispensations

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Intl Discipline**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/15/2015**Draft 1:** No Comments**Dressage****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/03/2015**Draft 1:** No Comments**Driving****Draft 1:** No Action**Draft 1:** No Comments**USHJA****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/10/2015**Draft 1:** No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

4/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/16/2016

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1316 Accidents Involving Competitors [CHAPTER 13-E Return to Competition]

1. This rule pertains to accidents involving competitors at Federation Licensed or Endorsed competitions.
2. In the event of a fall/accident where the competitor is apparently unconscious or concussed, he/she is precluded from competing until evaluated by qualified medical personnel as defined in GR1211.5. If the competitor refuses to be evaluated, he/she is disqualified from the competition.
3. A time-out may be called under paragraph 2 in accordance with applicable division rules.
4. Unconsciousness/Concussion. If qualified medical personnel determine that a competitor has sustained unconsciousness or a concussion, he/she must be precluded from competing until cleared to compete under paragraph 6, below.
5. Medical Suspension. Any competitor who is determined ineligible to compete under any of the preceding paragraphs will be placed on the Federation Medical Suspension List that will be posted on the Federation's website.
6. Return to Competition.
 - a. ~~Seniors:~~ In the event that a competitor is determined to be ineligible to compete under one of the preceding paragraphs, the competitor shall submit to the Federation, a signed release, which includes criteria established by the Federation from time to time, completed by a licensed physician in order to be eligible to once again compete in Federation Licensed or Endorsed Competition.
 - b. ~~Juniors:~~ In the event a Junior competitor is determined to be ineligible to compete under one of the preceding paragraphs, the following apply:
 - i. ~~No loss of consciousness but with brief symptoms of concussion e.g. confusion, loss of memory, altered mental state (all symptoms of concussion must have resolved within 15 minutes both at rest and exercise) — minimum 7 days mandatory suspension. The day of injury counts as the first day of the suspension period.~~
 - ii. ~~Any loss of consciousness, however brief, or symptoms of concussion persisting after 15 minutes — minimum 21 days mandatory suspension. The day of injury counts as the first day of the suspension period.~~
 - iii. ~~Notwithstanding the above, riders who have established a baseline neurocognitive skills level through a Federation approved testing program e.g. IMPACT test, may return to competition after 7 days upon submission to the Federation of certification that they have passed an exam establishing that they have suffered no impairment of that level. In addition, they must submit clearance as required in a above.~~
1. ~~All other riders may, at the expiration of the mandatory suspension, return to competition by complying with the requirements of a above.~~
7. For all competitors evaluated pursuant to this rule, the Steward or Technical Delegate shall submit a properly completed Accident/Injury Form, and if applicable, any corresponding signed release to the Federation Director of Competitions by 6:00 p.m. on the day following the last day of the competition.
8. Refusal of Entry. Competitions shall refuse entries of any competitor who is on the Federation Medical Suspension List unless he submits to the Federation a properly signed release as described in paragraph 6, above. Any competitor on the Federation Medical Suspension List is responsible for not competing in any further Federation Licensed or Endorse competition until they are removed from the medical suspension list.
9. Substitution. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the rules herein, if an entry is accepted prior to the time the competitor was added to the Federation Medical Suspension List, a substitute competitor may be named.
10. Refund. Notwithstanding any other provision of the rules herein, for any competitor who appears on the Federation Medical Suspension List, a Federation Licensed or Endorse Competition shall refund the entry fees and Jumper nominating fee, if applicable, less office fee.

PROPONENT

Safety

CONTACT

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INTENT

The intent of this rule change is to keep with modern concussion research. It is suggested that return to play rules be based on a medical professional's opinion, and not on minimum mandatory suspensions.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: accidents involving competitors

COMMITTEE ACTIONS**American Saddlebred**

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/18/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Andalusian/Lusitano

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/21/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Arabian

Draft 1: Recommends Approval

Draft 1: No Comments

Breeds/Disciplines

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Carriage Pleasure Driving

Draft 1: Recommends Approval

Draft 1: No Comments

Connemara

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/04/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/14/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 01/14/2016

Draft 1: Further clarification is needed.

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/22/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Dressage

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Draft 1: No Comments

Eventing

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/03/2015

Draft 1: The Committee feels that allowing any "licensed physician" to complete a release may not serve the purpose intended by this proposed change.

Friesian

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/11/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Hackney

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Draft 1: No Comments

Morgan

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Draft 1: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

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Draft 1: No Comments

National Show Horse

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/11/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Paso Fino

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/23/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Roadster

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/02/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

Saddle Seat Eq

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Draft 1: No Comments

Shetland

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Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

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Draft 1: No Comments

Welsh

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Draft 1: No Comments

Western Committee

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Draft 1: No Comments

Western Dressage

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/04/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE	EFFECTIVE	BOARD ACTION
Standard	12/1/2016	Approved 1/16/2016

PROPOSED CHANGE

EQ102 Judging [CHAPTER EQ-1 REGULATIONS FOR ALL SEATS]

EQ102 Judging

1. SOUNDNESS. Unsoundness does not penalize a competitor unless it is sufficiently severe to impair the required performance. In such cases, the imposition of a penalty is at the judge's discretion. *(Exception: Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes held at Hunter Jumper Competitions where, in a case of unsoundness sufficiently severe to impair the required performance, the judge(s) must eliminate the competitor from that class and inform the competition manager, who in conjunction with the Official Veterinarian and the Steward, will evaluate disqualifying the horse from further participation in the competition.)*

PROPONENT	CONTACT
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INTENT
<p>To clarify soundness for hunter/jumping seat equitation classes at Hunter Jumper competitions, and to provide judges with the authority to excuse an unsound horse from the competition ring.</p>

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: judging

COMMITTEE ACTIONS	
Council - Natl Breed & Discipline	
Draft 1: No Action	Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/22/2015	Draft 2: No Comments
National Hunter Committee	
Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/19/2015	Draft 1: No Comments
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Saddle Seat Eq

Draft 1: No Action 11/04/2015
Draft 1: No Action 11/04/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: Concerned with Judge making a call whether or not horse is unsound. Will revisit after Western Committee reviews rule.
Draft 1: Concerned with Judge making a call whether or not horse is unsound. Will revisit after Western Committee reviews rule.
Draft 2: No Comments

Safety

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Steward-Technical Delegate Committee

Draft 1: No Action
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Draft 2: No Comments

USHJA

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Draft 2: No Comments

Western Committee

Draft 1: No Action 11/09/2015
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
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RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/16/2016

PROPOSED CHANGE

EQ 103 ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

EQ103 Eligibility to Compete

1. In order to compete in any Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes at licensed competitions as an exhibitor, rider, trainer, or his/her agent(s), a person must be an Active member of the United States Hunter Jumper Association, Inc., or pay a Show Pass fee to the United States Hunter Jumper Association, Inc. Exception: Local Competitions and exceptions listed in GR901.9. Exception: Breed restricted Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes.

2. USHJA Horse Registrations

a. All horses competing in Federation ~~licensed and/or USHJA sanctioned non-breed restricted licensed~~ competitions with ~~Hunter, Hunter Breeding, Jumper and Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes not restricted by breed~~ (except those activities enumerated in GR901.9, items 1-9) must be properly identified ~~in accordance with GR1101~~, and must obtain a Registration Number from ~~also be registered with~~ USHJA (~~see GR1101.1~~). ~~A The USEF/USHJA registration number for each horse must be entered on all entry forms for licensed competitions. Only one Registration Number will be issued per horse, and must remain with the horse throughout its career. Anyone knowingly applying for a duplicate Registration Number for an individual horse may be subject to disciplinary action. The Federation and/or USHJA as applicable must be notified of any change of ownership and/or competition name of the horse. Owners are requested to notify the Federation and/or USHJA as applicable of corrections to previously submitted information, e.g., names, addresses, breed registration, pedigree, or markings.~~

b. Applications for ~~USHJA~~ Registration Numbers can be completed online at www.ushja.org or www.usef.org using the ~~USEF~~ Horse Registration application form. ~~The Horse application~~ ~~This~~ form is also available from the USHJA or Federation office, or it can be ~~as a~~ downloaded from the USHJA or Federation website or from competition management. Competition management is responsible for notifying exhibitors of this requirement in their prize list.

3.1 In addition to the provisions of EQ 103.2, on or after December 1, 2017, all horses competing in classes that require USHJA horse registration must provide a microchip number that verifies their animal's identity in order to compete for points, money won or be eligible for Federation and/or USHJA programs and awards where horses are required to be recorded or registered.

3.2 A microchip used to verify identity must be a fifteen digit ISO compliant 11784/11785 chip and be implanted in the nuchal ligament of the animal.

3.3 For classes that require age verification, age can be verified only through the following identification documents:

- a. registration papers or passport issued by a world breed federation sport horse (WBFSH) recognized registry.
- b. registration papers or Certificate of Pedigree from a breed or sport horse registry.

3.4 This rule will have a transition period from December 1, 2017 to November 30, 2018. During this period, animals that are not in compliance with this rule will not receive points or be eligible for Federation and/or USHJA programs and awards. After this period, all horses that are competing in classes which require USHJA registration which are not microchipped will be ineligible to compete in Federation licensed competitions.

Re-number successive:

3. Adults can ride ponies in Adult Hunter Seat Equitation classes, suitability to count; however, these ponies cannot cross enter into the rated Regular and Green Pony Hunter sections at the same competition.

PROPONENT

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INTENT

Horse identification is important to both consumer confidence and the future of our sport. This rule provides a structured roll out for implementation of horse identification through initial registration and recordings, transfers and name changes. It also requires verifiable identification for animals that compete in age or breed restricted sections. Owners of animals that are already entered into the system would not be required to identify their animal unless a name change or transfer are requested. Owners may request identification on a voluntary basis.

The rule also offers two different forms of identification through the use of either Iris Scan or implanted microchip.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Staff: IT - Approximately 40+ hours of IT work to implement this rule change.

Web: eligibility to compete

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Admin & Finance

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Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 12/14/2015
Draft 4: No Action
Draft 5: No Action

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Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

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Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
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Draft 3: No Action
Draft 4: Recommends Approval 01/14/2016
Draft 5: Recommends Approval 01/14/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
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Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: approve with amendment
Draft 5: No Comments

Legal Review

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Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

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Draft 5: No Action

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Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

USHJA

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Draft 3: Recommends Approval 12/10/2015
Draft 4: No Action
Draft 5: No Action

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Draft 3: No Comments
Draft 4: No Comments
Draft 5: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

Referred 1/16/2016

PROPOSED CHANGE

EQ 103 ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

EQ103 Eligibility to Compete

3. Adults can ride ponies in Adult Hunter Seat Equitation classes, suitability to count. ***Ponies shown by an adult at a Licensed Competition cannot compete in any sections or classes at the same competition with a junior rider. (Exception: Breed restricted classes at multi-breed/discipline competitions.);*** however, these ponies cannot cross enter into the rated Regular and Green Pony Hunter sections at the same competition.

PROPONENT

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INTENT

To define the restrictions regarding adults riding ponies at hunter/jumper competitions.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: eligibility to compete

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline**Draft 1:** No Action**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 12/22/2015**Draft 1:** No Comments**Draft 2:** No Comments**National Hunter Committee****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/19/2015**Draft 2:** Recommends Disapproval 01/05/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments**Draft 2:** The committee would like to see the restriction limited to classes restricted to ponies.**USHJA****Draft 1:** No Action**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 12/10/2015**Draft 1:** No Comments**Draft 2:** No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

PROPOSED CHANGE

EQ 105 APPOINTMENTS [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

EQ105 Appointments

1. Protective headgear. All riders must wear protective headgear. See GRS01.2. While competing in a class, if a rider's chin strap becomes unfastened, the rider may stop refasten the chin strap and continue his/her performance without penalty or elimination. A judge may, but is not required, to stop a rider and ask them to refasten a chin strap which has become unfastened, again without penalty to the rider. Headgear must be free from non-traditional adornment.

2. Attire. Riders are required to wear conservatively colored coats (black, blue, green, grey or brown) which are free from adornment which in the judge's opinion is overly distracting. ***Riders may wear a safety vest either over or in lieu of a coat.*** Shirts must have a choker, similar collar or tie. Breeches may be buff, canary, tan, rust or white.

PROPONENT

USHJA

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INTENT

To define the use of safety vests in the equitation ring.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: appointments

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline**Draft 1:** No Action**Draft 1:** No Comments**National Hunter Committee****Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 12/08/2015**Draft 1:** The committee would like to see "in lieu of" removed.**USHJA****Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 12/10/2015**Draft 1:** No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

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BOARD ACTION

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PROPOSED CHANGE

EQ 105 APPOINTMENTS & EQ107 Class Routine [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ 2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

EQ105.5 Tack

[...]

c. Boots and conservative colored bandages are permitted. Type of saddle is optional. Martingales are permitted in classes over obstacles and in the jumping phase of classes requiring both jumping and flat work. ***Martingales are not permitted on the flat in any class or phase unless class specifications allow their use.*** Changing of bits between phases is permissible.

EQ107 Class Routine

[...]

2. Flat Classes and Flat Phases.

a. In Hunter Seat or Jumping Seat Equitation flat classes or phases, judges must work competitors in groups of twenty (20) or less.

b. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required

c. Martingales are not permitted on the flat in any class or phase unless class specifications allow their use.

dc. Competitors shall proceed at least once around the ring at each gait and, on command, reverse and repeat. The order to re-verse can be executed by turning either toward or away from the rail. Entries then line up on command.

ed. All tests must be on the flat.

fe. In addition to the class requirements of EQ110 and EQ112, in Intermediate, Open Equitation classes for riders 12 years of age and older, ASPCA Maclay classes, and all U.S. Hunter Seat Medal classes, riders may be asked to work collectively without stirrups.

gf. In addition to the class requirements of EQ110 and EQ112, in Open Equitation classes for riders 12 years of age and older, ASPCA Maclay classes, and all U.S. Hunter Seat Medal classes, judges may call for more advanced flatwork such as shoulder in, shoulder out, haunches in, haunches out, and changing direction collectively.

PROPONENT

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INTENT

To clarify that unless the specifications for a particular class specifically allow for it, martingales of any type are not permitted on the flat in any class or phase.

Web: martingales

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Draft 1: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

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USHJA

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PROPOSED CHANGE

EQ105 Appointments [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

6. When showing in the Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation section it is recommended that riders use traditional stainless steel stirrup irons that promote proper position of the foot in the iron as well as a correct leg position. It is further recommended that riders use stirrup irons that allow judges a clear and unobstructed view of the position of the foot in the stirrup. Judges may not eliminate a rider for using a particular style of stirrup iron. (Exception: see EQ101.4)

6. Stirrups must be silver in color or non-colored stainless steel. Riders entering the ring with stirrups that do not conform will be eliminated. (Exception: quick release safety stirrups and stirrups with jointed branches are permitted when the remaining area of the stirrup branch is silver in color or non-colored stainless steel and does not unduly obscure the judge's view of the rider's foot in the stirrup.)

PROPONENT

National Hunter Committee

Draft Received: 11/11/2015

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INTENT

This rule change will provide a recommendation for appropriate stirrups for use in the Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation division.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: Appointments - Black Stirrups

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/22/2015

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Draft 2: No Comments

USHJA

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Draft 2: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

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BOARD ACTION

PROPOSED CHANGE

EQ 105.6 APPOINTMENTS [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ 2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

EQ 105.6 APPOINTMENTS

6. Stirrups must be silver in color or non-colored stainless steel. ***The use of stirrups other than described herein in any equitation class will result in an automatic score of 50.*** ~~Riders entering the ring with stirrups that do not conform will be eliminated.~~ (Exception: quick release safety stirrups and stirrups with jointed branches are permitted when the remaining area of the stirrup branch is silver in color or non-colored stainless steel and does not unduly obscure the judge's view of the rider's foot in the stirrup.)

PROPONENT

USHJA

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INTENT

In areas of the country with smaller classes the elimination for the use of illegal stirrup irons is preventing classes from filling. By changing the repercussions for using illegal irons the offending rider would be suitably affected in an adverse way without jeopardizing the class counting for the other exhibitors.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: appointments - stirrups

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 10/19/2015

Draft 1: The committee would like to see this rule change withdrawn in favor of the language they submitted to fix the stirrup rule.

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/10/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

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12/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

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PROPOSED CHANGE

EQ106 Conduct [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

3. DIVISION OF CLASSES.

a. In Hunter/Jumping Seat, ***if there are 40 or more entries at the beginning of the class, it may be divided and run as two separate sections.*** All classes with 50 or more entries at the beginning of the class must be divided and run as two separate sections with separate trophies and ribbons; for Hunter/Jumping Seat, a "California split" method, as defined in HU112.5, must be used if the class requires numerical scores. (Exception: Regional and National Equitation Finals and all Equitation Classics)

b. If there are 50 or more entries remaining in a class after a class has been divided, the class must be re-divided by every other number and separate trophies and ribbons must be awarded.

PROPONENT

National Hunter Committee

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INTENT

To add guidelines for when Equitation classes may be divided. This language currently exists in the specifications for the US Hunter Seat Medal and the USEF Talent Search but not for any other hunter/jumping seat equitation classes.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: division of classes

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/22/2015**Draft 1:** No Comments**USHJA****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/10/2015**Draft 1:** No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

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PROPOSED CHANGE

EQ 108 COURSE REQUIREMENTS [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ 2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]**EQ108 COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

See EQ110 for course requirements specific to Medal Classes

Classes must be held over at least six obstacles.

1. All obstacles must be at least 5'6" wide across the jumpable portion.
2. In Maiden, Novice, Limit and classes for ~~under 14 years and under~~, jumps cannot exceed 3' *(or 0.90 m when class specifications list fence height in metric)*.
3. In Intermediate classes obstacles cannot exceed 3'3" *(or 1.0m when class specifications list fence height in metric)*.
4. In Open Classes and Classes for ~~14 to 18~~ **15-17** years, obstacles cannot exceed 3'6" *(or 1.10m when class specifications list fence height in metric)* and wings are optional.
5. In Novice classes, a change of direction is required.
6. In Limit classes, a change of direction and a combination are required.
7. In Intermediate, ~~14 years and over~~ **15-17** and Open classes, at least one change of direction and a combination are required.

EQ 110 Requirements for Specific Classes

1. The following age limit classes are suggested but may vary according to local conditions:
 - a. For Juniors: ~~10 and under, 11 to 13, 14 to 15, and 16-17~~ **14 and under, and 15-17**; and
 - b. For amateurs: 18-35, ~~36-49, and 50~~ and over.
2. Juniors ~~under 14~~ **and under**. Tests 1-8.
3. Juniors ~~14 and over~~ **15-17**. Tests 1-19.

PROPONENT

USHJA

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INTENT

To bring the age group splits up to date with industry standards of today and make them consistent with the age splits in other areas of the Rule Book, and to clarify maximum fence heights in metric.

Web: juniors - ages

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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National Hunter Committee

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USHJA

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PROPOSED CHANGE

EQ108 Course Requirements [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SEC]

[...]

12. If an option fence is used, a rider may choose to jump either fence. If the horse stops at one of the options, the rider is scored with a refusal and if the fence is dislodged must wait for the fence to be reset, but may then jump either option.

13. The top element of all obstacles must be securely placed so that a slight rub will not cause a knockdown. If a breakaway or safety cups are used the top cup must be the deepest cup available. A plank may not be used as the top element of a jump.

14 13. FEI approved safety mechanisms must be used in conjunction with a cup that is at least 1 ½ inches deep and at least 3 inches wide for the back rail of all oxers in the competition ring.

15 14. FEI approved safety cups must be made readily available for each equitation schooling area. Breakable pins such as wooden dowels are permitted in an equitation schooling area only when safety cups are not available.

16 15. Schooling Rules for all equitation classes will follow USEF Jumper Schooling Rules (see JP Appendix A) EXCEPT that Swedish Oxers (maximum 12" difference), tarps, coolers and liverpools are acceptable.

PROPONENT

National Hunter Committee

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INTENT

When the Equitation chapter was rewritten, it was discovered that the language regarding using planks as the top element of a jump was written in a way to only apply to US Hunter Seat Medal and ASPCA Maclay classes. The intent of the change was for the language to apply to the course requirements for all Equitation classes except the USEF Talent Search.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: Planks

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline**Draft 1:** No Action**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 12/22/2015**Draft 1:** No Comments**Draft 2:** No Comments

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PROPOSED CHANGE

EQ108 COURSE REQUIREMENTS [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ 2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

EQ108 COURSE REQUIREMENTS

[...]

15. Schooling Rules for all equitation classes will follow USEF Jumper Schooling Rules (see JP Appendix A) EXCEPT that Swedish Oxers (maximum 12" difference), **ground lines on both sides of an oxer**, tarps, coolers and liverpools are acceptable.

PROPONENT

USHJA

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INTENT

To allow ground lines on both sides of a flagged oxer so that the direction the jump can be jumped by simply changing the flags on the jump, rather than changing the entire jump itself. This benefits both horse and rider, in a section designed for education of the horse and rider, by simplifying the process of providing more varied and suitable approaches to the jump.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: course requirements

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/22/2015**Draft 1:** No Comments**National Hunter Committee****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/19/2015**Draft 1:** No Comments**USHJA****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/10/2015**Draft 1:** No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

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PROPOSED CHANGE

EQ110 Requirements for Specific Classes [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SEC]

5. US HUNTER SEAT MEDAL CLASS

a. Conditions Governing Competitors in US Hunter Seat Medal Classes

4. In US Hunter Seat Medal, exhibitors must qualify by the minimum number of points required by their state.

Riders may compete in a total of twelve (12) US Hunter Seat Medal Qualifying classes in a single qualifying period. Any rider who continues to compete after they have competed in twelve (12) qualifying classes will no longer be eligible to compete in the US Hunter Seat Medal Final. (Exception: If a rider is not yet qualified for the US Hunter Seat Medal Final after twelve (12) classes, that rider may continue to compete until qualified. That rider must stop competing in US Hunter Seat Medal Qualifying classes as soon as he or she is qualified for the US Hunter Seat Medal Final or he/she will no longer be eligible to compete in the US Hunter Seat Medal Final.) It is the rider's responsibility to calculate and know their points as well as the number of classes they have competed in.

a. Any rider in his or her final junior year may not compete in any qualifying classes held at a competition with a start date after August 31 of that competition year.

[...]

b. To be shown over a course of not less than eight obstacles at 3'6" with spreads to 4' (Exception: triple bar type obstacles, maximum spread of 5') which must include one combination including an oxer and two changes of direction after the first obstacle and 1/3 of the obstacles must be oxers. The top element of all obstacles must be securely placed so that a slight rub will not cause a knockdown. If a breakaway or safety cups are used the top cup must be the deepest standard cup available. A plank may not be used as the top element of a jump. A liverpool or water is prohibited in US Hunter Seat Medal classes including Regionals and Finals. In addition, all courses must include at least three of the following: Bending line, narrow jump (5'6"-8'), roll-back turn, fence at the end of the ring, long approach to a single jump. Two or more tests of at least the top four competitors are required. Eight places must be awarded in classes with thirty-one (31) or more entries. Tests 1-19. Any exhibitor who does not participate in the testing is placed last of those exhibitors called back to test. Should more than one exhibitor fail to return for testing they will be placed at the judge's discretion. Only one rider per horse. To fill a class **three (3) six** competitors must complete the course ~~(five in Zones 6, 8, 11 and 12)~~. For purposes of determining the number of entries for the increment system, the number of entries is determined by the number of exhibitors who completed the course in a class or section of the class. (See EQ107.5). If there are 40 or more entries at the beginning of this class, it may be divided by every other number and run as two separate sections. If there are 50 or more entries at the beginning of this class, it must be divided by every other number and run as two or more separate classes. Certificate of Compliance - National medal classes must be certified by the following: A course plan showing the actual height and spread of all the fences, signed by the judge and steward which must be included in the steward's report to the Federation.

c. Increment Chart:

Number of Exhibitors Who Complete the Course				
Placings	3-5 Exhibitors	6-15 Exhibitors	16-30 Exhibitors	31+ Exhibitors
1st	5	10	20	40
2nd	4	8	16	32
3rd	3	6	12	24
4th		4	8	16
5th			4	8
6th			2	4
7th				2
8th				1

[...]

d. Conditions Governing US Hunter Seat Medal Finals

[...]

3. ~~US Hunter Seat Medal classes held at competitions with a start date after August 31 count towards the next year's Finals. Riders who lose their junior status at the end of that year are ineligible to compete in these qualifying classes. Any rider in his or her final junior year may not compete in any qualifying classes held at a competition with a start date after August 31 of that competition year.~~

[...]

f. Qualifying

1. The points that a rider needs to qualify will be determined by his state residence. The points required by each individual state will be determined by the population density of that state for Junior riders designated Hunter or Jumper combined with the number of US Hunter Seat Medal classes held in that state. Each year the Current State Groups will be recalculated. The number of points required by each state will be posted at the beginning of the each qualifying period on the USEF website. ~~All riders may continue to compete even after qualifying for the finals. See EQ110.5a.4 for restrictions on competing in US Hunter Seat Medal classes after qualifying for the Finals.~~

PROPONENT

National Hunter Committee

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INTENT

Intent of Drafts 1-3: To create a qualifying system that stresses horse welfare by limiting the number of points a rider can earn in US Hunter Seat Medal classes.

Intent of Draft 4: The purpose of this rule change is to provide a compromise between fairness of play, allowing riders enough opportunities to compete, and the ability to fill qualifying classes. The new qualifying system accomplishes this by limiting the number of times a rider can compete in US Hunter Seat Medal qualifying classes once qualified for the Finals. Additionally it allows classes with 3-5 riders to fill with half points awarded and also addresses horse welfare by not asking horses to have to compete more often to qualify their riders because they are continually showing against riders that are already qualified.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Staff: IT - Approximately 10+ hours of IT work to implement this rule. Hour amount could change based on how the requirements of the rule need to be fulfilled.
Web: Medal cap

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 2: No Action

Draft 3: Recommends Disapproval 12/14/2015

Draft 4: Recommends Approval 01/15/2016

Draft 2: No Comments

Draft 3: Council requests additional information on how, specifically, this promotes horse welfare.

Draft 4: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 2: No Action

Draft 3: No Action

Draft 4: Recommends Approval 01/13/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: No Comments

Draft 3: No Comments

Draft 4: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 2: No Action

Draft 3: Recommends Approval 12/10/2015

Draft 4: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: No Comments

Draft 3: No Comments

Draft 4: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/16/2016

PROPOSED CHANGE

EQ110 Requirements for Specific Classes [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SEC]

5. US HUNTER SEAT MEDAL CLASS

b. To be shown over a course of not less than eight obstacles at 3'6" with spreads to 4' (Exception: triple bar type obstacles, maximum spread of 5') which must include one combination including an oxer and two changes of direction after the first obstacle and 1/3 of the obstacles must be oxers. ~~The top element of all obstacles must be securely placed so that a slight rub will not cause a knockdown. If a breakaway or safety cups are used the top cup must be the deepest standard cup available. A plank may not be used as the top element of a jump.~~ A liverpool or water is prohibited in US Hunter Seat Medal classes including Regionals and Finals. [...]

8. ASPCA HORSEMANSHIP CLASS. Open to Junior members of USEF or Equine Canada who have not reached their 18th birthday. Rider and trainer (or coach when applicable [see USEF GR108]) must be current members of the ASPCA/NHSAA. Fees are payable online by credit card to the National Horse Show Association of America by visiting www.nhs.org and clicking the ASPCA Maclay tab at the top of the page. All contestants are required to perform over at least eight fences at 3'6" with or without wings. The course must include at least two changes of direction, a combination including an oxer, and 1/3 of the obstacles must be oxers. ~~The top element of all obstacles must be securely placed so that a slight rub will not cause a knockdown. If breakaway or safety cups are used the top cup must be the deepest standard cup available. A plank may not be used as the top element of a jump.~~ A liverpool or water is prohibited in ASPCA Maclay classes including Regionals and Finals.

PROPONENT

National Hunter Committee

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INTENT

When the Equitation chapter was rewritten, it was discovered that the language regarding using planks as the top element of a jump was written in a way to only apply to US Hunter Seat Medal and ASPCA Maclay classes. The intent of the change was for the language to apply to the course requirements for all Equitation classes except the USEF Talent Search.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: Planks

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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USHJA

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Standard

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PROPOSED CHANGE

EQ 110 REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIFIC CLASSES [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

EQ 110 Requirements for Specific Classes

5. US HUNTER SEAT MEDAL CLASS

[...]

b.... Certificate of Compliance – ***At Regional I, Regional II and Local Member competitions***, National medal classes must be certified by the following: A course plan showing the actual height and spread of all the fences, signed by the judge and ~~steward~~ ***the course designer (the steward must sign if the course designer is not present on the competition grounds) which must be provided to the steward no later than the end of the competition day on which the national medal class is held. The signed course plan*** ~~which~~ must be included in the steward's report to the Federation.

6. U.S. PONY MEDAL CLASS.

... Certificate of Compliance – ***At Regional I, Regional II and Local Member competitions***, National medal classes must be certified by the following: A course plan showing the actual height and spread of all the fences, signed by the judge and ~~steward~~ ***the course designer (the steward must sign if the course designer is not present on the competition grounds) which must be provided to the steward no later than the end of the competition day on which the national medal class is held. The signed course plan*** ~~which~~ must be included in the steward's report to the Federation.

8. ASPCA HORSEMANSHIP CLASS.

... Certificate of Compliance – ***At Regional I, Regional II and Local Member competitions***, National medal classes must be certified by the following: A course plan showing the actual height and spread of all the fences, signed by the judge and ~~steward~~ ***the course designer (the steward must sign if the course designer is not present on the competition grounds) which must be provided to the steward no later than the end of the competition day on which the national medal class is held. The signed course plan*** ~~which~~ must be included in the steward's report to the Federation.

10. WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW EQUITATION

[...]

g. WIHS Equitation: ... Certificate of Compliance – ***At Regional I, Regional II and Local Member competitions***, National medal classes must be certified by the following: A course plan showing the actual height and spread of all the fences, signed by the judge and ~~steward~~ ***the course designer (the steward must sign if the course designer is not present on the competition grounds) which must be provided to the steward no later than the end of the competition day on which the national medal class is held. The signed course plan*** ~~which~~ must be included in the steward's report to the Federation.

PROPONENT

USHJA

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INTENT

To remove the requirement for the Certificate of Compliance at Premier and National competitions and require course designers to sign the Certificate of Compliance if present on the competition grounds and submit it to the Steward no later than the end of the competition day on which the class was held.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: requirements for specific classes

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/19/2015

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Steward-Technical Delegate Committee

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Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/11/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

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Standard

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PROPOSED CHANGE

EQ110 REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIFIC CLASSES [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ 2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

EQ110 Requirements for Specific Classes

5. US HUNTER SEAT MEDAL CLASS.

[...]

b. To be shown over a course of not less than eight obstacles at 3'6" with spreads to 4' (Exception: triple bar type obstacles, maximum spread of 5') which must include one combination including an oxer and two changes of direction after the first obstacle and 1/3 of the obstacles must be oxers. The top element of all obstacles must be securely placed so that a slight rub will not cause a knockdown. If a breakaway or safety cups are used the top cup must be the deepest standard cup available. A plank may not be used as the top element of a jump. A liverpool or water is prohibited in US Hunter Seat Medal classes including Regionals and Finals. In addition, all courses must include at least three of the following: Bending line, narrow jump (5'6"-8'), roll-back turn, fence at the end of the ring, long approach to a single jump. Two or more tests of at least the top four competitors are required. ***In classes with thirty-one (31) or more entries, at least the top eight (8) competitors must be called back for testing.*** Eight places must be awarded in classes with thirty-one (31) or more entries. Tests 1-19. Any exhibitor who does not participate in the testing is placed last of those exhibitors called back to test. Should more than one exhibitor fail to return for testing they will be placed at the judge's discretion. Only one rider per horse. To fill a class six competitors must complete the course (five in Zones 6, 8, 11 and 12). For purposes of determining the number of entries for the increment system, the number of entries is determined by the number of exhibitors who complete the course in a class or section of the class. (See EQ107.5). If there are 40 or more entries at the beginning of this class, it may be divided by every other number and run as two separate sections. If there are 50 or more entries at the beginning of this class, it must be divided by every other number and run as two or more separate classes. Certificate of Compliance - National medal classes must be certified by the following: A course plan showing the actual height and spread of all the fences, signed by the judge and steward which must be included in the steward's report to the Federation.

PROPONENT

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INTENT

To mandate in larger medal classes that at least six riders must be called back for further testing. Because the test in a medal class can change the results significantly, and because points in larger classes now go down to eight (8) places, it seems more fair to all exhibitors to mandate testing at least six in these larger classes.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: US Hunter Seat Medal Class

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/22/2015

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/19/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 01/05/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: The committee would like the number for testing to go back to the top 6 or more competitors.

USHJA

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/10/2015

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

9/1/2016

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PROPOSED CHANGE

EQ110 Requirements for Specific Classes [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

8. ASPCA HORSEMANSHIP CLASS.

Open to Junior members of USEF or Equine Canada who have not reached their 18th birthday. Rider and trainer (or coach when applicable, see GR108) must be current members of the ASPCA/NHSAA. Fees are payable online by credit card to the National Horse Show Association of America by visiting www.nhs.org and clicking the ASPCA Maclay tab at the top of the page. All contestants are required to perform over at least eight fences at 3'6" with or without wings. The course must include at least two changes of direction, a combination including an oxer, and 1/3 of the obstacles must be oxers. The top element of all obstacles must be securely placed so that a slight rub will not cause a knockdown. If breakaway or safety cups are used the top cup must be the deepest standard cup available. A plank may not be used as the top element of a jump. A liverpool or water is prohibited in ASPCA Maclay classes including Regionals and Finals. In addition, all courses must include at least three of the following: bending line, narrow jump (5'6"-8'), rollback turn, fence at the end of the ring, long approach to a single jump. Two cumulative refusals in the ASPCA Maclay Finals will result in elimination, see EQ107.1. A minimum of twelve riders, if available, are required to show at a walk, trot and canter. To be judged on seat, hands, guidance and control of horse. The Under Saddle performance of those riders selected to show under saddle shall count 50%. Only one rider per horse. USEF Tests 1-19. To fill a class ~~three (3) six (6)~~ competitors must complete the course ~~(five in Alaska and Hawaii)~~. If 50 or more entries are received three hours prior to the class, the class must be divided by every other number and run as two separate classes. Certificate of Compliance - National medal classes must be certified by the following: A course plan showing the actual height and spread of all the fences, signed by the judge and steward which must be included in the steward's report to the Federation.

a. For the point and qualifying system, see the Federation website at www.usef.org and the National Horse Show website at www.nhs.org. Point system will be set no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the start of the qualifying period.

~~Once a rider has qualified for his/her Maclay regional final, he/she may continue to ride in the Maclay classes until he/she has acquired 60 points. Any rider who willfully continues to compete after they have acquired 60 points may be ineligible for the regional final.~~ **Riders may compete in a total of twelve (12) ASPCA Maclay classes in a single qualifying period. Any rider who continues to compete after they have competed in twelve (12) qualifying classes will no longer be eligible to compete in the ASPCA Maclay Regional Finals. (Exception: If a rider is not yet qualified for their ASPCA Maclay Regional Final after twelve (12) classes, that rider may continue to compete until qualified. That rider must stop competing in ASPCA Maclay Qualifying classes as soon as he or she is qualified for his or her ASPCA Maclay Regional Final or he/she will no longer be eligible to compete in the ASPCA Maclay Regional Finals.) It is the rider's responsibility to calculate and know their points as well as the number of classes they have competed in.** For complete details on application to offer this class, as well as instructions on submitting results, competition management should contact the National Horse Show at 516-484-1865. Classes held after August 31 will count toward the next year's finals. ~~Any rider who will not be eligible to compete in the next year as a junior should not compete in qualifying classes after August 31.~~ **Any rider in his or her final junior year may not compete in any qualifying classes held at a competition with a start date after August 31 of that competition year.**

PROPONENT

National Hunter Committee

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INTENT

Intent of Drafts 1-3: To create a qualifying system that stresses horse welfare by limiting the number of points a rider can earn in ASPCA Maclay classes.

Intent of Draft 4: The purpose of this rule change is to provide a compromise between fairness of play, allowing riders enough opportunities to compete, and the ability to fill qualifying classes. The new qualifying system accomplishes this by limiting the number of times a rider can compete in ASPCA Maclay qualifying classes once qualified for the Regional Finals. Additionally it allows classes with 3-5 riders to fill with half points awarded and also addresses horse welfare by not asking horses to have to compete more often to qualify their riders because they are continually showing against riders that are already qualified.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Draft 3: No Action	Draft 3: No Comments
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USHJA

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Standard

EFFECTIVE

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PROPOSED CHANGE

EQ110 Requirements for Specific Classes [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

11. USHJA Hunterdon Equitation Cup Classic. Open to any rider that is an Active USHJA member and has won a US Hunter Seat Medal, ASPCA Maclay, USEF Show Jumping Talent Search, or Overall WIHS Equitation Classic during the qualifying period. The show in which they qualify must have started on or before the final day of the qualifying period. The qualifying period will be posted on the USHJA website in the official class specifications. The USHJA, at its discretion, may choose to conduct an East and/or West **Coast National** Championship for the Hunterdon Cup. Once a rider has won the USHJA Hunterdon Cup he/she will not be allowed to compete again. Class Specifications for the Classic consists of:

PROPONENT

National Hunter Committee

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CONTACT

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INTENT

To define that the USHJA Hunterdon Cup is a National Championship.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: West Coast National Championship

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/22/2015**Draft 1:** No Comments**USHJA****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/10/2015**Draft 1:** No Comments

EQ 111.1	Tracking #386-15	Draft #1	Approved
RULE CHANGE TYPE	EFFECTIVE	BOARD ACTION	
Standard	12/1/2016	Approved 1/16/2016	

PROPOSED CHANGE

EQ 111 USHJA ZONE, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

EQ111 USHJA Zone, Regional and National Championships

1. General.

a. The chairman of each USHJA Zone may request permission of the USHJA and the Federation to hold a **USHJA** Zone Championship class for the riders within each Zone who have won a first or second place ribbon or have qualified for the finals in a US Hunter Seat Medal class since the last day to qualify for the **USHJA** Zone Championship the previous year.

b. Two or more USHJA Zone Chairmen may request permission of the USHJA and the Federation to hold a **USHJA** Regional Championship Class for riders from Zones requesting to participate in the **USHJA** Regional Championship who have won a first or second place ribbon or have qualified for the finals in a US Hunter Seat Medal class since the last day to qualify for the **USHJA** Regional Championship the previous year.

c. Application must be made to the USHJA office **by the deadline published by the USHJA (see www.USHJA.org).** and submitted to the Federation office ~~at least sixty days in advance of holding the class~~

2. **USHJA** Zone or Regional Championship classes must be held prior to December 1.

3. Riders who place first or second in a Zone or Regional Championship on or before October 1 shall be automatically qualified to compete at the US Hunter Seat Medal Finals in accordance with EQ110.5. Winning after October 1 does not count toward qualifying for the Finals. Placing other than first or second in a Zone or Regional Championship will have no effect on a rider's eligibility to compete in the Finals but will enable the Medal Class winners to compete against each other on a Zone or Regional basis.

4. USHJA Zone or Regional Championships are conducted under the same regulations as the US Hunter Seat Medal Finals, except a minimum of 25% of the riders must be called back for a work-off.

5. A minimum of five competitors are required to complete the class.

6. Judges for a **USHJA** Zone or Regional Championship must hold a valid USEF license and must be approved by USHJA.

~~6. Placing other than first or second in a Zone or Regional Championship will have no effect on a rider's eligibility to compete in the Finals, but will enable the Medal Class winners to compete against each other on a Zone or Regional basis. Riders who place first or second in a Zone or Regional Championship on or before October 1st, if not already qualified prior to the start of each event, shall be automatically qualified to compete at the US Hunter Seat Medal Finals in accordance with EQ110.5. Winning after October 1st does not count toward qualifying for the Finals.~~

7. Judges chosen for **USHJA** Regional Medal classes **Championships** are encouraged to design the course. A course designer approved by USHJA must be used to design the course in lieu of the judges. The course must be posted at least one hour prior to the class.

[...]

PROPONENT	CONTACT
USHJA Draft Received: 9/1/2015	Leslie Mangan lkmangan@ushja.org

INTENT

To clarify the approval process of USHJA Zone and Regional Championships.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: ushja zone, regional, and national championships

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Draft 1: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

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USHJA

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Standard

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PROPOSED CHANGE

HJ202 HJS Competition Standards Horse Entry & Renewal [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HJ-2 RATINGS & HORSE ENTRY NUMBER STANDARDS]

1. Number of Horse Entries Required for HJ Competition Rating. No minimum horse entry number is required to achieve the rating for jumper competitions. Prize money is the alternative criteria required for a jumper rating.
2. Competitions restricted to only conducting Breeding classes are exempt from the Horse Entry standard requirement.
3. Two day National Junior/Amateur restricted competitions will have a Horse Entry Number requirement of ~~65~~ **fifty (50)**. Competitions which utilize only one (1) competition ring or which offer only hunter and equitation classes (no jumper classes) will have a Horse Entry Number requirement as follows: Premier – ~~400~~ **seventy-five (75)**, National – ~~60~~ **fifty (50)**, Regional I – ~~40~~ **thirty-five (35)** and Regional II – ~~25~~ **twenty (20)**.
4. Rating and Horse Entry Numbers. (See HJ208 for additional HJS requirements) Required number of Horse Entries for Regular or Local competition Classification rated hunter or hunter/jumper are:
 - a. Number of horse entries required for a Premier rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of two hundred (200).
 - b. Number of horse entries required for a National rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of ~~one hundred (100)~~ **seventy-five (75)**.
 - c. Number of horse entries required for a Regional I rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of fifty (50).
 - d. Number of horse entries required for a Regional II rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of twenty-five (25).
 - e. There is no minimum number of horse entries required for a Local competition. f. For the required number of hunter classes per rating for hunter sections see GR313.6.

PROPONENT

USHJA

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INTENT

To adjust the Horse Entry Standard requirements in consideration of the proposed amendments to HU160.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

HU 160 (354-15)

Web: competition standards

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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National Hunter Committee

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USHJA

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Standard

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PROPOSED CHANGE

HJ207 REQUIREMENTS TO OBTAIN FEDERATION PREMIER RATING AND/OR JUMPER LEVEL 5 [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HJ-2 RATING & HORSE ENTRY NUMBER]

HJ207 REQUIREMENTS TO OBTAIN FEDERATION PREMIER RATING AND/OR JUMPER LEVEL 5

[...]

16. Premier competitions must conduct award ceremonies and designate within the prize list both a time(s) during the program and location(s) for award ceremonies.

~~17. Premier competitions must provide a visible scoreboard {minimum of forty (40) square feet} adjacent to the Main Ring(s) where either/or both hunter and/or jumper competition are held.~~

18. Licensees providing a Premier Rated and/or Jumper Level 5 competition must select and describe with their license application a minimum of twenty (20) additional items (not on the required list for the Premier Rating) from HJ211 ten (10) of which must be selected from each group .

[...]

HJ211 HJS OPTION SELECTION LIST

Rated hunter, hunter/jumper and/or jumper Levels 5, 4, 3, or 2 competitions must select and describe with their license application the required minimum number of items to be provided from optional items list below. Licensee(s) must select the number of items required for the Rating and cannot select option items already required for the competition rating.

1. Group I – In selecting the required number of options for the rating, note that options specifically required for a particular rating do not count toward the required number of options.

•Sun/rain shelter for spectators.

•VIP hospitality and sponsor lounge

•Designated main competition ring for hunters and/or jumpers which takes priority scheduling over all other competition rings with designated rider stand/seating.

•Competition website.

•Night watch for horses stabled on the grounds to be available to exhibitors to contract separately, at exhibitor cost.

•Provide a Jumbotron, defined as a functioning electronic board that provides both scoring information and video capability in at least one of the Main competition ring(s).

- ***Provide a functioning visible scoreboard {minimum of forty (40) square feet} adjacent to the Main Ring(s) where either/or both hunter and/or jumper competition are held.***
- ~~Provide a functioning electronic scoreboard in at least one of the Main competition ring(s).~~

PROPONENT

USHJA

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INTENT

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: Federation Premier rating

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Intl Discipline

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Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Jumper

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Draft 2: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

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USHJA

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RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

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PROPOSED CHANGE

HJ208 HORSE ENTRY NUMBERS EXCEED FIVE HUNDRED AND/OR DURATION OF COMPETITION OR SERIES OF COMPETITIONS EXCEEDS TWENTY-ONE DAYS WITHOUT A BREAK [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HJ-2 RATINGS & HORSE ENTRY NUMBER STANDARDS]

When minimum Horse Entry Numbers exceed five hundred (500) and/or licensed series of competitions are scheduled for a period of twenty-one (21) days or more without a break of at least five (5) consecutive calendar days, additional HJS must be met for exercise and lunge requirements. These HJS apply to all rated or combinations of rated competitions without regard to the fact that the rating may be different. When the number of horse entries and days of competition are as described herein, the following HJS requirements are in lieu of existing exercise and lunge requirements set forth as HJS for rating: Premier, National, Regional I or Regional II.

1. For outdoor competitions, when the above conditions set forth in HJ208 exist, an exercise area of at least 24,000 square feet must be available for at least eight (8) contiguous hours within each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset and must be available for at least eight (8) contiguous hours within each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset. This area is required to be available on both days when competitions are scheduled and during non-competition days when there are less than five (5) consecutive calendar days of break without scheduled competitions.

2. For indoor competitions, when the above conditions set forth in HJ208 exist, an exercise area of at least 18,000 square feet must be available for at least two (2) periods of four (4) contiguous hours between 5:00 am and 12 midnight, and lighted as specified in HJ101.6. This exercise area period is required to be available on days when competitions are scheduled and during non-competition days at least eight (8) contiguous hours between 5:00 am and 12:00 midnight when there are less than five (5) consecutive calendar days without scheduled competitions. Exercise areas must be lighted as specified in HJ101.6.

3. For outdoor or indoor competitions, when the above conditions set forth in HJ208 exist, a minimum of one (1) lunge area of at least 15,000 square feet not being used at the time as competition rings, schooling areas and/or exercise areas must be available for at least eight (8) contiguous hours within each calendar day between the hours of 6:00 am and 10 pm within each calendar day and lighted as specified in HJ101.6 when there are less than five (5) consecutive calendar days without scheduled competitions.

4. Currently there are no Rated competitions (held only in indoor rings) consisting of at least five hundred (500) entries and being held over twenty-one (21) consecutive days. Therefore, no additional requirements have been considered for such an event.

1. Outdoor Competitions. When the above conditions set forth in HJ 208 exist, the following minimum requirements must be met for exercise and lunge areas on each competition day determined by the number of competition rings in use on each competition day. The minimum requirement must be met on non-competition days.

<u>Competition Rings In Use</u>	<u>Exercise Area Size</u>	<u>Lunge Area Size</u>
0-2	24,000 square feet	15,000 square feet
3-5	48,000 square feet	30,000 square feet
6-8	62,000 square feet	45,000 square feet
9-11	86,000 square feet	60,000 square feet
12 or more	110,000 square feet	80,000 square feet

1. For outdoor competitions, when the above conditions set forth in HJ208 exist, an exercise area of at least 24,000 square feet **The exercise area** must be available for at least eight (8) contiguous hours within each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset and must be available for at least eight (8) contiguous hours within each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset. This area is required to be available on both days when competitions are scheduled and during non-competition days when there are less than five (5) consecutive calendar days of break without scheduled competitions. **The lunge area not being used at the time as competition rings, schooling areas and/or exercise areas must be available for at least eight (8) contiguous hours within each calendar day between the hours of 6:00 am and 6:00 pm within each calendar day and lighted as specified in HJ101.6. This area is required to be available on both days when competitions are scheduled and during non-competition days when there are less than five (5) consecutive calendar days without scheduled competitions.**

2. Indoor Competitions. When the above conditions set forth in HJ 208 exist, the following minimum requirements must be met for exercise and lunge areas on each competition day determined by the number of competition rings in use on each competition day. The minimum requirement must be met on non-competition days.

<u>Competition Rings In Use</u>	<u>Exercise Area Size</u>	<u>Lunge Area Size</u>
0-2	18,000 square feet	12,000 square feet
3-5	36,000 square feet	24,000 square feet
6-8	54,000 square feet	36,000 square feet
9-11	72,000 square feet	48,000 square feet
12 or more	90,000 square feet	60,000 square feet

The exercise area and lunge area must be available for at least two (2) periods of four (4) contiguous hours between 5:00 am and 12 midnight, and lighted as specified in HJ101.6. This exercise area period is required to be available on days when competitions are scheduled and during non-competition days at least eight (8) contiguous hours between 5:00 am and 12:00 midnight when there are less than five (5) consecutive calendar days without scheduled competitions. Exercise areas must be lighted as specified in HJ101.6.

PROPONENT

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INTENT

To increase the requirements for exercise and lunge area competition standards based on number of rings in use at a competition.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: horse entry numbers

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Intl Discipline

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Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Draft 1: Mid Year

Jumper

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Draft 1: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Referred 01/05/2016

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USHJA

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RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

4/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

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PROPOSED CHANGE

HJ300 Federation Hunter/Jumper or Hunter/Jumper - Local Competition and new HJ400 Limiting Entries at Hunter/Jumper Competitions [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HJ-3 AND HJ-4]

SUBCHAPTER HJ-3 FEDERATION HUNTER/JUMPER OR HUNTER/JUMPER – LOCAL COMPETITION

HJ300 Federation Hunter/Jumper or Hunter/Jumper - Local Competition

All "Local" and Jumper Level 1 competitions must meet the Standards forth in HJ100 through HJ104. No additional option selections are required.

SUBCHAPTER HJ-4 LIMITING ENTRIES***HJ 400 Limiting Entries at Hunter/Jumper Competitions***

1. A hunter/jumper Federation member in good standing has the right to enter any Federation competition and any division, section, or class for which he and his horse meet the eligibility requirements, with exceptions as noted and expressly enumerated herein.

2. Management can limit the number of horses entered by an owner and the number of horses ridden by a rider.

3. Management can limit the number of entrants that a hunter/jumper competition will accept due to facility or stabling constraints.

4. If management wishes to refuse an entry that otherwise meets prize list conditions, refer to GR914.

5. In general, hunter/jumper competitions must accept entries based strictly on a first-come, first-served basis (See GR907.1). Under this method, the prize list must be distributed by at least one of the following delivery methods at least two weeks prior to the close of entries:

a. By U.S. Mail or other similar hard copy distribution method to at least three times as many potential competitors as there will be entrants accepted.

b. Posting on a publicly accessible website and readily available to all potential competitors.

6. Entries may be limited and other restrictive criteria may be applied to Federation National Championships, qualifying events for Federation National Championships, and other similar events with selection or other criteria that are under the direct aegis of the Federation and approved by the Federation Board of Directors.

7. Entries may be limited and other restrictive criteria may be applied to USHJA National or Regional Championships, qualifying events for USHJA National or Regional championships, and any other similar events with selection or other criteria that are under the direct aegis of the USHJA (As the Official Recognized Hunter/Jumper Affiliate of the Federation) and approved by the USHJA Board of Directors.

8. Entries may be limited and other restrictive criteria may be applied to regional or local championships, qualifying events for regional or local championships, and any other similar events with selection or other criteria that is under the direct aegis of an official affiliate group or organization of the USHJA (As the Official Recognized Hunter/Jumper Affiliate of the Federation) and approved by the USHJA Board of Directors.

9. Classes or events that meet the conditions of 7 or 8 above will NOT be awarded Zone or National Horse of the Year points (or money won) automatically and, should they desire such points (or money won) to be counted, must apply to the USHJA and receive specific approval.

10. Certified affiliate organizations of the USHJA that approve, register, or sanction competitions may not arbitrarily discriminate between competitions that wish to offer qualifying classes. If a USHJA sanctioned competition meets the requirements to hold a qualifying class and wishes to do so, it must be given the opportunity.

11. Federation competitions wishing to limit entries in its rated Hunter Division must also comply with the specifics of Article HU191 titled "Limiting Entries."

12. Other Hunter/Jumper Competitions, Events, Championships, and Finals That Restrict Entries. Any Hunter/Jumper competition or event wishing to set restrictive criteria for accepting entries other than as specified above must make written application to the USHJA with the required fee at

least 180 days prior to the event (see www.ushja.org). The USHJA will:

- a. Approve or disapprove any such applications or provide conditions of any such approval.
- b. Notify the applicant of the specifics of their decision in writing.
- c. Publish any approved criteria and conditions on a part of the USHJA website reserved for such approvals, along with the details and specifications which were approved.
- d. Such approvals are contingent upon the competition or event remitting an annual fee and will continue in effect as long as the competition or event does not alter the approved criteria.
- e. Changing the approved criteria may only be done with approval in writing from the USHJA and may require a new application at the USHJA's discretion.
- f. Until an applicant competition or event has received approval from the USHJA, it is expressly prohibited from advertising the restricted competition or event by any method or in any form whatsoever.

PROPONENT

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INTENT

To move the requirements for limiting entries at Hunter/Jumper competitions into the HJ Chapter on Competition Standards and make the applicable heading amendments.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Staff: IT - Approximately 1 hour of IT work to implement this rule.

Web: limiting entries

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: Referred 01/15/2016

Draft 1: May have legal implications for the Federation. 1/15 - refer to mid year

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action 01/14/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Jumper

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/30/2015

Draft 1: Federation Jumper Committee makes recommendations for jumper classes per JP 114.

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/19/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/16/2016

PROPOSED CHANGE

HJ500 Exhibitions at Hunter, Jumper or Hunter/Jumper Competitions [CHAPTER]

HJ 500 Exhibitions at Hunter, Jumper or Hunter/Jumper Competitions

- 1. For the purposes of this rule, an Exhibition is defined as a recognized, but unrated class or demonstration.*
- 2. At Federation licensed Hunter, Jumper or Hunter/Jumper competitions, only one Exhibition may be held per licensed competition day.*
- 3. An Exhibition must be held on a Federation licensed date, must be conducted in accordance with Division rules and is governed by all other applicable Federation rules.*
- 4. Exhibitions held at competitions operating under a Mileage Exemption or with approved Special Competition status must be approved as part of the Mileage Exemption or Special Competition status request and the specifics of such exhibitions must be included in the competition license.*
- 5. An Exhibition must be advertised in the prize list and may be judged and ranked. However, the following conditions apply:*
 - a. Results will not be counted for any Federation, Federation Alliance Member and/or USHJA high score awards or championships.*
 - b. If published, the Exhibition ranking report must be clearly separated from competition results and noted as being from an Exhibition.*
 - c. Judges for an Exhibition held at Licensed Competitions are not required to be licensed by USEF.*
- 6. An Exhibition may also be held using horses individually, in groups or in entertainment acts. Such Exhibitions cannot be ranked.*
- 7. Horses used in exhibitions, demonstrations, and retirement ceremonies are subject to the provisions of GR839, but are exempt from the dress and saddlery rules of the competition.*

PROPONENT

USHJA

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INTENT

To clarify and provide a greater understanding of exhibitions at hunter/jumper competitions.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Draft 2: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

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Draft 2: No Comments

USHJA

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Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/04/2016

Draft 2: No Comments

PROPOSED CHANGE

HU 101 ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE - HORSE & PONY [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-1 DEFINITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY]

HU101 Eligibility to Compete – Horse & Pony

1. USHJA Horse Registrations.

a. All horses competing in Federation ~~licensed and/or USHJA sanctioned~~ non-breed restricted licensed competitions with ~~Hunter, Hunter Breeding, Jumper and Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes not restricted by breed~~ (except those activities enumerated in GR901.9, items 1-9) must be properly identified ~~in accordance with GR1101~~, and must obtain a Registration Number from ~~also be registered with~~ USHJA (see GR1101.1). ~~A The USEF/USHJA registration number for each horse must be entered on all entry forms for licensed competitions. Only one Registration Number will be issued per horse, and must remain with the horse throughout its career. Anyone knowingly applying for a duplicate Registration Number for an individual horse may be subject to disciplinary action. The Federation and/or USHJA as applicable must be notified of any change of ownership and/or competition name of the horse. Owners are requested to notify the Federation and/or USHJA as applicable of corrections to previously submitted information, e.g., names, addresses, breed registration, pedigree, or markings.~~

b. Applications for ~~USHJA~~ Registration Numbers can be completed online at www.ushja.org or www.usef.org using the ~~USEF~~ Horse Registration application form. ~~The Horse application. This form is also available from the USHJA or Federation office, or it can be as a~~ downloaded from the USHJA or Federation website or from competition management. Competition management is responsible for notifying exhibitors of this requirement in their prize list.

2. The Hunter Division is open to horses, stallions, mares or geldings. (For rules pertaining to exhibitors who are 18 years of age or older riding ponies, see HU108.11^[MB1].)

3.1 In addition to the provisions of HU 101.1, on or after December 1, 2017, all horses competing in classes that require USHJA horse registration must provide a microchip number that verifies their animal's identity in order to compete for points, money won or be eligible for Federation and/or USHJA programs and awards where horses are required to be recorded or registered.

3.2 A microchip used to verify identity must be a fifteen digit ISO compliant 11784/11785 chip and be implanted in the nuchal ligament of the animal.

3.3 For classes that require age verification, age can be verified only through the following identification documents:

- a. registration papers or passport issued by a world breed federation sport horse (WBFSH) recognized registry.
- b. registration papers or Certificate of Pedigree from a breed or sport horse registry.

3.4 This rule will have a transition period from December 1, 2017 to November 30, 2018. During this period, animals that are not in compliance with this rule will not receive points or be eligible for Federation and/or USHJA programs and awards. After this period, all horses that are competing in classes which require USHJA registration which are not microchipped will be ineligible to compete in Federation licensed competitions.

Re-number successive:

3. The Hunter Breeding Section is open to horses only.

a. Horses shown as a Thoroughbred must have been either registered with The Jockey Club or meet one of the criteria below. All competitions must require verification of registration on the day of the competition through one of the following methods:

1. The Jockey Club Certificate of Foal registration or a copy thereof

2. The horse's lip tattoo, the horse's 5-cross pedigree and the successful tattoo lookup result from The Jockey Club's Tattoo Identification Services, (located at www.registry.jockeyclub.com)

3. If neither of the above is available, a letter from The Jockey Club verifying the horse's identity. BOD 1/17/15

Effective 12/1/15

4. Pony Hunter Breeding classes are open to ponies.

5. Stallions are prohibited from all Pony Hunter classes except breeding classes.

6. Stallions are prohibited from all Junior and Children's' Hunter classes.

7. Ponies shown by a junior cannot be shown by an adult at the same competition, except in breeding classes in-hand and in accordance with HU108. Ponies shown by an adult at a Licensed Competition cannot compete in any sections or classes at the same competition with a junior rider. (Exception: Breed restricted classes at multi-breed/discipline competitions.)

PROPONENT

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INTENT

Horse identification is important to both consumer confidence and the future of our sport. This rule provides a structured roll out for implementation of horse identification through initial registration and recordings, transfers and name changes. It also requires verifiable identification for animals that compete in age or breed restricted sections. Owners of animals that are already entered into the system would not be required to identify their animal unless a name change or transfer are requested. Owners may request identification on a voluntary basis.

The rule also offers two different forms of identification through the use of either Iris Scan or implanted microchip.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Staff: IT - Approximately 40+ hours of IT work to implement this rule.

Web: eligibility to compete

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Admin & Finance

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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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National Hunter Committee

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USHJA

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Draft 5: No Comments

PROPOSED CHANGE

HU 103 HUNTER ELIGIBILITY, ~~PRE-GREEN~~ AND GREEN HUNTER STATUS FOR HORSES AND PONIES [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-1 DEFINITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY]

HU103 Hunter Eligibility, ~~Pre-Green~~ and Green **Eligibility** Status for Horses and Ponies

1. In all cases, the hunter eligibility and green status of the horse or pony ~~are~~ **is** the responsibility of the owner.
2. ~~Determining Hunter eligibility for horses.~~ Hunter eligibility for a horse begins when a horse of any age, competes for the first time in any over fences class with jumps ~~set~~ at three feet (3'0") in height or higher in **any** Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a **USEF Federation** or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America.
 - a. **For the purposes of eligibility, equivalent heights are:**

3'0" .90 meter

3'3" 1.0 meter

3'6" 1.10 meter
3. **Once a horse begins its hunter eligibility, competing in jumper classes affects its Green Status and Eligibility according to HU103.12.**
4. **Horses may enter the Green Hunter section in any height section for which they are eligible. Further eligibility in the Green Hunter section is determined by the height section in which they enter the system.**
5. **A horse may compete in only one Green Hunter fence height section at any one competition.**
6. **When a horse begins its hunter eligibility competing in hunter or equitation classes or sections with fence heights of 3'0" or 3'3", it remains eligible for Green Hunter 3'0" and 3'3" for two competition years (not necessarily consecutive).**
7. **A horse that competes in any Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation class at a recognized competition in the United States or Canada with fence heights of 3'6" or higher is no longer eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'0" section but remains eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'3" section. A horse may compete in any other hunter or equitation class with fence heights of a maximum of 3'6" if otherwise eligible a maximum of four (4) times in one competition year prior to August 1 and remain eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'3". For jumper restrictions see HU103.12**
8. **Once a horse competes in a hunter or equitation class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights of 3'6" or higher a fifth time in one competition year, it is no longer eligible for the Green Hunter 3'3" section and it is only eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'6" section for the remainder of the competition year. That competition year will be considered the horse's Green Hunter 3'6" year. If a horse competes in a hunter or equitation class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights of 3'6" or higher after August 1, it is no longer eligible for the Green Hunter 3'3" section and it is only eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'6" section for the remainder of the competition year. That competition year will be considered the horse's Green Hunter 3'6" year. For jumper restrictions see HU103.12**
9. **Once a horse competes in a Federation or USHJA National Championship/Event with fence heights of 3'6" or higher he is no longer eligible for the Green Hunter 3'0" or 3'3" sections.**
10. **Following a horse's Green Hunter 3'6" year, it is eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'9" section for one year. That one year will commence the next competition year that the horse competes in any hunter or equitation class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights of 3'6" or higher. For jumper restrictions see HU103.12**
11. **A horse that has completed his Green Hunter 3'9" year is no longer eligible for any Green Hunter section.**
12. **Once a horse begins its hunter eligibility, the following jumper restrictions apply:**

- a. To remain eligible for Green Hunter 3'0 and 3'3", a horse may not compete in a jumper class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights higher than 3'3" when class specifications list fence height in metric.
- b. To remain eligible for Green Hunter 3'6", a horse may not compete in a jumper class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights higher than 3'6" when class specifications list fence height in metric.
- c. To remain eligible for Green Hunter 3'9", a horse may not compete in a jumper class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights higher than 3'9" when class specifications list fence height in metric.

3. Determining Green or Pre-Green Status for horses. Horses that have not broken their Pre-Green or Green Status must jump less than their regulation height or their Green Status will be broken. The Green or Pre-Green status of a horse is determined by the following factors in competition experience at Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America:

- a. The height of fences (determined by the class, section or division specifications) over which a horse or pony has competed.
- b. The number of competition years a horse has competed at regulation height. A horse that has competed in such classes for two (2) or more competition years, without receiving a reinstatement, is no longer eligible to compete in the respective Pre-Green or Green section.

4. Determining Hunter eligibility for ponies. Hunter eligibility for a pony begins when a pony of any age, competes for the first time in any over fences class with jumps set at 2'3" or higher for small ponies, 2'6" or higher for medium ponies and 2'9" or higher for large ponies in Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America.

5. Determining Green Status for ponies. Ponies that have not broken their Green Status must jump less than their regulation height or their Green Status will be broken. The Green status of a pony is determined by the following factors in competition experience at Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America:

- a. The height of fences (determined by the class, section or division specifications) over which a pony has competed.
- b. The number of competition years a pony has competed at regulation height. A pony that has competed in such classes for one (1) or more competition years, without receiving a reinstatement, is not **no** longer eligible to compete in the Green section.

613. In all cases, fence heights will be determined by the specifications of each section regardless of whether or not the fences are actually set at the regulation height.

714. If a competition starts prior to or on November 30th, Pre-Green and Green status at the start of the competition **are is** maintained throughout the competition.

8. Green Status sections are divided into Pre-Green Horse (3', and 3'3"); First Year Green, Second Year Green and Green Conformation; and Green Pony (2'3", 2'6" and 2'9"). Each status is defined below.

9. Pre-Green Horse Status.

a. A Pre-Green Hunter is a horse of any age in his first or second year of showing over fences set at 3'0" or 3'3" in height that has never competed over fences set at 3'6" in height or higher in Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America. Upon receipt by the owner of written notification of a First Year Green Hunter Reinstatement a horse may return to Pre-Green Hunter if it meets all other eligibility requirement of Pre-Green Hunter.

b. A horse is eligible to compete as a Pre-Green Hunter for a maximum of two (2) years regardless of age.

c. Horses may compete in either or both the 3'0" or 3'3" Pre-Green Hunter section during their two (2) years of eligibility. Horses may not cross enter between 3'0" and 3'3" Pre-Green sections at the same competition. Exception: In USHJA Zone 9, horses may cross enter between 3'0" and 3'3" Pre-Green sections at the same competition.

d. Once a horse begins competing in a class that restricts Pre-Green status, it may no longer compete in any Jumper class at 1.05 meters or above held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America or it will lose its pre-green status.

e. Pre-Green Reinstatement. A Pre-Green reinstatement may be granted one time. A horse is not eligible for a Pre-Green reinstatement if it has competed over fences set at 3'7" in height or higher in Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America. Horses that have competed in a USHJA International Hunter Derby are not eligible for reinstatement of Pre-Green status.

f. No jogging is required.

10. Green Hunter Horse Status for First Year Second Year and Green Conformation.

a. A Green Hunter is a horse of any age that is eligible to compete in the Green Hunter Section. A horse's Green Hunter eligibility, regardless of age, begins the first time the horse competes in any over fences class with jumps set at 3'6" in height or higher in Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America.

b. A horse in its first year of showing in the Green Hunter section over fences 3'6" or higher must be shown as a First Year horse when it is shown in Green Hunters or Green Conformation Hunters.

c. A horse in its second year of showing in the Green Hunter section over fences 3'6" or higher must be shown as a Second Year horse when being shown in the Green Hunters.

d. Once a horse begins competing in a class that restricts Green status, it may no longer compete in any Jumper or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation class at

1.20 meters or above held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America or it will lose its Green status.

e. A First Year Green reinstatement may be granted one time. A horse is not eligible for a First Year Green reinstatement if it has competed in any over fences class with jumps set at 3'7" in height or higher in Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America. A horse is not eligible for a First Year Green reinstatement if it has competed in the US Junior Hunter Championship.

f. A Second Year Green reinstatement may be granted one time.

11. Green Pony Status.

a. A green pony is a pony not exceeding 14.2 hands of any age, which is eligible to compete in the Green Pony section. A pony's Green Hunter eligibility, regardless of age, begins the first time the pony competes in any over fences class with jumps set at 2'3" or higher for small ponies, 2'6" or higher for medium ponies and 2'9" or higher for large ponies in Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America.

b. A pony is eligible to compete as a Green Pony for a maximum of one (1) year regardless of age or change to measurement status. A pony that has changed height sections in its green year may complete the green year at its new height.

c. In its first year of showing at regulation height or higher, a green pony may also compete in the Regular Pony Hunter section at its respective height.

d. Once a pony begins competing in any class that restricts Green status, it may no longer compete in any Jumper class held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America or it will lose its Green status.

e. A Pony Hunter Green reinstatement may be granted one time. A pony is not eligible for a green reinstatement if it has competed in the US Hunter and/or Jumper Pony Championship.

12. Green Reinstatement.

A horse or pony cannot return to compete in the section for which the reinstatement application was made until written notification has been received from the Federation that the reinstatement has been granted. A horse or pony's eligibility to compete in sections that are restricted by experience may be reinstated for a future competition year provided that:

a. The horse or pony was not shown at the regulation height or higher at more than four (4) competitions prior to September 1st of the current competition year.

b. The horse or pony was not shown at the regulation height or higher on or after September 1st of the current competition year.

c. The horse or pony does no longer competes at the regulation height or higher immediately upon application for reinstatement.

d. The horse or pony is otherwise eligible for a reinstatement under Federation rules.

HU104 Young Hunter Eligibility and Status for Horses (New Rule)

1. Young Hunter age restrictions are defined as:

a. **Young Hunter 3'0"** – horses five years of age and under

b. **Young Hunter 3'3"** – horses six years of age and under

c. **Young Hunter 3'6"** – horses seven years of age and under

2. Horses eligible for the Young Hunters may begin competing in any Young Hunter height section for which they are eligible. Further eligibility in the Young Hunter section is determined by the height section in which they enter the system.

3. A horse is eligible to compete in an age-restricted hunter class from December 1 of the competition year in which they reach the applicable age at any time during that same competition year.

4. Age of horse must be verified in accordance with Federation policies and procedures prior to competing in the Young Hunter sections.

5. A horse may compete in only one Young Hunter height section at any one competition.

6. When a horse begins its hunter eligibility competing in any Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation class or section with fence heights of 3'0" or 3'3", it remains eligible for Young Hunter 3'0" and 3'3" for two competition years provided it is eligible by age.

a. For the purposes of eligibility, equivalent heights are:

3'0" .90 meter

3'3" 1.0 meter

3'6" 1.10 meter

7. A horse that competes in any hunter or equitation class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights of 3'6" or higher is no longer eligible to compete in the Young Hunter 3'0" section but remains eligible to compete in the Young Hunter 3'3" section if otherwise eligible. A horse may compete in any other hunter or equitation class with fence heights of a maximum of 3'6" a maximum of four (4) times in one competition year prior to August 1 and remain eligible to compete in the Young Hunter 3'3". For jumper restrictions see HU104.11

8. Once a horse competes in a hunter or equitation class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights of 3'6" or higher a fifth time in one competition year, it is no longer eligible for the Young Hunter 3'3" section and it is only eligible to compete in the Young Hunter 3'6" section for the remainder of the competition year. That competition year will be considered the horse's Young Hunter 3'6" year. If a horse competes in a hunter or equitation class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights of 3'6" or higher after August 1, it is no longer eligible for the Young Hunter 3'3" section and it is only eligible to compete in the Young Hunter 3'6" section for the remainder of the competition year. That competition year will be considered the horse's Young Hunter 3'6" year. For jumper restrictions see HU104.11

9. Once a horse competes in a Federation or USHJA National Championship/Event with fence heights of 3'6" or higher, it is no longer eligible for the Young Hunter 3'3" section.

10. A horse that has completed his Young Hunter 3'6" year is no longer eligible for any Young Hunter section.

11. Once a horse begins its hunter eligibility, the following jumper restrictions apply:

- a. To remain eligible for Young Hunter 3'0 and 3'3", a horse may not compete in a jumper class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights higher than 3'3" when class specifications list fence height in metric.
- b. To remain eligible for Young Hunter 3'6", a horse may not compete in a jumper class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights higher than 3'6" when class specifications list fence height in metric.

12. In all cases, fence heights will be determined by the specifications of each section regardless of whether or not the fences are actually set at the regulation height.

13. If a competition starts prior to or on November 30th, Young Hunter status at the start of the competition is maintained throughout the competition.

HU 105 Hunter Eligibility and Green Status for Ponies (New Rule – moved from HU104)

1. In all cases, the hunter eligibility and green status of the pony is the responsibility of the owner.

2. Determining Hunter eligibility for ponies. Hunter eligibility for a pony begins when a pony of any age, competes for the first time in any over fences class with jumps at 2'3" or higher for small ponies, 2'6" or higher for medium ponies and 2'9" or higher for large ponies in Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America.

a. For the purposes of eligibility, equivalent heights are:

2'3" .70 meter

2'6" .80 meter

2'9" .85 meter

3'0" .90 meter

3. Determining Green Status for ponies. Ponies that have not broken their Green Status must jump less than their regulation height or their Green Status will be broken. The Green status of a pony is determined by the following factors in competition experience at Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America:

- a. The height of fences (determined by the class, section or division specifications) over which a pony has competed.
- b. The number of competition years a pony has competed at regulation height. A pony that has competed in such classes for one (1) or more competition years, without receiving a reinstatement, is no longer eligible to compete in the Green section.
4. In all cases, fence heights will be determined by the specifications of each section regardless of whether or not the fences are actually set at the regulation height.

5. If a competition starts prior to or on November 30th, Green status at the start of the competition is maintained throughout the competition.

6. Green Pony Status.

a. A green pony is a pony not exceeding 14.2 hands of any age, which is eligible to compete in the Green Pony section. A pony's Green Hunter eligibility, regardless of age, begins the first time the pony competes in any over fences class with jumps at 2'3" or higher for small ponies, 2'6" or higher for medium ponies and 2'9" or higher for large ponies in Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America.

b. A pony is eligible to compete as a Green Pony for a maximum of one (1) year regardless of age or change to measurement status. A pony that has changed height sections in its green year may complete the green year at its new height.

c. In its first year of showing at regulation height or higher, a green pony may also compete in the Regular Pony Hunter section at its respective height.

d. Once a pony begins competing in any class that restricts Green status, it may no longer compete in any Jumper class held at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America or it will lose its Green status.

e. A Pony Hunter Green reinstatement may be granted one time. A pony is not eligible for a green reinstatement if it has competed in the US Hunter and/or Jumper Pony Championship.

7. Green Pony Reinstatement. *A pony cannot return to compete in the section for which the reinstatement application was made until written notification has been received from the Federation that the reinstatement has been granted. A pony's eligibility to compete in restricted sections may be reinstated for a future competition year provided that:*

a. The pony was not shown at the regulation height or higher at more than four (4) competitions prior to September 1st of the current competition year.

b. The pony was not shown at the regulation height or higher on or after September 1st of the current competition year.

c. The pony no longer competes at the regulation height or higher immediately upon application for reinstatement.

d. The pony is otherwise eligible for a reinstatement under Federation rules.

HU104 ~~HU106~~ High Performance, Performance ~~Working~~ and Small Hunter – Definition and Classifications

1. A High Performance or Performance ~~Working~~ Hunter is a horse of any age and is not restricted by previous showing.

2. High Performance Hunter

a. Championships must be offered in accordance with HU145.

1. Number of classes and prize money must be offered in accordance with GR313.6.

2. Individual classes may be entered. (Exception: Under Saddle classes. See HU137.2)

3. In a section with three (3) classes, the under saddle will count half points towards champion and reserve.

b. The High Performance section must offer the greatest amount of prize money of all hunter sections at the competition.

3. Performance ~~Working~~ Hunter 3'6"

a. Championships must be offered in accordance with HU145.

b. Number of classes and prize money must be offered in accordance with GR313.6.

c. Individual classes may be entered. (Exception: Under Saddle classes. See HU137.2)

d. In a section with three (3) classes, the under saddle will count half points towards champion and reserve.

4. Performance ~~Working~~ Hunter 3'3"

a. Championship and Reserve must be offered in accordance with HU145.

b. Number of classes and prize money must be offered in accordance with GR313.6.

c. Individual classes may be entered. (Exception: Under Saddle classes. See HU137.2)

1. In a section with three (3) classes, the under saddle will count half points towards champion and reserve.

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SUBCHAPTER HU-2 DIVISION OF SECTIONS OR CLASSES

HU110 General

1. Sections may not be divided if there are less than 30 entries. (Exception: Green ~~Working~~ **Hunter and Young Hunter**, Amateur Owner and Adult Amateur Hunter sections refer to HU113.)

[...]

4. In Performance Working Hunter and High Performance Hunter sections where individual classes may be entered, the sections can be divided after the first over fences class if there are 30 or more entries in subsequent classes. The number of Championship and Reserve Championships that are awarded will be determined by the number of sections created from dividing the first over fences class only.

- a. At all licensed competitions, if there are fewer than six entries in either the Performance Hunter 3'3" or Performance Hunter 3'6" they must be combined, but they cannot be combined with any other hunter sections, except High Performance Hunter. If there are six or more entries in each Performance Hunter section, they must be held separately.*
- b. At all licensed competitions, if the High Performance Hunter section has fewer than three entries, it must be combined with the Performance Hunter 3'6" section. If, after combining, there are still fewer than three entries in the combined section, it must be further combined with the Performance Hunter 3'3" section.*
- c. When combining High Performance Hunter with Performance Hunters 3'6" and/or 3'3", the combined sections must offer the same number of classes offered by the Performance Hunter section(s) with which it is combined.*
- d. When combining High Performance Hunter with another section, if different amounts of prize money or entry fees were offered in the original sections, the combined sections will use the lower amount for both prize money and entry fees.*

11. At all licensed competitions, if the High Performance Working Hunter section has fewer than three entries, it must be combined with the Second Year Green Hunter (or with Green Working Hunter if combined or not originally offered split).

- a. If, after combining, there are still fewer than three entries in the combined section, it must be further combined with the First Year Green Hunter section.*
 - b. If combined Green Working sections have fewer than three entries, then they must be combined with High Performance Working Hunter.*
 - c. A horse that is eligible for more than one section must be declared and compete in only one.*
 - d. Horses will jump the respective height for the entered section.*
 - e. When combining High Performance Working Hunter with another section, if different amounts of prize money or entry fees were offered in the original sections, the combined sections will use the lower amount for both prize money and entry fees.*
 - f. When combining a section of High Performance Working Hunter with either a section of First Year Green Working Hunters, Second Year Green Working Hunters or both, the combined sections must offer the same number of classes offered by the Green Working Hunter section(s) with which it is combined. In addition, a section entry fee will be required and individual classes may no longer be entered for the combined section.*
12. At all licensed competitions, if there are fewer than six entries in either the Performance Hunter 3'3" or Performance Hunter 3'6" they must be combined, but they cannot be combined with any other hunter sections. If there are six or more entries in each Performance Hunter section, they must be held separately.

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HU111 Green **Hunter** Sections

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1. If there are at least six first year green horses, and there are at least six second year green horses, the Green Section must be divided.

1. Premier competitions offering Green Hunter must offer all four sections separately:

- a. Green Hunter 3'0"*
- b. Green Hunter 3'3"*
- c. Green Hunter 3'6"*
- d. Green Hunter 3'9"*

2. National, Regional I and Regional II competitions offering Green Hunter must offer all four sections. These sections may be offered either separately or combined as follows:

- a. Green Hunter 3'0"*
- b. Green Hunter 3'3"*
- c. Green Hunter 3'6"*
- d. Green Hunter 3'9"*
- e. Green Hunter 3'0"/3'3" and Green Hunter 3'6"/3'9"*

3. A horse may compete in only one Green Hunter fence height section at any one competition.

4. Green Hunters are required to jog for soundness.

5. Regardless of competition rating, each Green Hunter section that is offered separately must be held separately when there is a minimum of three entries. If there are fewer than three entries in a Green Hunter section, that section must be combined with a contiguous fence height section of the Green Hunter. If, after combining, there are still fewer than three (3) entries in the combined section, it must be further combined with the next contiguous fence height section of the Green Hunter. In the case where there are no entries in the fence height section that bridges the gap between the two non-contiguous fence height sections those two non-contiguous fence height sections may be combined.

6. Regardless of competition rating, any Green Hunter section that is offered combined must be split by fence height, and sections held separately when there is a minimum of three entries in any one fence height section provided at least three (3) entries remain in each of the other two sections, which would also be held separately, or as one other combined section. Contiguous fence height sections should be combined before combining non-contiguous fence height sections.

7. Green Hunter section(s) may not be combined with any other hunter section(s).

2. When entries warrant, competitions are encouraged to offer separate sections for first and second year horses. Separate championships may be offered

~~only when all classes are divided and each section offers the required number of classes and prize money for an undivided section.~~

HU112 Young Hunter Sections (New Rule)

1. Premier competitions offering Young Hunter must offer all three sections separately:

- a. Young Hunter 3'0"**
- b. Young Hunter 3'3"**
- c. Young Hunter 3'6"**

2. National, Regional I and Regional II competitions offering Young Hunter must offer all three sections. These sections may be offered either separately or combined as follows:

- a. Young Hunter 3'0"**
- b. Young Hunter 3'3"**
- c. Young Hunter 3'6"**
- d. Young Hunter 3'0"/3'3" and Young Hunter 3'6"**
- e. Young Hunter 3'0" and Young Hunter 3'3"/3'6"**

3. A horse may compete in only one Young Hunter fence height section at any one competition.

4. Young Hunters are not required to jog for soundness.

5. Regardless of competition rating, each Young Hunter section that is offered separately must be held separately when there is a minimum of three entries. If there are fewer than three (3) entries in a Young Hunter section that section must be combined with a contiguous fence height section of the Young Hunter. If, after combining, there are still fewer than three (3) entries in the combined section, it must be further combined with the next contiguous fence height section of the Young Hunter. In the case where there are no entries in the fence height section that bridges the gap between the two non-contiguous fence height sections those two non-contiguous fence height sections may be combined.

6. Regardless of competition rating, any Young Hunter section that is offered as a combined section must be split by fence height, and sections held separately when there is a minimum of three entries in any one fence height section provided at least three (3) entries remain in each of the other two sections, which would also be held separately, or one other combined section. Contiguous fence height sections should be combined before combining non-contiguous fence height sections.

7. Young Hunter section(s) may not be combined with any other hunter section.

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HU112 Conformation *Hunter* Sections

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~~5. Green Conformation fences to be at 3'6" and open only to horses in their first year of showing at 3'6". Regular Conformation fences to be at 3'9" and open to all horses.~~

5. A horse must be eligible for the Green Hunter 3'6" in order to be eligible for Green Conformation Hunter 3'6".

6. High Performance Conformation Hunter fences to be 3'9" and open to all horses.

~~6~~ **7. All Conformation sections are to be judged 70% on performance, 30% on conformation.**

~~7-8.~~ **Model classes to count ½ points.**

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SUBCHAPTER HU-3 COURSES

HU119 Height of Obstacles

When a range of fence heights is allowed in a class or section, the minimum height must be used unless a higher height is specified in the prize list.

1. Green **Hunter** Sections: 3'6" required for first year horses; 3'9" required for second year horses.

a. **Green Hunter 3'0"**

b. **Green Hunter 3'3"**

c. **Green Hunter 3'6"**

d. **Green Hunter 3'9"**

(Exception: Fences may be a maximum of 3" lower in Zones 11 and 12)

2. **Young Hunter** Sections:

a. **Young Hunter 3'0"**

b. **Young Hunter 3'3"**

c. **Young Hunter 3'6"**

(Exception: Fences may be a maximum of 3" lower in Zones 11 and 12)

23. High Performance **Hunter** Sections: 4' minimum in "A" rated sections at Premier rated competitions; 3'9" minimum in "A" rated sections at National rated competitions, and "B" and "C" sections. Obstacles may not exceed 4'6". (Exception: Fences may be a maximum of 3" lower in Zones 11 and 12)

4. **Performance Hunter 3'3"**

5. **Performance Hunter 3'6"**

6. **Green Conformation Hunter 3'6"**

7. **High Performance Conformation Hunter: 3'9"**

8. ~~3.~~ Amateur Owner **Hunter** Sections:

a. Obstacles at National and Premier rated competitions must be 3'6".

b. Obstacles at competitions in Zones 11 and 12 may be 3'3" or 3'6".

c. If a 3'3" Amateur Owner Hunter Section is offered, obstacles are to be ~~set at~~ 3'3".

d. If a competition offers both 3'3" and 3'6" Amateur Owner Hunter sections, regardless of the competition's rating, the obstacles must be ~~set at~~ 3'3" and 3'6" respectively.

e. No minimum height required at Local Competitions.

9. ~~4.~~ Adult Amateur **Hunter** Sections: Per USHJA Zone Rules.

10. ~~5.~~ Local Competitions: No minimum in any section.

11. ~~6.~~ Non-rated sections: Heights determined by competition management unless otherwise specified.

12. ~~7.~~ Ladies Side Saddle Sections: 3'.

13. ~~8.~~ Junior Hunter Sections:

a. Obstacles must be 3'6" in all classes. (Exception: Fences may be 3" lower in Zones 11 and 12 and in the Junior Hunter 3'3" section.)

b. No minimum height required at Local Competitions.

14. ~~9.~~ Children's Hunter Sections: Obstacles will be 2' for small ponies; 2'3" for medium ponies; 2'6" for large ponies and 2'9" to 3' for horses. Spreads must not exceed the height of obstacle. No minimum height required at Local Competitions.

10. ~~Pre Green. Fences not to exceed 3' or 3'3". (See HU103.9)~~

15. ~~44.~~ Green Pony Hunter: 2'3" for small, 2'6" for medium and 2'9" for large. (See HU122 regarding spread of fences).

16. ~~42.~~ Regular Pony Hunter: 2'3" for small, 2'6" for medium and 2'9" - 3'0" for large (See HU122 regarding spread of fences).

13. ~~Performance Working Hunter 3'3".~~

14. ~~Performance Working Hunter 3'6".~~

17. ~~45.~~ Three-Year-Old Hunter: Not to exceed 2'9".

18. ~~46.~~ Small Hunter Sections: 3'

17. ~~Green Conformation: 3'6".~~

18. ~~Regular Conformation: 3'9".~~

19. Thoroughbred Hunter: 3'0"

SUBCHAPTER HU-5 JUDGING

HU129 General

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5. After all competitors have had an opportunity to compete over a course in the High Performance **Hunter** and Performance **Working Hunter** section, competitors with faults which would eliminate the competitor from the ribbons, may be excused **by the judge** at management's discretion, provided four **(4)** more competitors than the number of ribbons awarded have completed the course. In Green **Working Hunter** classes riders are encouraged to withdraw after a major fault.

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SUBCHAPTER HU-6 CLASS SPECIFICATIONS

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HU138 **Model Classes** for Green **Conformation Hunter 3'6"** and Regular **High Performance** Conformation **Hunter Model Classes**

To be shown at a walk and trot. To be judged on conformation, way of moving and soundness. All horses being considered for an award must be serviceably sound.

HU139 Green Hunter, **Young Hunter**, High Performance and Performance **Working Hunter** Classes

To be judged on performance, **way of moving** and soundness. All horses being considered for an award must be serviceably sound.

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~~HU143 Hunter Classics~~

~~1. The following Hunter Classics may be offered: Adult Amateur Hunter Classic, Children's Hunter Pony Classic, Children's Hunter Horse Classic, Pre-Green Hunter **3'0" and/or 3'3"** Classic, **Young Hunter Classic**, Small Hunter Classic, Pony Hunter Classic, Green Pony Hunter Classic, Open Hunter Classic, 3'3" Junior Hunter Classic, 3'6" Junior Hunter Classic, 3'3" Junior Hunter Classic, 3'6" Amateur Owner Hunter Classic, 3'3" Amateur Owner Hunter Classic. Six (6) entries are required to conduct a Hunter Classic. If there are less **fewer** than six (6) entries in any one Hunter Classic, it may combine with other sections of the same rating. If Hunter Classics are combined and a horse is shown in more than one section qualifying for the Hunter Classic, the exhibitor must declare to the Competition Secretary which section bonus points are to count toward. Hunter Classics cannot be divided in any manner and held by section if there are less **fewer** than six (6) entries in each divided section. Exception: "A" rated sections must have twelve (12) entries to divide.~~

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SUBCHAPTER HU-7 CHAMPIONSHIPS

HU146 Eligibility

1. General.

The Champion and Reserve Champion titles are awarded to the top two of the four horses that acquired the most points performing over a regulation course with obstacles at the full height required in the section in which shown, except under the provisions of HU110. In addition to these points, only these four horses receive half points for ribbons won in Model classes and full points for ribbons won in one Under Saddle class. Exception: High Performance and Performance **Working Hunter** sections with three classes receive half points for the under saddle class, see HU104.

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HU147 Ties

1. In case of a tie score the Championship and/or Reserve is awarded to the horse that accumulated the most points over fences. If horses have an equal number of points over fences and no points under saddle, the tied horses will be asked to compete in a hack off, or independent under saddle class, to be judged on soundness and performance at the walk, trot and canter. Competitors may be asked to hand gallop at the discretion of the judge. (Exception: Green Hunters **and Young Hunters**). Any competitor may concede to the other if they choose not to hack off, or if both competitors agree, they may choose to break the tie with a coin toss. If horses have an equal number of points over fences, under saddle, and model (i.e. Regular or Green **Conformation Hunter 3'6" or High Performance** Conformation **Hunter**) the tie will stand as is and both horses will receive Horse of the Year Points in their respective Champion and/or Reserve position.

2. If all tied horses are declared unsound, selection of the winner among such tied competitors is left to the discretion of the judges.

HU148 Combination Hunter Championship

All competitions with a limited number of Hunter classes, including events in more than one section (i.e., ~~Regular~~ **High Performance Conformation** or Green Conformation **Hunter 3'6"**, Green ~~Working~~, High Performance or Performance Hunter), may count points won in such classes toward a Combination Hunter Championship. A Combination Hunter Championship and Reserve are awarded to two of the four horses which have acquired the most points performing over a regulation Hunter course with fences the height required in the section in which shown. In addition to these points, only these horses receive half points for ribbons won in Model, Maiden, Novice, Limit and Green classes and full points for ribbons won in one Under Saddle class or, if not held, in one Hunter Hack class, if otherwise qualified. The prize list must specify which classes count. This Championship does not count toward a Federation Horse of the Year Award except for Amateur Owner **Hunters**.

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SUBCHAPTER HU-8 CONDUCT

HU157 Entry Fees

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~~2. When entries require that High Performance Working Hunters are combined with Green Working sections, a section entry fee will be required for the High Performance Working Hunter section and individual classes will not be able to be entered.~~

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HU158 Scheduling

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4. No more than three (3) classes in any "A" rated hunter section at a National or Premier rated competition may be held in one day if the section is held over two days. (Exception: Model classes in Green **Conformation Hunter 3'6"** and ~~Regular~~ **High Performance** Conformation **Hunter** sections may be held as a fourth class. High Performance ~~Working~~ Hunter, Performance Hunter 3'6" and Performance Hunter 3'3" at National and Premier rated competitions and Pony Hunter sections at National rated competitions may be held on one day.)

a. At National and Premier rated competitions, classes in recognized sections must be run on consecutive days. (**Exception: hunter classics**).
(~~Exception, classics~~)

5. At all Regular Competitions, an Under Saddle class cannot be the first performance class held in a section. (Exception: Ladies Hunter Side Saddle and unrated divisions **sections**).

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SUBCHAPTER HU-9 SPECIAL RATING REQUIREMENTS

See also GR901.21b, GR901.24 and Chapter GR3.

HU164 Sections Required for National Rating

1. At least five (5) "A" rated Hunter sections must be offered. One (1) Amateur Owner or Junior Jumper section offering 3 classes and at least \$800 or \$600 respectively or one (1) \$5,000. Jumper section or class at 1.20m or higher may be substituted for one (1) required "A" rated Hunter section. A High Performance Working Hunter section must be offered.

2. Divided sections count as a single section.

3. Competitions that restrict entries in the rated Hunter sections to Juniors and Amateurs may count divided sections individually, but must offer at least six (6) "A" rated hunter sections. One Amateur Owner or Junior Jumper section offering **three (3)** classes and at least \$800 or \$600 respectively, may be substituted for one required Hunter section. If no classes for ponies are offered they **Jumper sections** may be used for two of the required sections.

4. "A" rated sections must offer an over fence class as a handy hunter. Exception Green Pony Hunter, **Green Hunter 3'0" and 3'3" (unless combined with Green Hunter 3'6" and/or 3'9")**. **A handy hunter class may be offered in the Young Hunter section and Green Hunter 3'0" and 3'3" sections, but is not required.**

HU165 Sections Required for Regional I Rating

~~Except at National rated competitions, at At~~ least three (3) "B" rated Hunter sections (Green **Conformation Hunter 3'6"** or Regular **High Performance Conformation Hunter**, Green **Working Hunter**, **Young Hunter**, High Performance **Working Hunter**, Amateur Owner **Hunter**, Junior **Hunter**, Pony **Hunter**, or Green Pony Hunter) must be offered. One Children's Hunter or one Adult Amateur Hunter section ~~or for any Zone whose Pre-Green Hunters are rated, one Pre-Green Hunter section~~ may be substituted for two required "B" sections. Divided sections count as a single section.

HU166 Sections Required for Regional II Rating

~~Except at competitions offering "A" or "B" rated Hunter sections, at At~~ least two (2) "C" rated sections (Green **Conformation Hunter 3'6"** or Regular **High Performance Conformation Hunter**, Green **Working Hunter**, **Young Hunter**, High Performance **Working Hunter**, Amateur Owner **Hunter**, Junior **Hunter**, Pony **Hunter**, or Green Pony Hunter, Children's Hunter, Adult Amateur Hunter, ~~Pre-Green Hunter~~, or Thoroughbred Hunter) must be offered. Divided sections count as a single section. Competitions restricted to side saddle may offer a Ladies Hunter Side Saddle Section as the only "C" rated Hunter section.

SUBCHAPTER HU-13 USHJA INTERNATIONAL HUNTER DERBY AND USHJA NATIONAL HUNTER DERBY

HU188 USHJA National Hunter Derby

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5. Zone bonus points will be awarded to each horse's respective hunter section as declared at time of entry. A horse may be declared in only one of the following sections at the competition: ~~Pre-Green Hunter 3'0" or 3'3"~~, Performance Hunter 3'3", Children's **Hunter**, Pony **Hunter**, Small Hunter, Junior Hunter 3'3", Adult Amateur **Hunter** or Amateur Owner **Hunter** 3'3". Only Juniors or Amateurs may declare for the applicable Children's **Hunter**, Pony **Hunter**, Adult Amateur **Hunter** or Amateur Owner **Hunter** 3'3" section. National bonus points will not be awarded. At Premier or National rated competitions zone bonus points will be awarded as follows, 1st - 75, 2nd - 60, 3rd - 54, 4th - 45, 5th - 38, 6th - 30, 7th - 23 and 8th - 15, 9th - 10, 10th - 7, 11th - 5, 12th - 3. At Regional I or Regional II rated competitions, Zone bonus points will be awarded as follows: 1st - 50, 2nd - 40, 3rd - 35, 4th - 30, 5th - 25, 6th - 20, 7th - 15, 8th - 10, 9th - 7, 10th - 5, 11th - 3, 12th - 2.

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HU189 USHJA PRE-GREEN **HUNTER** CHALLENGE

USHJA ~~Pre-Green Hunter~~ Challenge may be offered at USEF **Federation** Licensed Premier, National, Regional I or Regional II Competitions and at Competitions approved for a Special Competition Status.

1. USHJA ~~Pre-Green Hunter~~ Challenge is open to horses of any age in their first or second year of competing ~~over fences set at eligible under Federation rules to compete in the Green Hunter 3' or 3'3"~~.

2. ~~A horse which has received a pre-green reinstatement in accordance with USEF rules is allowed to compete in a USHJA Pre-Green Challenge.~~

23. Horses are not required to jog for soundness.

34. All USHJA ~~Pre-Green Hunter~~ Challenge classes must meet the requirements set forth by USHJA. Information on class procedures, class requirements, judging system and course requirements is available from the Programs Department in the USHJA office and on the website at www.ushja.org.

a. The USHJA ~~Pre-Green Hunter~~ Challenge may be held as a separate two (2) round class or competitions may utilize the last class of a ~~Pre-Green~~ section as the first (1st) round of the ~~Pre-Green Hunter~~ Challenge. At least twelve (12) horses, if available, must return for the second (2nd) round. Prize lists must specify if more than twelve (12) horses will be invited to return for the second (2nd) round.

45. Competition management will collect and remit to USHJA the per horse entrant fee along with the class results within ten (10) days of the competition. The USHJA ~~Pre-Green Hunter~~ Challenge entry fee is capped at ten percent (10%) of prize money offered. The per horse entrant fee will be \$15 at Premier, National and Special competitions and \$10 at Regional I and Regional II competitions. The per horse entrant fee may be added to the entry fee.

56. This per horse entrant fee is not included in calculating the ten percent (10%) entry fee maximum.

67. **National and** Zone bonus points will be awarded to the horse in the ~~Pre-Green Hunter 3'0" or 3'3"~~ section. However, horses may be ridden by Professionals, Juniors, or Amateurs.

78. **National and** Zone bonus points will be awarded for a USHJA ~~Pre-Green Hunter~~ Challenge as follows:

a. For a USHJA ~~Pre-Green Hunter~~ Challenge in which the first round is the last class of the ~~Pre-Green Hunter 3'0"/3'3"~~ Section, **National and** Zone bonus points will be awarded as follows: 1st-40, 2nd-32, 3rd-28, 4th-24, 5th-20, 6th-16, 7th-12, 8th-10, 9th-8, 10th-6, 11th-4 and 12th-2.

b. For a USHJA ~~Pre-Green Hunter~~ Challenge which is held as separate two round class, **National and** Zone bonus points will be awarded for a as follows:

1st-80, 2nd-64, 3rd-56, 4th- 48, 5th- 40, 6th-32, 7th-24, 8th-20, 9th-16, 10th-12, 11th-8 and 12th-4.

89. A minimum of \$750 must be offered when a USHJA ~~Pre-Green~~**Hunter** Challenge is held at a Premier rated competition or a competition that has been approved for a Special Competition status, a minimum of \$500 when held at a National rated competition and a minimum of \$250 must be offered when held at a Regional I or Regional II rated competition. If the 10% cap is less than \$50, management may charge an entry fee up to the maximum of \$50.

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12. Riders, owners and trainers must be current Active members of USEF ~~the Federation~~ and USHJA to participate in this class. (See GR202). Horses must be registered with the USHJA to participate in this class. Exception: Foreign residents and horses in good standing with their National Federation are eligible to compete in this class.

a. USHJA **National and** Zone Horse of the Year bonus points will only be awarded for placing in a USHJA ~~Pre-Green~~**Hunter** Challenge if the owner is a current Active member of the Federation and USHJA, the horse is recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA. For additional information and Zone residency requirements see GR1110 and GR1111.

13. No more than one ~~Pre-Green~~**Hunter** Challenge may be held during a given competition and competitions have the option of offering only one (1) fence height, or both fence heights within the class. If offering only one height, it must be the 3'0" height that is offered.

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SUBCHAPTER HU-14 LIMITING ENTRIES

HU190 Limiting Entries

Hunter sections restricting entries based on winnings must use the Federation National Horse of the Year points or prize money won, whichever is applicable, as a means of qualification for the specified time period or, alternatively, must use the greatest number of Federation National Horse of the Year points won at a specified number of competitions within a specified time period. (Exception: ~~First Year Green, Second Year Green~~ **Hunter 3'0", 3'3", 3'6" and 3'9"**, Green Conformation **Hunter 3'6"**, ~~Regular-~~ **High Performance** Conformation **Hunter**, High Performance Hunter, Performance ~~Working~~ Hunter 3'6" and Performance ~~Working~~ Hunter 3'3" sections restricting entries based on winnings must accept 50% of the entries from the Federation National Horse of the Year points list and 50% of the entries from the Federation National Horse of the Year prize money won list. If an odd number of entries will be accepted, the Federation National Horse of the Year prize money won list will take precedence. The procedure for determining horses that qualify and their ranking will begin with the top placed horse on the Money Won standings list, then go to the top placed horse on the Points standings list, back to the second placed horse on the Money Won standings list, then on to the second placed horse on the Money Won standings list, continuing down both lists in that order until all available slots have been filled. If during this process a horse appears on either list that has already qualified, skip that horse and go instead to the next horse on the same list. Continue using this process until all slots are filled)...

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Adding the Young Hunter 3'0", 3'3", and 3'6" to the rule book. Changing the names of Pre-Green, First Year and Second Year Green Hunter to Green Hunter 3'0", 3'3", 3'6" and 3'9". Adding 3'6" after Green Conformation and changing the name of Regular Conformation to High Performance Conformation Hunter. Striking the word "Working" and adding the word "Hunter" to section names where appropriate to maintain consistency throughout the rule book. Removing the restriction on Pre-Green Hunter to have only a "C" rating and be eligible for Zone Awards only and allowing Green Hunters to have any rating and to be eligible for National Awards. Defines what and how Green Hunter Sections are offered at Premier and Regional horse shows. Further defines how the Green Hunter 3'0", 3'3", 3'6" and 3'9" and Young Hunter 3'0', 3'3" and 3'6" actually work, including jogging and combining and splitting. Changing combining High Performance Hunter with Green Hunters to combining with Performance Working Hunters when necessary.

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HU 103 HUNTER ELIGIBILITY, PRE-GREEN AND GREEN HUNTER STATUS FOR HORSES AND PONIES [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-1 DEFINITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY]

HU103 Hunter Eligibility, ~~Pre-Green~~ and Green **Eligibility** Status for Horses and Ponies

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1. In all cases, the hunter eligibility and green status of the horse or pony ~~are~~ **is** the responsibility of the owner.
2. ~~Determining Hunter eligibility for horses.~~ Hunter eligibility for a horse begins when a horse of any age, competes for the first time in any over fences class with jumps ~~set~~ at three feet (3'0") in height or higher in **any** Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a USEF **Federation** or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America.
 - a. *For the purposes of eligibility, equivalent heights are:*

3'0"	.90 meter
3'3"	1.0 meter
3'6"	1.10 meter
3. *Once a horse begins its hunter eligibility, competing in jumper classes affects its Green Status and Eligibility according to HU103.12.*
4. *Horses may enter the Green Hunter section in any height section for which they are eligible. Further eligibility in the Green Hunter section is determined by the height section in which they enter the system.*
5. *A horse may compete in only one Green Hunter fence height section at any one competition.*
6. *When a horse begins its hunter eligibility competing in hunter or equitation classes or sections with fence heights of 3'0" or 3'3", it remains eligible for Green Hunter 3'0" and 3'3" for two competition years (not necessarily consecutive).*
7. *A horse that competes in any Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation class at a recognized competition in the United States or Canada with fence heights of 3'6" or higher is no longer eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'0" section but remains eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'3" section. A horse may compete in any other hunter or equitation class with fence heights of a maximum of 3'6" if otherwise eligible a maximum of four (4) times in one competition year prior to August 1 and remain eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'3". For jumper restrictions see HU103.12*
8. *Once a horse competes in a hunter or equitation class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights of 3'6" or higher a fifth time in one competition year, it is no longer eligible for the Green Hunter 3'3" section and it is only eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'6" section for the remainder of the competition year. That competition year will be considered the horse's Green Hunter 3'6" year. If a horse competes in a hunter or equitation class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights of 3'6" or higher after August 1, it is no longer eligible for the Green Hunter 3'3" section and it is only eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'6" section for the remainder of the competition year. That competition year will be considered the horse's Green Hunter 3'6" year. For jumper restrictions see HU103.12*
9. *Once a horse competes in a Federation or USHJA National Championship/Event with fence heights of 3'6" or higher he is no longer eligible for the Green Hunter 3'0" or 3'3" sections.*
10. *Following a horse's Green Hunter 3'6" year, it is eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'9" section for one year. That one year will commence the next competition year that the horse competes in any hunter or equitation class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights of 3'6" or higher. For jumper restrictions see HU103.12*
11. *A horse that has completed his Green Hunter 3'9" year is no longer eligible for any Green Hunter section.*
12. *Once a horse begins its hunter eligibility, the following jumper restrictions apply:*

- a. To remain eligible for Green Hunter 3'0 and 3'3", a horse may not compete in a jumper class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights higher than 3'3" when class specifications list fence height in metric.
- b. To remain eligible for Green Hunter 3'6", a horse may not compete in a jumper class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights higher than 3'6" when class specifications list fence height in metric.
- c. To remain eligible for Green Hunter 3'9", a horse may not compete in a jumper class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights higher than 3'9" when class specifications list fence height in metric.

3. Determining Green or Pre-Green Status for horses. Horses that have not broken their Pre-Green or Green Status must jump less than their regulation height or their Green Status will be broken. The Green or Pre-Green status of a horse is determined by the following factors in competition experience at Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America:

- a. The height of fences (determined by the class, section or division specifications) over which a horse or pony has competed.
- b. The number of competition years a horse has competed at regulation height. A horse that has competed in such classes for two (2) or more competition years, without receiving a reinstatement, is no longer eligible to compete in the respective Pre-Green or Green section.

4. Determining Hunter eligibility for ponies. Hunter eligibility for a pony begins when a pony of any age, competes for the first time in any over fences class with jumps set at 2'3" or higher for small ponies, 2'6" or higher for medium ponies and 2'9" or higher for large ponies in Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America.

5. Determining Green Status for ponies. Ponies that have not broken their Green Status must jump less than their regulation height or their Green Status will be broken. The Green status of a pony is determined by the following factors in competition experience at Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America:

- a. The height of fences (determined by the class, section or division specifications) over which a pony has competed.
- b. The number of competition years a pony has competed at regulation height. A pony that has competed in such classes for one (1) or more competition years, without receiving a reinstatement, is not **no** longer eligible to compete in the Green section.

613. In all cases, fence heights will be determined by the specifications of each section regardless of whether or not the fences are actually set at the regulation height.

714. If a competition starts prior to or on November 30th, Pre-Green and Green status at the start of the competition **are is** maintained throughout the competition.

8. Green Status sections are divided into Pre-Green Horse (3', and 3'3"); First Year Green, Second Year Green and Green Conformation; and Green Pony (2'3", 2'6" and 2'9"). Each status is defined below.

9. Pre-Green Horse Status.

a. A Pre-Green Hunter is a horse of any age in his first or second year of showing over fences set at 3'0" or 3'3" in height that has never competed over fences set at 3'6" in height or higher in Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America. Upon receipt by the owner of written notification of a First Year Green Hunter Reinstatement a horse may return to Pre-Green Hunter if it meets all other eligibility requirement of Pre-Green Hunter.

b. A horse is eligible to compete as a Pre-Green Hunter for a maximum of two (2) years regardless of age.

c. Horses may compete in either or both the 3'0" or 3'3" Pre-Green Hunter section during their two (2) years of eligibility. Horses may not cross enter between 3'0" and 3'3" Pre-Green sections at the same competition. Exception: In USHJA Zone 9, horses may cross enter between 3'0" and 3'3" Pre-Green sections at the same competition.

d. Once a horse begins competing in a class that restricts Pre-Green status, it may no longer compete in any Jumper class at 1.05 meters or above held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America or it will lose its pre-green status.

e. Pre-Green Reinstatement. A Pre-Green reinstatement may be granted one time. A horse is not eligible for a Pre-Green reinstatement if it has competed over fences set at 3'7" in height or higher in Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America. Horses that have competed in a USHJA International Hunter Derby are not eligible for reinstatement of Pre-Green status.

f. No jogging is required.

10. Green Hunter Horse Status for First Year Second Year and Green Conformation.

a. A Green Hunter is a horse of any age that is eligible to compete in the Green Hunter Section. A horse's Green Hunter eligibility, regardless of age, begins the first time the horse competes in any over fences class with jumps set at 3'6" in height or higher in Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America.

b. A horse in its first year of showing in the Green Hunter section over fences 3'6" or higher must be shown as a First Year horse when it is shown in Green Hunters or Green Conformation Hunters.

c. A horse in its second year of showing in the Green Hunter section over fences 3'6" or higher must be shown as a Second Year horse when being shown in the Green Hunters.

d. Once a horse begins competing in a class that restricts Green status, it may no longer compete in any Jumper or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation class at

1.20 meters or above held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America or it will lose its Green status.

e. A First Year Green reinstatement may be granted one time. A horse is not eligible for a First Year Green reinstatement if it has competed in any over fences class with jumps set at 3'7" in height or higher in Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America. A horse is not eligible for a First Year Green reinstatement if it has competed in the US Junior Hunter Championship.

f. A Second Year Green reinstatement may be granted one time.

11. Green Pony Status.

a. A green pony is a pony not exceeding 14.2 hands of any age, which is eligible to compete in the Green Pony section. A pony's Green Hunter eligibility, regardless of age, begins the first time the pony competes in any over fences class with jumps set at 2'3" or higher for small ponies, 2'6" or higher for medium ponies and 2'9" or higher for large ponies in Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America.

b. A pony is eligible to compete as a Green Pony for a maximum of one (1) year regardless of age or change to measurement status. A pony that has changed height sections in its green year may complete the green year at its new height.

c. In its first year of showing at regulation height or higher, a green pony may also compete in the Regular Pony Hunter section at its respective height.

d. Once a pony begins competing in any class that restricts Green status, it may no longer compete in any Jumper class held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America or it will lose its Green status.

e. A Pony Hunter Green reinstatement may be granted one time. A pony is not eligible for a green reinstatement if it has competed in the US Hunter and/or Jumper Pony Championship.

12. Green Reinstatement.

A horse or pony cannot return to compete in the section for which the reinstatement application was made until written notification has been received from the Federation that the reinstatement has been granted. A horse or pony's eligibility to compete in sections that are restricted by experience may be reinstated for a future competition year provided that:

a. The horse or pony was not shown at the regulation height or higher at more than four (4) competitions prior to September 1st of the current competition year.

b. The horse or pony was not shown at the regulation height or higher on or after September 1st of the current competition year.

c. The horse or pony does no longer competes at the regulation height or higher immediately upon application for reinstatement.

d. The horse or pony is otherwise eligible for a reinstatement under Federation rules.

HU104 Young Hunter Eligibility and Status for Horses (New Rule)

1. Young Hunter age restrictions are defined as:

a. **Young Hunter 3'0"** – horses five years of age and under

b. **Young Hunter 3'3"** – horses six years of age and under

c. **Young Hunter 3'6"** – horses seven years of age and under

2. Horses eligible for the Young Hunters may begin competing in any Young Hunter height section for which they are eligible. Further eligibility in the Young Hunter section is determined by the height section in which they enter the system.

3. A horse is eligible to compete in an age-restricted hunter class from December 1 of the competition year in which they reach the applicable age through the end of that same competition year.

4. Age of horse must be verified in accordance with Federation rules prior to competing in the Young Hunter sections.

5. A horse may compete in only one Young Hunter height section at any one competition.

6. When a horse begins its hunter eligibility competing in any Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation class or section with fence heights of 3'0" or 3'3", it remains eligible for Young Hunter 3'0" and 3'3" for two competition years provided it is eligible by age.

a. For the purposes of eligibility, equivalent heights are:

3'0" .90 meter

3'3" 1.0 meter

3'6" 1.10 meter

7. A horse that competes in any hunter or equitation class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights of 3'6" or higher is no longer eligible to compete in the Young Hunter 3'0" section but remains eligible to compete in the Young Hunter 3'3" section if otherwise eligible. A horse may compete in any other hunter or equitation class with fence heights of a maximum of 3'6" a maximum of four (4) times in one competition year prior to August 1 and remain eligible to compete in the Young Hunter 3'3". For jumper restrictions see HU104.11

8. Once a horse competes in a hunter or equitation class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights of 3'6" or higher a fifth time in one competition year, it is no longer eligible for the Young Hunter 3'3" section and it is only eligible to compete in the Young Hunter 3'6" section for the remainder of the competition year. That competition year will be considered the horse's Young Hunter 3'6" year. If a horse competes in a hunter or equitation class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights of 3'6" or higher after August 1, it is no longer eligible for the Young Hunter 3'3" section and it is only eligible to compete in the Young Hunter 3'6" section for the remainder of the competition year. That competition year will be considered the horse's Young Hunter 3'6" year. For jumper restrictions see HU104.11

9. Once a horse competes in a Federation or USHJA National Championship/Event with fence heights of 3'6" or higher, it is no longer eligible for the Young Hunter 3'3" section.

10. A horse that has completed his Young Hunter 3'6" year is no longer eligible for any Young Hunter section.

11. Once a horse begins its hunter eligibility, the following jumper restrictions apply:

- a. To remain eligible for Young Hunter 3'0 and 3'3", a horse may not compete in a jumper class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights higher than 3'3" when class specifications list fence height in metric.
- b. To remain eligible for Young Hunter 3'6", a horse may not compete in a jumper class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights higher than 3'6" when class specifications list fence height in metric.

12. In all cases, fence heights will be determined by the specifications of each section regardless of whether or not the fences are actually set at the regulation height.

13. If a competition starts prior to or on November 30th, Young Hunter status at the start of the competition is maintained throughout the competition.

HU 105 Hunter Eligibility and Green Status for Ponies (New Rule – moved from HU104)

1. In all cases, the hunter eligibility and green status of the pony is the responsibility of the owner.

2. Determining Hunter eligibility for ponies. Hunter eligibility for a pony begins when a pony of any age, competes for the first time in any over fences class with jumps at 2'3" or higher for small ponies, 2'6" or higher for medium ponies and 2'9" or higher for large ponies in Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America.

a. For the purposes of eligibility, equivalent heights are:

2'3" .70 meter

2'6" .80 meter

2'9" .85 meter

3'0" .95 meter

3. Determining Green Status for ponies. Ponies that have not broken their Green Status must jump less than their regulation height or their Green Status will be broken. The Green status of a pony is determined by the following factors in competition experience at Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America:

- a. The height of fences (determined by the class, section or division specifications) over which a pony has competed.
- b. The number of competition years a pony has competed at regulation height. A pony that has competed in such classes for one (1) or more competition years, without receiving a reinstatement, is no longer eligible to compete in the Green section.
4. In all cases, fence heights will be determined by the specifications of each section regardless of whether or not the fences are actually set at the regulation height.

5. If a competition starts prior to or on November 30th, Green status at the start of the competition is maintained throughout the competition.

6. Green Pony Status.

a. A green pony is a pony not exceeding 14.2 hands of any age, which is eligible to compete in the Green Pony section. A pony's Green Hunter eligibility, regardless of age, begins the first time the pony competes in any over fences class with jumps at 2'3" or higher for small ponies, 2'6" or higher for medium ponies and 2'9" or higher for large ponies in Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America.

b. A pony is eligible to compete as a Green Pony for a maximum of one (1) year regardless of age or change to measurement status. A pony that has changed height sections in its green year may complete the green year at its new height.

c. In its first year of showing at regulation height or higher, a green pony may also compete in the Regular Pony Hunter section at its respective height.

d. Once a pony begins competing in any class that restricts Green status, it may no longer compete in any Jumper class held at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America or it will lose its Green status.

e. A Pony Hunter Green reinstatement may be granted one time. A pony is not eligible for a green reinstatement if it has competed in the US Hunter and/or Jumper Pony Championship.

7. Green Pony Reinstatement. *A pony cannot return to compete in the section for which the reinstatement application was made until written notification has been received from the Federation that the reinstatement has been granted. A pony's eligibility to compete in restricted sections may be reinstated for a future competition year provided that:*

a. The pony was not shown at the regulation height or higher at more than four (4) competitions prior to September 1st of the current competition year.

b. The pony was not shown at the regulation height or higher on or after September 1st of the current competition year.

c. The pony no longer competes at the regulation height or higher immediately upon application for reinstatement.

d. The pony is otherwise eligible for a reinstatement under Federation rules.

HU104 **HU106** High Performance, Performance ~~Working~~ and Small Hunter – Definition and Classifications

1. A High Performance or Performance ~~Working~~ Hunter is a horse of any age and is not restricted by previous showing.

2. High Performance Hunter

a. Championships must be offered in accordance with HU145.

1. Number of classes and prize money must be offered in accordance with GR313.6.

2. Individual classes may be entered. (Exception: Under Saddle classes. See HU137.2)

3. In a section with three (3) classes, the under saddle will count half points towards champion and reserve.

b. The High Performance section must offer the greatest amount of prize money of all hunter sections at the competition.

3. Performance ~~Working~~ Hunter 3'6"

a. Championships must be offered in accordance with HU145.

b. Number of classes and prize money must be offered in accordance with GR313.6.

c. Individual classes may be entered. (Exception: Under Saddle classes. See HU137.2)

d. In a section with three (3) classes, the under saddle will count half points towards champion and reserve.

4. Performance ~~Working~~ Hunter 3'3"

a. Championship and Reserve must be offered in accordance with HU145.

b. Number of classes and prize money must be offered in accordance with GR313.6.

c. Individual classes may be entered. (Exception: Under Saddle classes. See HU137.2)

1. In a section with three (3) classes, the under saddle will count half points towards champion and reserve.

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SUBCHAPTER HU-2 DIVISION OF SECTIONS OR CLASSES

HU110 General

1. Sections may not be divided if there are less than 30 entries. (Exception: Green ~~Working~~ **Hunter and Young Hunter**, Amateur Owner and Adult Amateur Hunter sections refer to HU113.)

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4. In Performance Working Hunter and High Performance Hunter sections where individual classes may be entered, the sections can be divided after the first over fences class if there are 30 or more entries in subsequent classes. The number of Championship and Reserve Championships that are awarded will be determined by the number of sections created from dividing the first over fences class only.

- a. At all licensed competitions, if there are fewer than six entries in either the Performance Hunter 3'3" or Performance Hunter 3'6" they must be combined, but they cannot be combined with any other hunter sections, except High Performance Hunter. If there are six or more entries in each Performance Hunter section, they must be held separately.*
- b. At all licensed competitions, if the High Performance Hunter section has fewer than three entries, it must be combined with the Performance Hunter 3'6" section. If, after combining, there are still fewer than three entries in the combined section, it must be further combined with the Performance Hunter 3'3" section.*
- c. When combining High Performance Hunter with Performance Hunters 3'6" and/or 3'3", the combined sections must offer the same number of classes offered by the Performance Hunter section(s) with which it is combined.*
- d. When combining High Performance Hunter with another section, if different amounts of prize money or entry fees were offered in the original sections, the combined sections will use the lower amount for both prize money and entry fees.*

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HU111 Green *Hunter* Sections

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~~1. If there are at least six first year green horses, and there are at least six second year green horses, the Green Section must be divided.~~

1. Premier competitions offering Green Hunter must offer all four sections separately:

- a. Green Hunter 3'0"*
- b. Green Hunter 3'3"*
- c. Green Hunter 3'6"*
- d. Green Hunter 3'9"*

2. National, Regional I and Regional II competitions offering Green Hunter must offer all four sections. These sections may be offered either separately or combined as follows:

- a. Green Hunter 3'0"*
- b. Green Hunter 3'3"*
- c. Green Hunter 3'6"*
- d. Green Hunter 3'9"*
- e. Green Hunter 3'0"/3'3" and Green Hunter 3'6"/3'9"*

3. A horse may compete in only one Green Hunter fence height section at any one competition.

4. Green Hunters are required to jog for soundness. Exception: When Green Hunter 3'0' or 3'3" are held as separate sections or combined with each other, they are not required to jog for soundness.

5. Regardless of competition rating, each Green Hunter section that is offered separately must be held separately when there is a minimum of four entries. If there are fewer than four entries in a Green Hunter section, that section must be combined with a contiguous fence height section of the Green Hunter. If, after combining, there are still fewer than four (4) entries in the combined section, it must be further combined with the next contiguous fence height section of the Green Hunter. In the case where there are no entries in the fence height section that bridges the gap between the two non-contiguous fence height sections those two non-contiguous fence height sections may be combined.

6. Regardless of competition rating, any Green Hunter section that is offered combined must be split by fence height, and sections held separately when there is a minimum of four entries in any one fence height section provided at least four (4) entries remain in each of the other two sections, which would also be held separately, or as one other combined section. Contiguous fence height sections should be combined before combining non-contiguous fence height sections.

7. Green Hunter section(s) may not be combined with any other hunter section(s). Exception: Young Hunter. See HU114

8. Combining Green Hunter with Young Hunter

- a. If, after all Green Hunter sections have been combined there are still fewer than three (3) entries in the combined Green Hunter section, it may be combined with the Young Hunter section. In this case both Green and Young Hunters would show in a fence height section for which they are eligible.*
- b. If, after all Young Hunter sections have been combined there are still fewer than three (3) entries in the combined Young Hunter section, it may be combined with the Green Hunter section. In this case both Young and Green Hunters would show in a fence height section for which they are eligible.*
- c. Any entry in the combined section that is eligible for both Green and Young Hunter must declare to the competition secretary in which section points will count for HOTY standings.*

~~2. When entries warrant, competitions are encouraged to offer separate sections for first and second year horses. Separate championships may be offered~~

~~only when all classes are divided and each section offers the required number of classes and prize money for an undivided section.~~

HU112 Young Hunter Sections (New Rule)

1. Premier competitions offering Young Hunter must offer all three sections separately:

- a. Young Hunter 3'0"**
- b. Young Hunter 3'3"**
- c. Young Hunter 3'6"**

2. National, Regional I and Regional II competitions offering Young Hunter must offer all four sections. These sections may be offered either separately or combined as follows:

- a. Young Hunter 3'0"**
- b. Young Hunter 3'3"**
- c. Young Hunter 3'6"**
- d. Young Hunter 3'0"/3'3" and Young Hunter 3'6"**
- e. Young Hunter 3'0" and Young Hunter 3'3"/3'6"**

3. A horse may compete in only one Young Hunter fence height section at any one competition.

4. Young Hunters are required to jog for soundness.

5. Regardless of competition rating, each Young Hunter section that is offered separately must be held separately when there is a minimum of four entries. If there are fewer than four (4) entries in a Young Hunter section that section must be combined with a contiguous fence height section of the Young Hunter. If, after combining, there are still fewer than four (4) entries in the combined section, it must be further combined with the next contiguous fence height section of the Young Hunter. In the case where there are no entries in the fence height section that bridges the gap between the two non-contiguous fence height sections those two non-contiguous fence height sections may be combined.

6. Regardless of competition rating, any Young Hunter section that is offered as a combined section must be split by fence height, and sections held separately when there is a minimum of four entries in any one fence height section provided at least four (4) entries remain in each of the other two sections, which would also be held separately, or one other combined section. Contiguous fence height sections should be combined before combining non-contiguous fence height sections.

7. Young Hunter section(s) may not be combined with any other hunter section. Exception: Green Hunter. See HU111

[renumber successive as necessary]

HU112 Conformation *Hunter* Sections

[...]

~~5. Green Conformation fences to be at 3'6" and open only to horses in their first year of showing at 3'6". Regular Conformation fences to be at 3'9" and open to all horses.~~

5. A horse must be eligible for the Green Hunter 3'6" in order to be eligible for Green Conformation Hunter 3'6".

6. High Performance Conformation Hunter fences to be 3'9" and open to all horses.

~~6~~ **7. All Conformation sections are to be judged 70% on performance, 30% on conformation.**

~~7-8.~~ **Model classes to count ½ points.**

[...]

SUBCHAPTER HU-3 COURSES

HU119 Height of Obstacles

When a range of fence heights is allowed in a class or section, the minimum height must be used unless a higher height is specified in the prize list.

1. Green **Hunter** Sections: ~~3'6" required for first year horses; 3'9" required for second year horses.~~

a. Green Hunter 3'0"

b. Green Hunter 3'3"

c. Green Hunter 3'6"

d. Green Hunter 3'9"

(Exception: Fences may be a maximum of 3" lower in Zones 11 and 12)

2. **Young Hunter** Sections:

a. Young Hunter 3'0"

b. Young Hunter 3'3"

c. Young Hunter 3'6"

(Exception: Fences may be a maximum of 3" lower in Zones 11 and 12)

23. High Performance **Hunter** Sections: 4' minimum in "A" rated sections at Premier rated competitions; 3'9" minimum in "A" rated sections at National rated competitions, and "B" and "C" sections. Obstacles may not exceed 4'6". (Exception: Fences may be a maximum of 3" lower in Zones 11 and 12)

4. Performance Hunter 3'3"

5. Performance Hunter 3'6"

6. Green Conformation Hunter 3'6"

7. High Performance Conformation Hunter: 3'9"

8. 3- Amateur Owner Hunter Sections:

a. Obstacles at National and Premier rated competitions must be 3'6".

b. Obstacles at competitions in Zones 11 and 12 may be 3'3" or 3'6".

c. If a 3'3" Amateur Owner Hunter Section is offered, obstacles are to be ~~set at~~ 3'3".

d. If a competition offers both 3'3" and 3'6" Amateur Owner Hunter sections, regardless of the competition's rating, the obstacles must be ~~set at~~ 3'3" and 3'6" respectively.

e. No minimum height required at Local Competitions.

9. 4- Adult Amateur Hunter Sections: Per USHJA Zone Rules.

10. 5- Local Competitions: No minimum in any section.

11. 6- Non-rated sections: Heights determined by competition management unless otherwise specified.

12. 7- Ladies Side Saddle Sections: 3'.

13. 8- Junior Hunter Sections:

a. Obstacles must be 3'6" in all classes. (Exception: Fences may be 3" lower in Zones 11 and 12 and in the Junior Hunter 3'3" section.)

b. No minimum height required at Local Competitions.

14. 9- Children's Hunter Sections: Obstacles will be 2' for small ponies; 2'3" for medium ponies; 2'6" for large ponies and 2'9" to 3' for horses. Spreads must not exceed the height of obstacle. No minimum height required at Local Competitions.

10. Pre-Green: Fences not to exceed 3' or 3'3". (See HU103.9)

15. 11- Green Pony Hunter: 2'3" for small, 2'6" for medium and 2'9" for large. (See HU122 regarding spread of fences).

16. 12- Regular Pony Hunter: 2'3" for small, 2'6" for medium and 2'9" - 3'0" for large (See HU122 regarding spread of fences).

13- Performance Working Hunter 3'3".

14- Performance Working Hunter 3'6".

17. 15- Three-Year-Old Hunter: Not to exceed 2'9".

18. 16- Small Hunter Sections: 3'

17- Green Conformation: 3'6".

18- Regular Conformation: 3'9".

19. Thoroughbred Hunter: 3'0"

SUBCHAPTER HU-5 JUDGING

HU129 General

[...]

5. After all competitors have had an opportunity to compete over a course in the High Performance **Hunter** and Performance **Working Hunter** section, competitors with faults which would eliminate the competitor from the ribbons, may be excused **by the judge** at management's discretion, provided four **(4)** more competitors than the number of ribbons awarded have completed the course. In Green **Working Hunter** classes riders are encouraged to withdraw after a major fault.

[...]

SUBCHAPTER HU-6 CLASS SPECIFICATIONS

[...]

HU138 Green **Conformation Hunter 3'6"** and ~~Regular~~ **High Performance** Conformation **Hunter** Model Classes

To be shown at a walk and trot. To be judged on conformation, way of moving and soundness. All horses being considered for an award must be serviceably sound.

HU139 Green Hunter, **Young Hunter**, High Performance and Performance **Working Hunter** Classes

To be judged on performance and soundness. All horses being considered for an award must be serviceably sound.

[...]

HU143 Hunter Classics

1. The following Hunter Classics may be offered: Adult Amateur Hunter Classic, Children's Hunter Pony Classic, Children's Hunter Horse Classic, ~~Pre-Green Hunter 3'0" and/or 3'3"~~ Classic, **Young Hunter Classic**, Small Hunter Classic, Pony Hunter Classic, Green Pony Hunter Classic, Open Hunter Classic, 3'3" Junior Hunter Classic, 3'6" Junior Hunter Classic, 3'3" Junior Hunter Classic, 3'6" Amateur Owner Hunter Classic, 3'3" Amateur Owner Hunter Classic. Six (6) entries are required to conduct a Hunter Classic. If there are ~~less~~ **fewer** than six (6) entries in any one Hunter Classic, it may combine with other sections of the same rating. If Hunter Classics are combined and a horse is shown in more than one section qualifying for the Hunter Classic, the exhibitor must declare to the Competition Secretary which section bonus points are to count toward. Hunter Classics cannot be divided in any manner and held by section if there are ~~less~~ **fewer** than six (6) entries in each divided section. Exception: "A" rated sections must have twelve (12) entries to divide.

[...]

SUBCHAPTER HU-7 CHAMPIONSHIPS

HU146 Eligibility

1. General.

The Champion and Reserve Champion titles are awarded to the top two of the four horses that acquired the most points performing over a regulation course with obstacles at the full height required in the section in which shown, except under the provisions of HU110. In addition to these points, only these four horses receive half points for ribbons won in Model classes and full points for ribbons won in one Under Saddle class. Exception: High Performance and Performance **Working Hunter** sections with three classes receive half points for the under saddle class, see HU104.

[...]

HU147 Ties

1. In case of a tie score the Championship and/or Reserve is awarded to the horse that accumulated the most points over fences. If horses have an equal number of points over fences and no points under saddle, the tied horses will be asked to compete in a hack off, or independent under saddle class, to be judged on soundness and performance at the walk, trot and canter. Competitors may be asked to hand gallop at the discretion of the judge. (Exception: Green Hunters **and Young Hunters**). Any competitor may concede to the other if they choose not to hack off, or if both competitors agree, they may choose to break the tie with a coin toss. If horses have an equal number of points over fences, under saddle, and model (i.e. ~~Regular or~~ Green **Conformation Hunter 3'6" or High Performance** Conformation **Hunter**) the tie will stand as is and both horses will receive Horse of the Year Points in their respective Champion and/or Reserve position.

2. If all tied horses are declared unsound, selection of the winner among such tied competitors is left to the discretion of the judges.

HU148 Combination Hunter Championship

All competitions with a limited number of Hunter classes, including events in more than one section (i.e., ~~Regular~~ **High Performance Conformation** or Green Conformation **Hunter 3'6"**, Green ~~Working~~, High Performance or Performance Hunter), may count points won in such classes toward a Combination Hunter Championship. A Combination Hunter Championship and Reserve are awarded to two of the four horses which have acquired the most points performing over a regulation Hunter course with fences the height required in the section in which shown. In addition to these points, only these horses receive half points for ribbons won in Model, Maiden, Novice, Limit and Green classes and full points for ribbons won in one Under Saddle class or, if not held, in one Hunter Hack class, if otherwise qualified. The prize list must specify which classes count. This Championship does not count toward a Federation Horse of the Year Award except for Amateur Owner **Hunters**.

[...]

SUBCHAPTER HU-8 CONDUCT

HU157 Entry Fees

[...]

~~2. When entries require that High Performance Working Hunters are combined with Green Working sections, a section entry fee will be required for the High Performance Working Hunter section and individual classes will not be able to be entered.~~

[...]

HU158 Scheduling

[...]

4. No more than three (3) classes in any "A" rated hunter section at a National or Premier rated competition may be held in one day if the section is held over two days. (Exception: Model classes in Green **Conformation Hunter 3'6"** and ~~Regular~~ **High Performance** Conformation **Hunter** sections may be held as a fourth class. High Performance ~~Working~~ Hunter, Performance Hunter 3'6" and Performance Hunter 3'3" at National and Premier rated competitions and Pony Hunter sections at National rated competitions may be held on one day.)

a. At National and Premier rated competitions, classes in recognized sections must be run on consecutive days. (**Exception: hunter classics**).
(~~Exception, classics~~)

5. At all Regular Competitions, an Under Saddle class cannot be the first performance class held in a section. (Exception: Ladies Hunter Side Saddle and unrated ~~divisions~~ **sections**).

[...]

SUBCHAPTER HU-9 SPECIAL RATING REQUIREMENTS

See also GR901.21b, GR901.24 and Chapter GR3.

HU164 Sections Required for National Rating

1. At least five (5) "A" rated Hunter sections must be offered. One (1) Amateur Owner or Junior Jumper section offering 3 classes and at least \$800 or \$600 respectively or one (1) \$5,000. Jumper section or class at 1.20m or higher may be substituted for one (1) required "A" rated Hunter section. A High Performance Working Hunter section must be offered.

2. Divided sections count as a single section.

3. Competitions that restrict entries in the rated Hunter sections to Juniors and Amateurs may count divided sections individually, but must offer at least six (6) "A" rated hunter sections. One Amateur Owner or Junior Jumper section offering **three (3)** classes and at least \$800 or \$600 respectively, may be substituted for one required Hunter section. If no classes for ponies are offered they **Jumper sections** may be used for two of the required sections.

4. "A" rated sections must offer an over fence class as a handy hunter. Exception Green Pony Hunter, **Young Hunter and Green Hunter 3'0" and 3'3"** (**unless combined with Green Hunter 3'6" and/or 3'9"**).

HU165 Sections Required for Regional I Rating

Except at National rated competitions, at **At** least three (3) "B" rated Hunter sections (Green **Conformation Hunter 3'6"** or Regular **High Performance Conformation Hunter**, Green **Working Hunter**, **Young Hunter**, High Performance Working **Hunter**, Amateur Owner, Junior, Pony, or Green Pony Hunter) must be offered. One Children's Hunter or one Adult Amateur Hunter section or for any Zone whose Pre-Green Hunters are rated, one Pre-Green Hunter section may be substituted for two required "B" sections. Divided sections count as a single section.

HU166 Sections Required for Regional II Rating

Except at competitions offering "A" or "B" rated Hunter sections, at **At** least two (2) "C" rated sections (Green **Hunter 3'6"** or Regular **High Performance Conformation Hunter**, Green **Working Hunter**, **Young Hunter**, High Performance Working **Hunter**, Amateur Owner **Hunter**, Junior **Hunter**, Pony **Hunter**, or Green Pony Hunter, Children's Hunter, Adult Amateur Hunter, **Pre-Green Hunter**, or Thoroughbred Hunter) must be offered. Divided sections count as a single section. Competitions restricted to side saddle may offer a Ladies Hunter Side Saddle Section as the only "C" rated Hunter section.

SUBCHAPTER HU-13 USHJA INTERNATIONAL HUNTER DERBY AND USHJA NATIONAL HUNTER DERBY

HU188 USHJA National Hunter Derby

[...]

5. Zone bonus points will be awarded to each horse's respective hunter section as declared at time of entry. A horse may be declared in only one of the following sections at the competition: **Pre-Green Hunter 3'0" or 3'3"**, Performance Hunter 3'3", Children's **Hunter**, Pony **Hunter**, Small Hunter, Junior Hunter 3'3", Adult Amateur **Hunter** or Amateur Owner **Hunter 3'3"**. Only Juniors or Amateurs may declare for the applicable Children's **Hunter**, Pony **Hunter**, Adult Amateur **Hunter** or Amateur Owner **Hunter 3'3"** section. National bonus points will not be awarded. At Premier or National rated competitions zone bonus points will be awarded as follows, 1st - 75, 2nd - 60, 3rd - 54, 4th - 45, 5th - 38, 6th - 30, 7th - 23 and 8th - 15, 9th - 10, 10th - 7, 11th - 5, 12th - 3. At Regional I or Regional II rated competitions, Zone bonus points will be awarded as follows: 1st - 50, 2nd - 40, 3rd - 35, 4th - 30, 5th - 25, 6th - 20, 7th - 15, 8th - 10, 9th - 7, 10th - 5, 11th - 3, 12th - 2.

[...]

HU189 USHJA PRE-GREEN **HUNTER** CHALLENGE

USHJA **Pre-Green Hunter** Challenge may be offered at USEF **Federation** Licensed Premier, National, Regional I or Regional II Competitions and at Competitions approved for a Special Competition Status.

1. USHJA **Pre-Green Hunter** Challenge is open to horses of any age in their first or second year of competing over fences set at **eligible under Federation rules to compete in the Green Hunter 3' or 3'3"**.

2. A horse which has received a pre-green reinstatement in accordance with USEF rules is allowed to compete in a USHJA **Pre-Green Challenge**.

3. Horses are not required to jog for soundness.

4. All USHJA **Pre-Green Hunter** Challenge classes must meet the requirements set forth by USHJA. Information on class procedures, class requirements, judging system and course requirements is available from the Programs Department in the USHJA office and on the website at www.ushja.org.

a. The USHJA **Pre-Green Hunter** Challenge may be held as a separate two (2) round class or competitions may utilize the last class of a **Pre-Green** section as the first (1st) round of the **Pre-Green Hunter** Challenge. At least twelve (12) horses, if available, must return for the second (2nd) round. Prize lists must specify if more than twelve (12) horses will be invited to return for the second (2nd) round.

5. Competition management will collect and remit to USHJA the per horse entrant fee along with the class results within ten (10) days of the competition. The USHJA **Pre-Green Hunter** Challenge entry fee is capped at ten percent (10%) of prize money offered. The per horse entrant fee will be \$15 at Premier, National and Special competitions and \$10 at Regional I and Regional II competitions. The per horse entrant fee may be added to the entry fee.

6. This per horse entrant fee is not included in calculating the ten percent (10%) entry fee maximum.

7. **National and** Zone bonus points will be awarded to the horse in the **Pre-Green Hunter 3'0" or 3'3"** section. However, horses may be ridden by Professionals, Juniors, or Amateurs.

8. **National and** Zone bonus points will be awarded for a USHJA **Pre-Green Hunter** Challenge as follows:

a. For a USHJA **Pre-Green Hunter** Challenge in which the first round is the last class of the **Pre-Green Hunter 3'0"/3'3"** Section, **National and** Zone bonus points will be awarded as follows: 1st-40, 2nd-32, 3rd-28, 4th-24, 5th-20, 6th-16, 7th-12, 8th-10, 9th-8, 10th-6, 11th-4 and 12th-2.

b. For a USHJA **Pre-Green Hunter** Challenge which is held as separate two round class, **National and** Zone bonus points will be awarded for a as follows: 1st-80, 2nd-64, 3rd-56, 4th- 48, 5th- 40, 6th-32, 7th-24, 8th-20, 9th-16, 10th-12, 11th-8 and 12th-4.

9. A minimum of \$750 must be offered when a USHJA ~~Pre-Green~~**Hunter** Challenge is held at a Premier rated competition or a competition that has been approved for a Special Competition status, a minimum of \$500 when held at a National rated competition and a minimum of \$250 must be offered when held at a Regional I or Regional II rated competition. If the 10% cap is less than \$50, management may charge an entry fee up to the maximum of \$50.

[...]

12. Riders, owners and trainers must be current Active members of ~~USEF~~ **the Federation** and USHJA to participate in this class. (See GR202). Horses must be registered with the USHJA to participate in this class. Exception: Foreign residents and horses in good standing with their National Federation are eligible to compete in this class.

a. USHJA **National and** Zone Horse of the Year bonus points will only be awarded for placing in a USHJA ~~Pre-Green~~**Hunter** Challenge if the owner is a current Active member of the Federation and USHJA, the horse is recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA. For additional information and Zone residency requirements see GR1110 and GR1111.

13. No more than one ~~Pre-Green~~**Hunter** Challenge may be held during a given competition and competitions have the option of offering only one (1) fence height, or both fence heights within the class. If offering only one height, it must be the 3'0" height that is offered.

[...]

SUBCHAPTER HU-14 LIMITING ENTRIES

HU190 Limiting Entries

Hunter sections restricting entries based on winnings must use the Federation National Horse of the Year points or prize money won, whichever is applicable, as a means of qualification for the specified time period or, alternatively, must use the greatest number of Federation National Horse of the Year points won at a specified number of competitions within a specified time period. (Exception: ~~First Year Green, Second Year Green~~ **Hunter 3'0", 3'3", 3'6" and 3'9", Young Hunter 3'0", 3'3", 3'6"**, Green Conformation **Hunter 3'6"**, ~~Regular~~ **High Performance** Conformation **Hunter**, High Performance Hunter, Performance ~~Working~~ Hunter 3'6" and Performance ~~Working~~ Hunter 3'3" sections restricting entries based on winnings must accept 50% of the entries from the Federation National Horse of the Year points list and 50% of the entries from the Federation National Horse of the Year prize money won list. If an odd number of entries will be accepted, the Federation National Horse of the Year prize money won list will take precedence. The procedure for determining horses that qualify and their ranking will begin with the top placed horse on the Money Won standings list, then go to the top placed horse on the Points standings list, back to the second placed horse on the Money Won standings list, then on to the second placed horse on the Money Won standings list, continuing down both lists in that order until all available slots have been filled. If during this process a horse appears on either list that has already qualified, skip that horse and go instead to the next horse on the same list. Continue using this process until all slots are filled)...

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INTENT

Adding the Young Hunter 3'0", 3'3", and 3'6" to the rule book. Changing the names of Pre-Green, First Year and Second Year Green Hunter to Green Hunter 3'0", 3'3", 3'6" and 3'9". Adding 3'6" after Green Conformation and changing the name of Regular Conformation to High Performance Conformation Hunter. Striking the word "Working" and adding the word "Hunter" to section names where appropriate to maintain consistency throughout the rule book. Removing the restriction on Pre-Green Hunter to have only a "C" rating and be eligible for Zone Awards only and allowing Green Hunters to have any rating and to be eligible for National Awards. Defines what and how Green Hunter Sections are offered at Premier and Regional horse shows. Further defines how the Green Hunter 3'0", 3'3", 3'6" and 3'9" and Young Hunter 3'0', 3'3" and 3'6" actually work, including jogging and combining and splitting. Changing combining High Performance Hunter with Green Hunters to combining with Performance Working Hunters when necessary.

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Web: hunter eligibility

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

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PROPOSED CHANGE

HU 108 ADULT AMATEUR (NEW HU106) [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-1 DEFINITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY]

HU 108 ADULT AMATEUR

(New HU106)

1. **Competitions must offer Adult Amateur Hunter sections in accordance with the specifications of applicable USHJA Zone.** Unless the USHJA submits their Zone specifications to the Federation by August 1 of the previous year, the following specifications will apply for the Adult Amateur Hunter section:

a. 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 Federation Amateur status. ~~To be ridden by amateurs who are no longer eligible to compete as junior exhibitors. Horses and riders entered in Adult Amateur Hunter sections may not compete in the Amateur Owner Hunter section at the same competition. Riders entered in Adult Amateur Hunter sections may not compete in any other class in which obstacles are required to exceed 3'9" (1.15m) at the same competition. (Exception: USHJA National Hunter Derby).~~

b. Heights for Adult Amateur Hunter may range between 2'9" – 3'3" with spreads not to exceed fence height.

c. If there are fewer than six (6) entries in any divided section, the sections must be combined. If there are six (6) or more entries in each divided section, the divided sections must be held separately.

d. Horses and riders entered in Adult Amateur Hunter sections may not compete in the Amateur Owner Hunter section at the same competition. Riders entered in Adult Amateur Hunter sections may not compete in any other class in which obstacles are required to exceed 3'9" (1.15m) at the same competition. (Exception: USHJA National Hunter Derby).

~~b. e.~~ **e. Horses may be entered in Junior Hunter sections at the same competition if ridden by a member of the same family.**

~~c. f.~~ **f. Ponies may be ridden by adults, however ponies shown by adults at a Licensed Competition cannot be shown by juniors at the same competition. (Exception: when competing at a multi-breed/discipline competition, a pony may be shown in the breed restricted hunter section by an adult and then also shown by a junior rider in hunter classes restricted to ponies).**

g. Cross entry into other sections is allowed unless otherwise stated in prize list.

2. If an under saddle class is divided by age and a rider has two or more horses entered, all riders must be amateurs but need not be eligible by age.

3. When a section is divided by age of rider no horse may compete in more than one section.

~~4. All USHJA zone specifications submitted by August 1st and approved by USHJA and USEF shall be enforced by USEF if not followed.~~

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To clarify specifications for Adult Amateur Hunters

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PROPOSED CHANGE

HU109 Junior & Children's Hunters [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-1 DEFINITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY]

10. In "A" rated Junior Hunter sections divided by age of rider only, no exhibitor may ride more than ~~three (3)~~ **two (2) large and two (2) small Junior Hunters** horses in any section.

11. In "A" rated Junior Hunter sections offered by the height of horse, an exhibitor may not ride more than two (2) horses in any section. If sections offered by height of horse are combined, an exhibitor may not ride more than two (2) large and two (2) small junior hunters in the combined section.

12. In "A" rated Junior Hunter sections divided by height of horse and age of rider an exhibitor may not ride more than two (2) horses in each section.

13. In "B" and "C" rated and Local Junior Hunter sections, no exhibitor may ride more than three (3) horses in a class.

PROPONENT

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This change will bring point 10 in line with point 11 which allows a rider to compete two (2) Small Junior Hunter horses and two (2) Large Junior Hunter horses (for a total of 4) at the same competition. Currently, point 10 does not allow a rider compete all four horses if the section is divided by age of rider only.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

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PROPOSED CHANGE

HU 110 PONY HUNTER (NEW HU108) [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-1 DEFINITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY]

HU 110 PONY HUNTER (New HU108)

1. No junior over 12 years of age may ride in a Regular Small Pony Hunter Section.
2. No junior over 14 years of age may ride in a Regular Medium Pony Hunter Section.
3. Riders under the age of 18 years may ride in any Green Hunter Pony section. The rider age restrictions for the Regular Hunter Pony sections do not apply to the Green Hunter Pony section.
4. Riders under 18 years of age may ride for other exhibitors who have more than one entry in the Under Saddle class and/or exhibit the pony in the model class.
5. Ponies must be handled by junior exhibitors in all phases of a class, except in breeding classes in-hand.
6. Ponies shown by a junior cannot be shown by an adult at the same competition, except in breeding classes in-hand and in accordance with HU108.
Ponies shown by an adult at a Licensed Competition cannot compete in any sections or classes at the same competition with a junior rider Ponies shown by an adults at a Licensed Competition cannot compete in any rated Pony Hunter sections at the same competition with a junior rider.
(Exception: Breed restricted classes at multi-breed/discipline competitions.)
7. No animal may be shown in a performance class in this division unless the owner possesses a current measurement card or valid measurement form issued by the Federation (see HU170).
 - a. Small ponies are not to exceed 12.2 hands;
 - b. Medium ponies are over 12.2 and do not exceed 13.2 hands;
 - c. Large ponies are over 13.2 and do not exceed 14.2 hands.
8. Regular classes are open to all ponies not exceeding 14.2 hands. Qualifications must follow as nearly as possible those outlined for Hunters.
9. No rider may show more than three ponies in any green pony hunter height section. In the regular pony hunter sections, a rider may ride three ponies in one height section and a maximum of two ponies in each remaining height section at Premier rated competitions. At National, Regional I or Regional II rated competitions, a rider may ride a maximum of 3 ponies in each height section.
10. Junior riders showing ponies cannot compete in any class where fences may be set higher than 3'6" at the same competition (Exception Children's Jumpers, USHJA International Hunter Derby, Junior Hunter Classics, Pony Jumpers and WIHS Equitation Jumper Phase.) Additionally, junior riders competing Green Ponies but not Regular Ponies are exempt from this fence height restriction.
11. ~~Ponies shown by adults at a Licensed Competition cannot compete in any rated Pony Hunter sections at the same competition with a junior rider.~~
~~(Exception: when competing at a multi-breed/discipline competition, a pony may be shown in the breed restricted hunter section by an adult and then also shown by a junior rider in the open Pony Hunter section).~~

PROPONENT

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LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: pony hunter

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National Hunter Committee

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PROPOSED CHANGE

HU 110 GENERAL [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-2 DIVISIONS OF SECTIONS OR CLASSES]

HU110 General

7. Definition of a California Split:

a. The California Split is used to divide large classes. The judge keeps track of twice the number of placings required for either ribbons or the jog order. At the completion of the **class jog**, the judge creates two separate orders using alternating numbers in the following manner: the highest score is first in Section A, the second highest score is first in Section B, the third highest score is second in Section A, the fourth highest score is second in Section B and so on until all placings are awarded or the jog order is complete. The result is two sections of the same class being pinned separately.

Example:

HORSE'S	PRIZE
PLACING	AWARDED
1 st	1 st
2 nd	1 st
3 rd	2 nd
4 th	2 nd
5 th	3 rd
6 th	3 rd
7 th	4 th
8 th	4 th
9 th	5 th
10 th	5 th
11 th	6 th
12 th	6 th
13 th	7 th
14 th	7 th
15 th	8 th
16 th	8 th

b. Jog. The judge will call one jog order of up to twenty (20) horses. Once the horses have jogged for soundness and the jog has been made official, the A and B sections will be pinned using the California Split.

c. Under Saddle. **A Section with twelve (12) or less must be judged as one class using the California Split.** Sections that are judged under the California Split must have results for Section A and B. A random split will be used for under saddle classes of more than twelve (12).

d. In reckoning Championship points, the top eight horses that receive the most points in the Over Fences classes are awarded points for the Under Saddle and/or Model class(es). The Championship is awarded as follows: Horse with most points—Champion Number 1. Horse with second highest points—Champion Number 2. Horse with third highest points—Reserve Champion Number 1. Horse with fourth highest points—Reserve Champion Number 2.

8. Prize money in all rated classes at all licensed competitions must be distributed as follows: a minimum of 30% for 1st, 22% for 2nd, 15% for 3rd, with the balance to be distributed at competition management's discretion.

9. Prize money must be doubled whenever a section is divided.

1. ~~Option to dividing classes by every other number:~~

a. As an option to dividing classes by every other number, all entries may be judged as a single class and awarded prizes as follows; however, points will be awarded based on the number of entries in each section after it has been divided.

_____ HORSE'S _____	PRIZE
_____ PLACING _____	AWARDED
_____ 1st _____	1st
_____ 2nd _____	1st
_____ 3rd _____	2nd
_____ 4th _____	2nd
_____ 5th _____	3rd
_____ 6th _____	3rd
_____ 7th _____	4th
_____ 8th _____	4th
_____ 9th _____	5th
_____ 10th _____	5th
_____ 11th _____	6th
_____ 12th _____	6th
_____ 13th _____	7th (if offered)
_____ 14th _____	7th (if offered)
_____ 15th _____	8th (if offered)
_____ 16th _____	8th (if offered)

b. In reckoning Championship points, the top eight horses that receive the most points in the Over Fences classes are awarded points for the Under Saddle and/or Model class(es). The Championship is awarded as follows:

- ~~_____ Horse with most points _____ Champion Number 1.~~
- ~~_____ Horse with second highest points _____ Champion Number 2.~~
- ~~_____ Horse with third highest points _____ Reserve Champion Number 1.~~
- ~~_____ Horse with fourth highest points _____ Reserve Champion Number 2.~~

11. At all licensed competitions, if the High Performance Working Hunter section has fewer than three entries, it must be combined with the Second Year Green Hunter (or with Green Working Hunter if combined or not originally offered split).

a. If, after combining, there are still fewer than three entries in the combined section, it must be further combined with the First Year Green Hunter section.

b. If combined Green Working sections have fewer than three entries, then they must be combined with High Performance Working Hunter.

c. A horse that is eligible for more than one section must be declared and compete in only one.

d. Horses will jump the respective height for the entered section.

e. When combining High Performance Working Hunter with another section, if different amounts of prize money or entry fees were offered in the original sections, the combined sections will use the lower amount for both prize money and entry fees.

f. When combining a section of High Performance Working Hunter with either a section of First Year Green Working Hunters, Second Year Green Working Hunters or both, the combined sections must offer the same number of classes offered by the Green Working Hunter section(s) with which it is combined. In addition, a section entry fee will be required and individual classes may no longer be entered for the combined section.

12. At all licensed competitions, if there are fewer than six entries in either the Performance Hunter 3'3" or Performance Hunter 3'6" they must be combined, but they cannot be combined with any other hunter sections. If there are six or more entries in each Performance Hunter section, they must be held separately.

PROPONENT

CONTACT

INTENT

To clarify and reorganize existing language and remove unnecessary language from the rule.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

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PROPOSED CHANGE

HU 111 JUNIOR AND CHILDREN'S HUNTER (NEW HU115) [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-2 DIVISIONS OF SECTIONS OR CLASSES]

HU111 Junior & Children's Hunters (New HU115)

1. Riders must not have reached their 18th birthday (See GR127).
 2. Ponies may not be entered in Junior Hunter classes if Pony Hunter classes are offered at the same competition. If fence heights are changed to accommodate ponies in Children's Hunter classes, measurement cards in accordance with HU170 are required for all entries.
 3. If the Junior Hunter sections are divided by size, they must be divided into Large and Small. "A" rated Junior Hunter 3'6" sections at Premier rated competitions must be offered as four sections (large/younger, large/older, small/younger, small/older). Junior Hunter 3'3" may be offered as one section or may be offered as divided by size of horse and/or age of rider. Junior Hunter 3'3" may not be offered unless Junior Hunter 3'6" is also offered.
 4. If there are six (6) or more entries in each divided section, the divided sections must be held separately. If there are fewer than six (6) entries in any sections divided by age and/or height, those sections must be combined with other sections. If there are a minimum of twelve (12) entries once any sections have been combined, the newly combined section must be re-divided using one of the options listed in HU117. Management may determine a cutoff time for entering before redividing any section(s).
 5. If the Junior Hunter section is split by size, the horse may be shown over fences by different riders as long as they are from the same age group.
- [...]
9. All horses showing in the Junior Hunter Section at Regular Competitions must have a Federation measurement card.
 - a. A large Junior Hunter is over 16 hands.
 - b. A small Junior Hunter is 16.0 hands and under.
 1. ~~Beginning, December 1, 2014, and ending November 30, 2015, an application may be made for a one time re-measurement from the Large Junior Hunter section to the Small Junior Hunter section.~~
 2. ~~No penalties will be associated with this re-measurement and the horse may immediately begin competing in its new section.~~
 10. In "A" rated Junior Hunter sections divided by age of rider only, no exhibitor may ride more than three (3) horses in any section.

PROPONENT

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To remove confusing and no longer relevant language.

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PROPOSED CHANGE

HU111 Junior & Children's Hunters (New HU115) [CHAPTER HU 111 JUNIOR AND CHILDREN'S HUNTER]

HU111 Junior & Children's Hunters (New HU115)

1. Riders must not have reached their 18th birthday (See GR127).
2. Ponies may not be entered in Junior Hunter classes if Pony Hunter classes are offered at the same competition. If fence heights are changed to accommodate ponies in Children's Hunter classes, measurement cards in accordance with HU170 are required for all entries.
3. If the Junior Hunter sections are divided by **size height of animal**, they must be divided into Large and Small. "A" rated Junior Hunter 3'6" sections at Premier rated competitions must be offered as four sections (large/younger, large/older, small/younger, small/older). Junior Hunter 3'3" may be offered as one section or may be offered as divided by size of horse and/or age of rider. Junior Hunter 3'3" may not be offered unless Junior Hunter 3'6" is also offered.
4. If there are six (6) or more entries in each divided section, the divided sections must be held separately. If there are fewer than six (6) entries in any sections divided by age and/or height **of animal**, those sections must be combined with other sections. If there ~~are~~ **is** a minimum of twelve (12) entries once any sections have been combined, the newly combined section must be re-divided using one of the options listed in HU117. Management may determine a cutoff time for entering before redividing any section(s).
5. If the Junior Hunter section is split by **size height of animal**, the horse may be shown over fences by different riders as long as they are from the same age group.

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To define sections being combined or split by height of the animal versus fence height.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

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PROPOSED CHANGE

HU 111 JUNIOR AND CHILDREN'S HUNTER (New HU115) [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-2 DIVISIONS OF SECTIONS OR CLASSES]**HU111 Junior and Children's Hunter (New HU115)****15. Children's Hunter**

a- Competitions must offer Children's Hunter sections in accordance with the specifications of applicable USHJA Zone. **Unless the USHJA submits their Zone specifications to the Federation by August 1 of the previous year, the following specifications will apply for the Children's Hunter section:**

a. To be ridden by exhibitors who have not reached their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year.

b. Heights for Children's Hunter Horse may range between 2'9" – 3'3" with spreads not to exceed fence height. Fence heights for Children's Hunter Pony will be 2' for small and medium ponies and 2'6" for large ponies with spreads not to exceed fence height. b-

c. If there are fewer than six entries in any divided section, the sections must be combined. If there are six or more entries in each divided section, the divided sections must be held separately.

16. Unless the USHJA submits their Zone specifications to the Federation by Aug. 1 of the previous year, the following specifications will apply for the Children's Hunter section:

a- d. Riders entered in Children's Hunter sections may not compete over fences in any other class at the same competition in which obstacles are required to exceed 3'3". (Exception: USHJA National Hunter Derby).

b- e. Horses and ponies entered in Children's Hunter classes may not cross enter into Junior Hunter 3'6" sections or Pony Hunter sections at the same competition. Ponies shown in Children's Hunter Pony sections may not be shown by an adult at the same competition, except in breeding classes in-hand. Horses entered in Children's Hunter classes may be shown in the Amateur Owner Hunter section at the same competition if ridden by a member of the child's family.

e- f. Cross entry into other divisions sections is allowed unless otherwise stated in prize list.

PROPONENT

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To define the default specifications if a USHJA Zone does not submit their annual specifications for this section.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

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PROPOSED CHANGE

HU 112 GENERAL (NEW HU110) [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-2 DIVISIONS OF SECTIONS OR CLASSES]

HU 112 General (New HU110)

1. 3. Sections must be divided or combined based on the number of entries in the first over fences class and may not be combined or divided after the first class. Exception: Performance/High Performance Working Hunter, see HU112.4.

2. 4. No section may be divided if there are less than 30 entries. Exception: Green, Amateur Owner, Children's and Adult Amateur Hunter sections refer to HU115 and sections governed by USHJA Zone Specifications. Sections may not be divided if there are less than 30 entries. (Exception: Green Working, Amateur Owner and Adult Amateur Hunter sections refer to HU115.)

3. 2. Any section with 50 or more entries at the beginning of the first class must be divided. If there are 50 or more entries remaining in a section after it has been divided, the section must be redivided by every other number. Once a section has been redivided it may not be divided further.

3. Sections must be divided or combined based on the number of entries in the first over fences class and may not be combined or divided after the first class. Exception: Performance/High Performance Working Hunter, see HU112.4.

4. In Performance Working Hunter and High Performance Hunter sections where individual classes may be entered, the sections can be divided after *thirty (30) horses have competed in* the first over fences class. ~~if there are 30 or more entries in subsequent classes.~~ **Subsequent classes may be divided once twelve (12) horses have competed in each class. The number of Championship and Reserve Championships that are awarded will be determined by the number of sections created from dividing the first over fences class only. **Multiple Championships and Reserve Championships will only be awarded if a minimum of two (2) over fences and one (1) under saddle classes have been held per section.****

5. Any combined *Junior Hunter and/or Amateur Owner Hunter* section with a total of *twelve (12)* or more entries must be divided in a manner that guarantees a minimum of six (6) in each section. Management may determine a cutoff time for entering before redividing any section(s).

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To clarify the rules regarding combining and splitting hunter sections.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: dividing or combining sections

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

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RULE CHANGE TYPE

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BOARD ACTION

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PROPOSED CHANGE

HU112 GENERAL (NEW HU110) [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-2 DIVISION OF SECTIONS OR CLASSES]**HU112 GENERAL (New HU110)**

10. Option to dividing classes by every other number:

a. As an option to dividing classes by every other number, all entries may be judged as a single class and awarded prizes as follows; however, points will be awarded based on the number of entries in each section after it has been divided.

HORSE'S PLACING	PRIZE AWARDED
1st	1st
2nd	1st
3rd	2nd
4th	2nd
5th	3rd
6th	3rd
7th	4th
8th	4th
9th	5th
10th	5th
11th	6th
12th	6th
13th	7th (if offered)
14th	7th (if offered)
15th	8th (if offered)
16 th	8th (if offered)

ab. In reckoning Championship points, the top eight horses that receive the most points in the Over Fences classes are awarded points for the Under Saddle and/or Model class(es). **Model classes with fewer than three (3) entries will not count towards the show championship or reserve championship.** The Championship is awarded as follows: Horse with most points—Champion Number 1. Horse with second highest points—Champion Number 2. Horse with third highest points—Reserve Champion Number 1. Horse with fourth highest points—Reserve Champion Number 2.

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INTENT

To define how model classes count toward show championships.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS**Web:** numbers in classes**COMMITTEE ACTIONS****Council - Natl Breed & Discipline****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/22/2015**Draft 1:** No Comments**National Hunter Committee****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 10/19/2015**Draft 1:** No Comments**USHJA****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/10/2015**Draft 1:** No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

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PROPOSED CHANGE

HU 114 CONFORMATION SECTIONS [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-2 DIVISIONS OF SECTIONS OR CLASSES]

HU114 Conformation *Hunter* Sections *(New HU112)*

4. When combining Green Conformation Hunter with High Performance Conformation Hunter, if different amounts of prize money or entry fees are were offered in each divided the original sections, the largest amount must be offered to the combined section will use the lower amount for both prize money and entry fees. and the entry fee for that section applied. No credit will be given in combined sections unless three entries have competed.

[...]

6. All conformation sections are to be judged 70% on performance, 30% on conformation.

7. Model classes to count ½ points.

PROPONENT

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INTENT

To redefine how model classes count toward HOTY awards and show championships. To create consistency in entry fees and prize money when combining open hunter sections.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: conformation sections

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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PROPOSED CHANGE

HU121 HEIGHT OF OBSTACLES (NEW HU119) [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-3 COURSES]

HU121 HEIGHT OF OBSTACLES (New HU119)

When a range of fence heights is allowed in a class or section, the minimum height must be used unless a higher height is specified in the prize list.

[...]

4. Adult Amateur Sections: ~~Per USHJA Zone Rules:~~ **Obstacles will be 2'9" to 3'3". Spreads must not exceed the height of obstacle. No minimum height required at Local Competitions.**

5. Local Competitions: No minimum in any section.

6. Non-rated sections: Heights determined by competition management unless otherwise specified.

7. Ladies Side Saddle Sections: 3'.

8. Junior Hunter Sections:

a. Obstacles must be 3'6" in all classes. (Exception: Fences may be 3" lower in Zones 11 and 12 and in the Junior Hunter 3'3" section.)

b. No minimum height required at Local Competitions.

9. Children's Hunter Sections: Obstacles will be 2' for small ponies; ~~2'3" for~~ **and** medium ponies; 2'6" for large ponies and 2'9" to 3'3" for horses. Spreads must not exceed the height of obstacle. No minimum height required at Local Competitions.

[...]

PROPONENT

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INTENT

To define the height range for Adult Amateur hunters

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: height of obstacles

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

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BOARD ACTION

PROPOSED CHANGE

HU127 ATTIRE (New HU125) [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-4 ATTIRE, TACK AND EQUIPMENT]

HU127 Attire **(New HU125)**

1. Protective headgear. All riders must wear protective headgear. See GRB01.2. While competing in a jumping class, if a rider's chin strap becomes unfastened, the rider may stop to refasten the chin strap and continue his/her round without penalty or elimination. A judge may, but is not required, to stop a rider and ask them to refasten a chin strap which has become unfastened again without penalty to the rider.

2. Attire. Riders are required to wear conservatively colored coats (black, blue, green, gray or brown) which are free from adornment which in the judge's opinion is overly distracting. Shirts must have a choker, similar collar or tie. Breeches may be buff, canary, tan, rust or white. ***Riders may wear a safety vest either over or in lieu of a coat.***

3. Formal Attire. Riders are required to wear scarlet or dark coats, white shirts with white stock; white, buff or canary breeches and protective headgear. See GRB01.2. ***Riders may wear a safety vest either over or in lieu of a coat.*** Members of the Armed Services or the Police may wear the Service Dress Uniform.

4. Inappropriate attire. When management permits Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation riders to ride without jackets, riders must wear traditional short or long sleeved riding shirts with chokers similar collar or ties. Polo shirts and full chaps are not permitted except in unjudged warm-up classes. Management or Judge may eliminate an exhibitor who is inappropriately attired.

PROPONENT

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INTENT

To define the use of safety vests in the hunter ring.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: safety vest

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

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National Hunter Committee

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PROPOSED CHANGE

HU 133 SOUNDNESS (NEW HU131) [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-5 JUDGING]

HU133 Soundness (New HU131)

All horses must be serviceably sound. All horses being considered for an award must jog for soundness with rider dismounted. (Exception: Under Saddle classes, classes with specifications that do not require horses to jog, unrated classes, and classes at Local Competitions). Horses may not leave the ring until the jog is declared official by the judge. A horse that leaves the ring prior to the jog being declared official will be eliminated. A horse that is unruly, one that breaks away from the handler or one whose actions threaten to endanger the rider, handler, or other exhibitors or their entries will be eliminated. (Exception: Hunter Breeding and Pony Breeding). A horse may not be eliminated for receiving outside assistance in the jog. ***In classes restricted to ponies a junior must jog the horse for soundness.*** ~~In classes restricted to junior riders, a junior must jog the animal for soundness.~~ Horses that are not serviceably sound are ineligible for an award, including under saddle classes.

PROPONENT

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INTENT

To allow a person of any age to jog a junior hunter. This will assist in classes that are being held under the California split.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: soundness

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

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PROPOSED CHANGE

HU134 Faults [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-5 JUDGING]

3. The following constitute elimination.

a. Three refusals (*Exception: US Pony Hunter National Championship and US Junior Hunter National Championship, exhibitors will be eliminated after two cumulative refusals.*)

b. Off course

c. Jumping course before it is reset

d. Bolting from the ring

e. Fall of horse and/or rider (rider shall not remount in the ring).

f. Stopping for loss of shoe or broken equipment.

g. In model classes, a horse or pony that breaks away from the handler or one whose actions threaten to endanger the rider, handler, other exhibitors or their entries. Exception: Hunter Breeding and Pony Breeding classes.

PROPONENT

National Hunter Committee

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INTENT

The USHJA Pony Finals Subcommittee requested to change the number of refusals in the hunter sections at the US Pony Finals from three to two at their wrap-up meeting of 8/10/2015. This change would improve both the safety and efficiency of Pony Finals. At the 2015 Pony Finals only 3 ponies with two refusals went on to complete the course.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: faults - three refusals

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PROPOSED CHANGE

HU 145 HUNTER CLASSICS (NEW HU143) [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-6 CLASS SPECIFICATIONS]

HU145 Hunter Classics (New HU143)

1. The following Hunter Classics may be offered: Adult Amateur Hunter Classic, Children's Hunter Pony Classic, Children's Hunter Horse Classic, Pre-Green Hunter Classic, Small Hunter Classic, Pony Hunter Classic, Green Pony Hunter Classic, Open Hunter Classic, 3'3" Junior Hunter Classic, 3'6" Junior Hunter Classic, 3'3" Junior Hunter Classic, 3'6" Amateur Owner Hunter Classic, 3'3" Amateur Owner Hunter Classic. ***Hunter Classics may be offered for any rated sections offered and held at the same competition. An Open Hunter Classic is a classic that is open to entries from multiple hunter sections of the same rating. It is permitted for Open Hunter Classics to encompass several fence heights to correspond with the respective hunter sections being offered. It is not permitted for an Open Hunter Classic to encompass multiple ratings. The prize list must state the specific hunter sections that are invited to compete in the Open Hunter Classic. If a horse competes in more than one hunter section qualifying for the Open Hunter Classic, the exhibitor must declare their point section to the Competition Secretary. All other provisions of HU 145 apply to Open Hunter Classics.***

a. Six (6) entries are required to conduct a Hunter Classic.

b. If there are ~~less~~ **fewer** than six (6) entries in any one Hunter Classic, it may combine with other sections of the same rating. If Hunter Classics are combined and a horse is shown in more than one section qualifying for the Hunter Classic, the exhibitor must declare ***their point section*** to the Competition Secretary. ~~which section bonus points are to count toward.~~

c. Hunter Classics cannot be divided in any manner and held by section if there are ~~less~~ **fewer** than six (6) entries in each divided section. Exception: "A" rated sections must have twelve (12) entries to divide.

PROPONENT

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INTENT

To define an Open Hunter Classic.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

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HU145 HUNTER CLASSICS (NEW HU143) [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-6 CLASS SPECIFICATIONS]

HU145 Hunter Classics (**New HU143**)

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To allow the individual Zone specifications to define the number of exhibitors necessary to fill Adult Amateur, Children's Pony and Children's Hunter classics.

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HU 145 HUNTER CLASSICS (NEW HU 143) [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-6 CLASS SPECIFICATIONS]

HU145 Hunter Classics (**New HU 143**)

4. At National and Premier competitions, in sections with an "A" rating, Hunter Classics conducted using either a designated hunter class as the first round or a separate two round class must offer at least \$1000 in prize money and sections with a "B" or "C" rating must offer at least \$500 in prize money. (Exception: Pony Hunter Classics in sections with an "A" or "B" rating must offer at least \$500 in prize money; Children's Hunter Pony is not required to offer prize money). At Regional I and Regional II competitions, in sections with a "B" or "C" rating, Hunter Classics conducted using either a designated hunter class as the first round or a separate two round class must offer at least \$250 in prize money (Exception: Children's Hunter Pony is not required to offer prize money **and if a Children's Hunter Horse and Children's Hunter Pony Classics are combined, the competition is not required to offer prize money in the combined Classic**). At Premier, National, Regional I and Regional II competitions, when a Hunter Classic is conducted as a separate two round class, the minimum prize money offered as stated above.

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To clarify that prize money is not required when Children's Horse and Children's Pony Classics are combined.

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PROPOSED CHANGE

HU 160 SCHEDULING (NEW HU158) [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-8 CONDUCT]

HU160 Scheduling (New HU158)

1. "A" rated Hunter sections may be held and judged on one or more days. If held on one day, "A" sections ~~would be~~ **are** limited to a maximum of four classes per section (3 over fences and 1 under saddle). If held on two or more days, three to five performance classes must be offered (Exception: Pony Hunter and Junior Hunter sections).

a. At National and Premier rated competitions ~~a the~~ High Performance Working Hunter section must be offered. Exception: competitions restricted to Juniors and Amateurs.

b. National rated competitions must be held and judged over a minimum of three (3) days on the same competition grounds. A minimum of ~~five ten~~ "A" rated hunter sections **listed in GR 313.6** must be offered. ~~and Additionally, a minimum of five "A" and/or "C" rated hunter sections listed in GR 313.6 must be held and judged. Ladies Side Saddle does not count towards these requirements.~~ **Additionally, a minimum of five "A" and/or "C" rated hunter sections listed in GR 313.6 must be held and judged. Ladies Side Saddle does not count towards these requirements.** ~~a A~~ minimum of two performance classes from two different "A" rated Hunter sections must be scheduled and judged on each of the three days. ~~"A" rated Hunter sections must be held and judged over two or more days.~~ (Exception: High Performance Working Hunter, Performance Hunter 3'6", Performance Hunter 3'3" and pony hunter sections). A minimum of \$5,000 in prize money, must be paid in the rated Hunter sections of a National competition. A maximum of \$2,000 of Hunter Classic and/or USHJA National Hunter Derby, **USHJA Pre-Green Incentive, and/or USHJA Pre-Green Challenge** prize money can be used towards calculating the \$5,000 of required prize money for a National rated competition. **Exception: A minimum of \$3,000 in prize money, must be paid in the rated Hunter sections of a National competition restricted to Juniors and/or Amateurs. A maximum of \$1,000 of Hunter Classic USHJA National Hunter Derby, USHJA Pre-Green Incentive, and/or USHJA Pre-Green Challenge prize money can be used towards calculating the \$3,000 of required prize money for a National rated competition restricted to Juniors and/or Amateurs.**

c. Premier rated competitions must be held and judged over a minimum of five (5) days on the same competition grounds. A minimum of ~~five fifteen~~ "A" rated Hunter sections **listed in GR 313.6** must be offered ~~and. Additionally, a minimum of ten "A" and/or "C" rated hunter sections listed in GR 313.6 must be held and judged, a maximum of four of which can be "C" rated sections. Ladies Side Saddle does not count towards these requirements.~~ **Additionally, a minimum of ten "A" and/or "C" rated hunter sections listed in GR 313.6 must be held and judged, a maximum of four of which can be "C" rated sections. Ladies Side Saddle does not count towards these requirements.** ~~a A~~ minimum of two performance classes from two different "A" rated Hunter sections must be scheduled and judged on four of the five days. **At Premier rated competitions,** "A" rated Hunter sections must be held on two or more days. (Exception: High Performance Working Hunter, Performance Hunter 3'6" and Performance Hunter 3'3"). A minimum of \$24,000 in prize money, including add-back money if any, must be paid in the rated Hunter sections of a Premier competition. A maximum of \$5,000 of Hunter Classic, USHJA International Hunter Derby ~~and/or~~ USHJA National Hunter Derby, **USHJA Pre-Green Incentive, and/or USHJA Pre-Green Challenge** prize money can be used towards calculating the \$24,000 of prize money, including add-back money if any, which must be paid for a Premier rated competition. If an add-back is offered, the minimum required prize money for that section must be guaranteed, and the add-backs must be clearly indicated in the prize list. Exception: If sections are canceled or entries are insufficient to award all prize money, then additional money not awarded must be pooled and redistributed 60% to the champions, and 40% to the reserve champions of the remaining "A" rated hunter sections.

d. Rated competitions which restrict entries in the rated Hunter sections to juniors and amateurs must be held on a minimum of two consecutive non-school days within the public school system, at the location of the competition, on the same competition grounds. **A minimum of six "A" rated Hunter sections listed in GR 313.6 must be offered. Additionally, a minimum of three "A" and/or "C" rated hunter sections listed in GR 313.6 must be held. Ladies Side Saddle does not count towards these requirements.**

e. At Federation licensed Junior/Amateur competitions, the only rated Hunter sections that may be held are those which are restricted by definition to the participation of juniors and amateurs (example: Junior, Amateur, Children's, Adult and Pony). Exception: Pony Hunter Breeding and Hunter Breeding classes.

[...]

PROPONENT

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INTENT

To clarify the number of rated sections which must be offered and held/judged at hunter rated National and Premier competitions and to permit open sections to be held on one day at National competitions providing only four classes are offered. To create prize money requirement for Junior/Amateur competitions.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

HJ 202 (315-15)

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COMMITTEE ACTIONS

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PROPOSED CHANGE

HU181 U.S. Pony Hunter [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-11 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS]

1. Full qualifying criteria and Official Specifications will be posted on the Federation website (www.usef.org) at least 30 days prior to the start of the qualifying period.

2 4. This competition is designed to encourage the breeding of quality Hunter ponies and the proper basic training for them.

3 2. Eligibility. In order to compete in the U.S. Pony Hunter Championship, the pony must be recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA on or before the first day of the competition. The owner must be an Active member of the Federation and USHJA.

a. The pony must be recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA at the time of qualification and on or before the first day of the Championship.

b. The owner of record of the pony must be an Active member in good standing of the Federation and USHJA, i.e. ponies must be shown in accordance with GR1102 and GR1108 in order to be eligible to qualify.

a. A pony must win a Championship or Reserve Championship in a "AA" or "A" rated Regular Pony Hunter section. The pony must be recorded with the Federation and registered with the USHJA at the time of the win in order for the Championship or Reserve Championship to count. Sections held after July 1 will count toward next year's competition. Ponies that are Champions in their respective sections at the previous year's competition may return without qualifying. The owner of record of the pony must be an Active member in good standing of the Federation and USHJA, i.e., ponies must be shown in accordance with GR1102, GR1108, in order to be eligible to qualify. Pony Finals host sites will comply with the rules designated by the Federation and the Federation Pony Hunter Committee.

b. Green Pony Hunters qualify by winning a Championship or Reserve Championship in an "AA" or "A" rated Green Pony Hunter section between December 1 and July 1 of the current competition year. A Green Pony Hunter who has qualified for the Finals in the Green Hunter Pony section and the Regular Pony Hunter section may not compete in both. Green Pony Hunters must declare the section in which they will compete when completing their entry blank. They must qualify in the Regular Pony Hunter section after July 1 in order to be qualified for the next competition year.

3. Phases.

a. Competition will be conducted in three separate phases: In-Hand, Under Saddle and Over Fences. In determining each pony's total score, the Model will count 25%, Under Saddle 25% and Over Fences 50%. The competition will consist of six pony hunter sections: small green pony, medium green pony and large green pony, small pony, medium pony and large pony. Green ponies may qualify within their green year from December 1 to July 1 to compete in the green pony hunter division.

b. In-Hand. Judged on conformation, way of moving and soundness.

c. Under Saddle. To be shown at the walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Riders may be asked for an extended trot. Ponies to stop easily and stand quietly. Light contact with pony's mouth is required. Judged on performance and soundness. Manners and suitability of a pony to rider will be emphasized. Extreme speed is penalized.

1. In the Under Saddle phase, the ponies in each division will be split into groups of 12 or less. Each pony will be judged and given a score based on its performance in its group. At the discretion of the judges, the ponies in any one division may be called back to hack together.

d. Over Fences. To be shown over a minimum of eight fences at the required height (Note—Large green ponies to jump at 2'9" in the competition). Judged on performance and soundness. Manners and suitability of a pony to rider will be emphasized. Extreme speed is penalized.

e. The same junior exhibitor is required to show an entry in all phases of the competition but need not be the same one that handled the pony in any phases of a qualifying event. The same junior exhibitor may ride a small, medium and large pony in the competition but not more than one pony in any one division.

4. Judging Procedure. A total of six judges will officiate. Three judges will judge the model phase simultaneously but independently of each other and each of the three judges will give each pony a model score. Three additional judges will judge the under saddle phase simultaneously but independently of each other and each of the three judges will give every pony an under saddle score. Prior to the over fences phase, each pony's scores for the Model and Under Saddle phases are totaled and announced. All six judges will judge the over fences phase in three panels of two judges each. Each panel will submit a separate score for each pony. During the over fences phase, the Open Numerical Scoring System is used: after a pony completes the course, each panel's score for the round is immediately shown. The total overall score for each pony is then calculated as soon as it has completed the last phase.

4 5. Points.

Model and Under
Saddle Phase

Over Fences Phase
(all height sections)

1st 100

1st 250

2nd	90	2nd	225
3rd	80	3rd	200
4th	70	4th	175
5th	60	5th	150
6th	50	6th	125
7th	40	7th	100
8th	30	8th	75
9th	20	9th	50
10th	10	10th	25

Overall Top Twenty (all height sections)

Champion	400
Reserve	240
3rd	200
4th	190
5th	180
6th	170
7th	160
8th	150
9th	140
10th	130
11th	115
12th	100
13th	85
14th	80
15th	75
16th	70
17th	65
18th	60
19th	55
20th	50

PROPONENT

CONTACT

INTENT

This rule change brings in line the US Pony Hunter championship rules with recent changes to remove language that should not be in the USEF rule book. The full qualification procedures and class specifications for the championships will instead be posted on the USEF website.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

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COMMITTEE ACTIONS**Council - Natl Breed & Discipline**

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PROPOSED CHANGE

HU182 US Junior Hunter [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-11 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS]

1. Full qualifying criteria and Official Specifications will be posted on the Federation website (www.usef.org) at least 30 days prior to the start of the qualifying period.

2 4. This competition is designed to encourage and promote the basic training and development of Junior Hunters. ~~The National Championship must be offered for the Junior Hunter 3'6". The Junior Hunter 3'3" section may be offered in addition to the 3'6" section.~~

3 2. Eligibility.

- a. The horse must be recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA **at the time of qualification** and on or before the first day of the Championship.
- b. The owner of record of the horse must be an Active member in good standing of the Federation and USHJA, i.e. horses must be shown in accordance with GR1102 and GR1108 in order to be eligible to qualify.
- c. ~~A horse must win a Championship or Reserve Championship in an "A" Rated Junior Hunter section during the qualifying period, and/or be in the top 10 in their zone in any of the four Junior Hunter sections based on the competition results received on the final day of the qualifying period. The qualifying period will be posted on the Federation website a minimum of thirty (30) days before the commencement of the qualifying period.~~
- d. ~~The horse must be recorded with the Federation and registered with the USHJA at the time of the win for the Championship or Reserve Championship to count.~~
- e. ~~Horses that are champion at the previous year's competition may return without qualifying providing that they are properly entered to compete.~~

3. Phases.

- a. ~~The competition will be conducted in three separate phases: Under Saddle to count 20%, Handy Hunter to count, 40%, and a single Classic Round to count 40%.~~
- b. ~~To determine the winner, scores must be calculated based on the total of the combination of all three phases after the percentages of each phase have been calculated.~~
- c. ~~Under Saddle. To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the Ring. Horses are to hand gallop one direction, halt and back. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. Judged on performance and soundness. Manners and suitability to be emphasized. See HU182.4 for judging procedure.~~
- d. ~~Handy Hunter. Obstacles should simulate those found in trappy hunt country. The course must have at least two changes of direction and at least one combination. Horses are required to trot over one fence on the course, may be asked to lead over one obstacle or open a gate while mounted. Emphasis shall be placed on "handiness" for this round.~~
- e. ~~Classic Round. The course must maintain at least ten obstacles, have two changes of direction and at least one combination. There shall be one single oxer on the course that shall be ridden at the gallop. Emphasis shall be placed on "brilliance" for this round.~~
- f. ~~In the Under Saddle Phase, horses shall be judged in groups of twelve or less. Each horse shall be judged and given a score based on its performance in the group.~~
- g. ~~In the Handy Hunter and Classic Round each entry will be given a numerical score based on its performance.~~
- h. ~~The same junior exhibitor is required to show an entry in all phases of the competition. The competition will be split into Small and Large Sections and each section will also be split by age. The same junior exhibitor may show one small and one large entry.~~
- i. ~~Ties will be broken based on the score of the judge that is designated as judge number one for each phase of competition. If a tie still exists for the overall standings, the score from the Classic Phase will break such tie.~~

4. ~~Judging Procedure. Three judges will judge each phase simultaneously but independently of each other. Each judge will give every entry a score for each phase. Prior to the Handy Hunter and Classic Round, each entry's score in the previous phase shall be totaled and announced. During the over fence phase, the Open Numerical Scoring System is used. After each entry completes the course each judge's score for the round is immediately shown or announced. The total overall score for each entry is then calculated as soon as it has completed the last phase.~~

4 5. Points.

All points are based on values below. In classes that have less than 10 entries, the point values will be one-half of what is listed below.

	Under Saddle	Handy Hunter	Classic
First	100	250	250
Second	90	225	225
Third	80	200	200

Fourth	70	175	175
Fifth	60	150	150
Sixth	50	125	125
Seventh	40	100	100
Eighth	30	75	75
Ninth	20	50	50
Tenth	10	25	25

OVERALL (all sections)

Champion	500	2.0 times the classic
Reserve	300	1.2 times the classic
Third	200	
Fourth	150	
Fifth	100	
Sixth	90	
Seventh	80	
Eighth	70	
Ninth	60	
Tenth	50	

6. Competition Special Requirements.

a. Horses are required to be stabled on the competition grounds a minimum of 12 hours before the start of the competition.

b. Commencing 12 hours prior to the start of the competition and continuing until through competing, only the competition rider may ride his/her entry. These riders must wear their competition number at all times anywhere on the grounds whenever mounted.

c. Failure to comply with these rules will result in elimination if deemed appropriate by an appeals jury which will be compiled of one of the competition's Federation Stewards, a member of the Federation staff, and the competition manager.

d. The U.S. Junior Hunter National Championships may be split into two Championships. One on the eastern side of the U.S. and one on the western side of the U.S. Qualified horses may compete in either Championship but the horse's owners or their agent must declare which one they will be competing in as they are only allowed to compete in one or the other but not both in any one year. Riders may ride one large and one small on both coasts. Qualification and points will be the same for both eastern and western championships.

7. Grant Fund.

One or more grants may be awarded to one or more riders who qualify to compete at the U.S. Junior Hunter National Championships, based on a completed application, including a one to two page essay, at the full discretion of the selection committee. The Grant Fund application form must be included in the prize list of the competition.

5-8. Zone or Regional Championships.

a. The Chairman of each Zone may request permission of the USHJA to hold a Zone or Regional Championship section for the riders of each Zone who have won a Champion or Reserve at an "A" rated Junior Hunter division within the previous competition year. **Specifications for these championships will be posted on the USHJA website (www.ushja.org) at least 30 days prior to the start of the qualifying period.**

b. Two or more Zone Chairmen may request permission to hold a Regional Championship section including several zones.

c. Application must be made to the USHJA office at least sixty days in advance of the holding of the section.

d. The location of these sections is subject to the approval of the Federation.

e. The Championships are conducted under the same regulations as the U.S. Junior Hunter National Championship. (Exception: All points awarded are based on "AA" point values as per GR1131.5)

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This rule change brings in line the US Junior Hunter championship rules with recent changes to remove language that should not be in the USEF rule book. The full qualification procedures and class specifications for the championships will instead be posted on the USEF website.

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HU 185 GENERAL (NEW HU184) [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-12 HUNTER & PONY HUNTER BREEDING]

HU185 General **(New HU184)**

1. Classes will only accumulate Federation Horse of the Year Points from January 1 to November 30 of the current show year (see GR1115). (Exception: Pony Hunter Breeding will accumulate Zone Horse of the Year points.)
2. Classes must be offered as printed in the prize list. Classes may not be combined however they may be split if the number of entries warrant.
3. Ribbons in all classes must be presented to the winners while in the ring.
4. ***Each entry will have only one handler per class. The same handler will present the horse in all phases of the class including the jog.*** ~~No more than one person may present a horse or pony at any one time to the judge or judges.~~

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To define duties of a handler in the Hunter Breeding section.

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Web: handlers

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HU 187 PONY HUNTER BREEDING (NEW HU186) [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-12 HUNTER AND PONY HUNTER BREEDING]

HU 187 PONY HUNTER BREEDING **AND USHJA PONY BREEDING CHAMPIONSHIP** (new HU186)

[...]

6. USHJA at its discretion may choose to conduct an East and/or West Coast Pony Hunter Breeding Championship(s).

a. The USHJA Pony Hunter Breeding Championship(s) must be run in accordance with official championship specifications located at www.ushja.org.

b. Handlers, riders, owners, and trainers must be current Active members of the Federation and USHJA on or before the first day of the competition.

c. Ponies must be recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA on or before the first day of the competition.

d. Zone HOTY bonus points will be awarded for the USHJA Pony Hunter Breeding Championship(s) as determined by USHJA.

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INTENT

To promote quality pony hunter breeding by providing a means of national recognition through a USHJA Championship event.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Staff: IT - Approximately 2+ hours of IT work to implement this rule.

Web: USHJA pony breeding championship

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HU189 USHJA NATIONAL HUNTER DERBY (NEW HU188) [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-13 USHJA INTERNATIONAL HUNTER DERBY AND USHJA NATIONAL HUNTER DERBY]

HU189 USHJA NATIONAL HUNTER DERBY (New HU188)

[...]

8. No more than one National Hunter Derby may be held during a given competition. *(Exception: If there are forty (40) or more entries in the National Hunter Derby, the class may be split into two (2) separate classes. Management must refer to specifications to determine the split of the class). Management may determine a cutoff time for entering before splitting the National Hunter Derby into two classes. The cutoff time will be no earlier than 24 hours prior to the proposed start time of the National Hunter Derby. See www.ushja.org for more specific information.*

[...]

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INTENT
To allow competitions to host more than one section of the USHJA National Hunter Derby when entries warrant

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

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PROPOSED CHANGE

NEW - HU 191 USHJA PONY HUNTER DERBY [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-13 USHJA INTERNATIONAL HUNTER DERBY, USHJA NAITONAL HUNTER DERBY AND USHJA PRE-GREEN CHALLENGE]

~~SUBCHAPTER HU-13 USHJA INTERNATIONAL HUNTER DERBY, USHJA NAITONAL HUNTER DERBY AND USHJA PRE-GREEN CHALLENGE~~
CHAMPIONSHIPS AND SPECIAL CLASSES

HU 191 USHJA PONY HUNTER DERBY

- 1. A USHJA Pony Hunter Derby may be offered at Federation licensed Premier, National, Regional I and Regional II rated competitions or competitions that have been approved for a Special Competition classification.**
- 2. USHJA Pony Hunter Derby must be offered and run in accordance with official class specifications located at www.ushja.org, including but not limited to:**
 - a. Remitting the per pony entrant fee**
 - b. Distribution of prize money**
 - 3. Riders, owners, and trainers must be current Active members of the Federation and USHJA to participate in this class. Ponies must be registered with USHJA to participate in this class. Exception: Foreign residents and ponies in good standing with their National Federation are eligible to compete in this class.**
 - a. Points earned in a USHJA Pony Hunter Derby will only count for any USHJA Pony Hunter Derby program standings or awards if the rider, owner and trainer are current Active members of the Federation and USHJA, and the horse is registered with USHJA.**
 - b. National and Zone HOTY bonus points will only be awarded for placing in a USHJA Pony Hunter Derby if the owner is a current Active member of the Federation and USHJA and the horse is recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA.**
 - c. National and Zone HOTY bonus points will only be awarded for placing in a USHJA Pony Hunter Derby if:**
 - i. A minimum of 12 ponies compete in the first round at a Premier or National rated competition or a competition that has been approved for a Special Competition classification.**
 - ii. A minimum of six ponies compete in the first round at a Regional I or II rated competition.**
- 4. National and Zone HOTY bonus points will be awarded for a USHJA Pony Hunter Derby as determined by USHJA.**

SUBCHAPTER HU-1 DEFINITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY

HU 103 HUNTER ELIGIBILITY, PRE-GREEN AND GREEN STATUS FOR HORSES AND PONIES

[...]

SUBCHAPTER HU-6 CLASS SPECIFICATIONS

HU143 Hunter Classics

[...]

15. A horse may not compete in more than one classic per section but may compete in an open classic, a USHJA National Hunter Derby, or a USHJA International Hunter Derby at the same competition. A horse is limited to competing in a maximum of two classics or derbies or combination of classics and derbies per competition. (Exception: Leagues approved by the Federation in accordance with GR915.3b).

16. The same pony may not compete in the USHJA Pony Hunter Derby and the USHJA National Hunter Derby at the same competition.

Renumber successive as necessary

SUBCHAPTER HU-8 CONDUCT

HU158 Scheduling

1. [...]

b. National rated competitions must be held and judged over a minimum of three days on the same competition grounds. A minimum of five "A" rated hunter sections must be offered and a minimum of two performance classes from two different "A" rated Hunter sections must be scheduled and judged on each of the three days. "A" rated Hunter sections must be held and judged over two or more days. (Exception: High Performance Working Hunter, Performance Hunter 3'6", Performance Hunter 3'3" and pony hunter sections). A minimum of \$5,000 in prize money, must be paid in the rated Hunter sections of a National competition. A maximum of \$2,000 of Hunter Classic, **USHJA Pony Hunter Derby** and/or USHJA National Hunter Derby prize money can be used towards calculating the \$5,000 of required prize money for a National rated competition.

c. Premier rated competitions must be held and judged over a minimum of five (5) days on the same competition grounds. A minimum of five "A" rated Hunter sections must be offered and a minimum of two performance classes from two different "A" rated Hunter sections must be scheduled and judged on four of the five days. "A" rated Hunter sections must be held on two or more days. (Exception: High Performance Working Hunter, Performance Hunter 3'6" and Performance Hunter 3'3"). A minimum of \$24,000 in prize money, including add-back money if any, must be paid in the rated Hunter sections of a Premier competition. A maximum of \$5,000 of Hunter Classic, USHJA International Hunter Derby, **USHJA Pony Hunter Derby** and/or USHJA National Hunter Derby prize money can be used towards calculating the \$24,000 of prize money, including add-back money if any, which must be paid for a Premier rated competition. If an add-back is offered, the minimum required prize money for that section must be guaranteed, and the add-backs must be clearly indicated in the prize list. Exception: If sections are canceled or entries are insufficient to award all prize money, then additional money not awarded must be pooled and redistributed 60% to the champions, and 40% to the reserve champions of the remaining "A" rated hunter sections.

[...]

SUBCHAPTER HU-13 USHJA INTERNATIONAL HUNTER DERBY AND USHJA NATIONAL HUNTER DERBY

HU188 USHJA National Hunter Derby

USHJA National Hunter Derby may be offered at USEF Licensed Premier, National, Regional I or Regional II Competitions and at Competitions approved for a Special Competition Status.

1. Competing in the USHJA National Hunter Derby does not qualify a horse or rider for the USHJA International Hunter Derby Finals.

2. USHJA National Hunter Derby are open to all horses and ponies; however, distances will not be adjusted for ponies.

3. The same pony may not compete in the USHJA Pony Hunter Derby and the USHJA National Hunter Derby at the same competition.

3. 4. All USHJA National Hunter Derby classes must meet the requirements set forth by USHJA. Information on class procedures, class requirements, judging system and course requirements is available from the Programs Department in the USHJA office.

4. 5. Competition management will collect and remit to USHJA the per horse entrant fee within 14 days of the competition. This fee must be included in the 10% entry fee maximum. The per horse entrant fee is \$25 at Premier, National and Special Competitions and is \$15 at Regional I and Regional II Competitions.?

~~5- 6. Zone bonus points will be awarded to each horse's respective hunter section as declared at time of entry. A horse may be declared in only one of the following sections at the competition: Pre-Green, Performance Hunter 3'3", Children's, Pony, Small Hunter, Junior Hunter 3'3", Adult Amateur or Amateur Owner 3'3". Only Juniors or Amateurs may declare for the applicable Children's, Pony, Adult Amateur or Amateur Owner 3'3" section. National bonus points will not be awarded. At Premier or National rated competitions zone bonus points will be awarded as follows, 1st - 75, 2nd - 60, 3rd - 54, 4th - 45, 5th - 38, 6th - 30, 7th - 23 and 8th - 15, 9th - 10, 10th - 7, 11th - 5, 12th - 3. At Regional I or Regional II rated competitions, Zone bonus points will be awarded as follows: 1st - 50, 2nd - 40, 3rd - 35, 4th - 30, 5th - 25, 6th - 20, 7th - 15, 8th - 10, 9th - 7, 10th - 5, 11th - 3, 12th - 2. Zone bonus points will be awarded as per a specifications which are found on the USHJA website.~~

~~6- 7.~~ Prize Money must be distributed in accordance with the official USHJA Class Specifications at www.ushja.org.

~~7- 8.~~ Riders, owners and trainers must be current active members of USEF and USHJA to participate in this class. (See GR202). Horses and ponies must be registered with the USHJA to participate in this class. Exception: Foreign residents and horses and ponies in good standing with their National Federation are eligible to compete in this class.

a. Money won in a USHJA National Hunter Derby will only count for any USHJA National Hunter Derby program standings or awards if the rider, owner and trainer are current Active member of the Federation and USHJA and the horse is registered with USHJA.

b. USHJA Zone Horse of the Year bonus points will only be awarded for placing in a USHJA National Hunter Derby if the owner is a current Active member of the Federation and USHJA and the horse is recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA. For additional information and Zone residency requirements see GR1110 and GR1111.

8- 9. No more than one National Hunter Derby may be held during a given competition.

9. 10. The same horse may not compete in the USHJA National Hunter Derby and International Hunter Derby at the same competition.

40. **11.** Each class must have a minimum of two judges. All judges will sit together and provide one score.

PROPONENT

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INTENT

To create a Derby program specifically for ponies that will develop the skills and ability of both ponies and riders and provide a place for younger riders to gain Derby experience at an introductory level. To encourage participation in the Derby program from a broader group of animals, riders, owners and trainers as well as encourage the continued development of an upcoming group of Derby riders that can eventually graduate to the bigger IHD classes and grow the hunter division and hunter/jumper industry as a whole. This proposed rule change also intends to include the USHJA Pony Hunter derby in the existing rule regarding green pony reinstatement eligibility as well as include the USHJA Pony Hunter Derby as Derby money in the \$5,000/\$2,000 maximum applied toward a competition rating.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Staff: IT - Approximately 20+ hours of IT work to implement this rule.

Web: USHJA Pony Hunter Derby

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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National Hunter Committee

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USHJA

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PROPOSED CHANGE

HU 192 USHJA INTERNATIONAL HUNTER DERBY WELCOME STAKE [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-13 USHJA INTERNATIONAL HUNTER DERBY, USHJA NATIONAL HUNTER DERBY AND USHJA PRE-GREEN CHALLENGE]

SUBCHAPTER HU-13 USHJA INTERNATIONAL HUNTER DERBY, USHJA NATIONAL HUNTER DERBY AND USHJA PRE-GREEN CHALLENGE
CHAMPIONSHIPS AND SPECIAL CLASSES

HU 192 International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake

- 1. A USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake may only be offered at Federation licensed competitions that have been approved for a Special Competition classification and have also been approved to host a USHJA International Hunter Derby.**
- 2. Classes included in the member event series to be determined annually by USHJA.**
- 3. USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake must be offered and run in accordance with official class specifications located at www.ushja.org, including but not limited to:**
 - a) Remitting the per horse entrant fee**
 - b) Distribution of prize money**
- 4. Riders, owners, and trainers must be current Active members of the Federation and USHJA to participate in this class. Horses must be recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA to participate in this class. Exception: Foreign residents and horses in good standing with their National Federation are eligible to compete in this class.**
 - a) Money won in a USHJA IHD Welcome Stake will only count for any USHJA International Hunter Derby program standings or awards if the rider, owner and trainer are current Active members of the Federation and USHJA, and the horse is recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA.**
 - b) National HOTY bonus points and money won will only be awarded for placing in a USHJA IHD Welcome Stake if the owner is a current Active member of the Federation and USHJA and the horse is recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA.**
- 5. National HOTY bonus points and money won will be awarded for a USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake as determined by USHJA.**

SUBCHAPTER HU-1 DEFINITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY

HU103 Hunter Eligibility, Pre-Green and Green Status for Horses and Ponies

[...]

9. Pre-Green Horse Status.

[...]

e. Pre-Green Reinstatement. A Pre-Green reinstatement may be granted one time. A horse is not eligible for a Pre-Green reinstatement if it has competed over fences set at 3'7" in height or higher in Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America. Horses that have competed in a USHJA International Hunter Derby **and/or a USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake** are not eligible for reinstatement of Pre-Green status.

SUBCHAPTER HU-6 CLASS SPECIFICATIONS

HU143 Hunter Classics

[...]

15. A horse may not compete in more than one classic per section but may compete in an open classic, a USHJA National Hunter Derby, a **USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake** or a USHJA International Hunter Derby at the same competition. A horse is limited to competing in a maximum of two classics or derbies or combination of classics and derbies per competition. **The USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake is considered a "Derby" for the purposes of this rule.** (Exception: Leagues approved by the Federation in accordance with GR915.3b).

SUBCHAPTER HU-8 CONDUCT

HU158 Scheduling

1.

[...]

c. Premier rated competitions must be held and judged over a minimum of five (5) days on the same competition grounds. A minimum of five "A" rated Hunter sections must be offered and a minimum of two performance classes from two different "A" rated Hunter sections must be scheduled and judged on four of the five days. "A" rated Hunter sections must be held on two or more days. (Exception: High Performance Working Hunter, Performance Hunter 3'6" and Performance Hunter 3'3"). A minimum of \$24,000 in prize money, including addback money if any, must be paid in the rated Hunter sections of a Premier competition. A maximum of \$5,000 of Hunter Classic, USHJA International Hunter Derby, **USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake** and/or USHJA National Hunter Derby prize money can be used towards calculating the \$24,000 of prize money, including add-back money if any, which must be paid for a Premier rated competition. If an add-back is offered, the minimum required prize money for that section must be guaranteed, and the add-backs must be clearly indicated in the prize list. Exception: If sections are canceled or entries are insufficient to award all prize money, then additional money not awarded must be pooled and redistributed 60% to the champions, and 40% to the reserve champions of the remaining "A" rated hunter sections.

PROPONENT

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INTENT

To provide a stepping stone between the National Hunter Derby and International Hunter Derby. Geared toward younger or greener horses whose riders and owners find themselves without a place to gain IHD experience as the difficulty level of IHD classes increases along with participation. To provide an accessible class that encourages participation in the IHD program from a broader group of horses, riders, owners and trainers, as well as attracting and encouraging the continued development of an upcoming group of Derby horses that can eventually graduate to the bigger IHD classes and grow the hunter division and hunter/jumper industry as a whole.

To bring participation in a USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake into line with the existing rule regarding Pre-Green reinstatement eligibility.
To include the USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake as a Derby option in the existing hunter classics rule.
To include the USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake as Derby money in the \$5,000/\$2,000 maximum applied toward a competition rating.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Staff: IT - Approximately 5+ hours of IT work to implement this rule.

Web: International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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National Hunter Committee

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RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

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BOARD ACTION

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PROPOSED CHANGE

JP 100 ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER JP-1 GENERAL]

JP 100 Eligibility to Compete

1. In order to compete in any Jumper classes at licensed competitions as an exhibitor, rider, trainer, or his/her agent(s), a person must be an Active member of the United States Hunter Jumper Association, Inc., or pay a Show Pass fee to the United States Hunter Jumper Association, Inc. Exception: Local Competitions, competitions restricted to a particular breed, and exceptions listed in GR901.9.

2. USHJA Horse Registrations

a. All horses competing in Federation **licensed and/or USHJA sanctioned** non-breed restricted licensed competitions with **Hunter, Hunter Breeding, Jumper and Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation** classes **not restricted by breed** (except those activities enumerated in GR901.9, items 1-9) must be properly identified **in accordance with GR1101**, and must obtain a Registration Number from **also be registered with USHJA (see GR1101.1)**. A The USEF/USHJA registration number for each horse must be entered on all entry forms for licensed competitions. Only one Registration Number will be issued per horse, and must remain with the horse throughout its career. Anyone knowingly applying for a duplicate Registration Number for an individual horse may be subject to disciplinary action. The Federation and/or USHJA as applicable must be notified of any change of ownership and/or competition name of the horse. Owners are requested to notify the Federation and/or USHJA as applicable of corrections to previously submitted information, e.g., names, addresses, breed registration, pedigree, or markings.

b. Applications for **USHJA** Registration Numbers can be completed online at www.ushja.org or www.usef.org using the **USEF** Horse Registration application form. The Horse application **This** form is also available from the USHJA or Federation office, or it can be **as a** downloaded from the USHJA or Federation website or from competition management. Competition management is responsible for notifying exhibitors of this requirement in their prize list.

3.1 In addition to the provisions of JP 100.2, on or after December 1, 2017, all horses competing in classes that require USHJA horse registration must provide a microchip number that verifies their animal's identity in order to compete for points, money won or be eligible for Federation and/or USHJA programs and awards where horses are required to be recorded or registered.

3.2 A microchip used to verify identity must be a fifteen digit ISO compliant 11784/11785 chip and be implanted in the nuchal ligament of the animal.

3.3 For classes that require age verification, age can be verified only through the following identification documents:

- a. registration papers or passport issued by a world breed federation sport horse (WBFSH) recognized registry.
- b. registration papers or Certificate of Pedigree from a breed or sport horse registry.

3.4 This rule will have a transition period from December 1, 2017 to November 30, 2018. During this period, animals that are not in compliance with this rule will not receive points or be eligible for Federation and/or USHJA programs and awards. After this period, all horses that are competing in classes which require USHJA registration which are not microchipped will be ineligible to compete in Federation licensed competitions.

Re-number successive:

PROPONENT

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INTENT

Horse identification is important to both consumer confidence and the future of our sport. This rule provides a structured roll out for implementation of horse identification through initial registration and recordings, transfers and name changes. It also requires verifiable identification for animals that compete in age or breed restricted sections. Owners of animals that are already entered into the system would not be required to identify their animal unless a name change or transfer are requested. Owners may request identification on a voluntary basis.

The rule also offers two different forms of identification through the use of either Iris Scan or implanted microchip.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Staff: IT - Approximately 40+ hours of IT work to implement this rule.

Web: eligibility to compete

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Admin & Finance

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Council - Intl Discipline

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Jumper

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RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

PROPOSED CHANGE

JP105 Officials [CHAPTER JP-1 GENERAL]

JP105 Officials

4. Certified Jumper Schooling Supervisors. A Certified Jumper Schooling Supervisor is required for each Main Arena Jumper warm-up area during scheduled classes and warm ups at Jumper Rating **5-4** or higher competitions.

PROPONENT

USHJA

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INTENT

To mandate that presence of a Certified Jumper Schooling Supervisor in the warm-up area for any scheduled classes at Jumper Level 4 or higher.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: officials

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Admin & Finance

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Council - Intl Discipline

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Jumper

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Licensed Officials

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RULE CHANGE TYPE

Rule Clarification

EFFECTIVE

4/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/6/2016 1

PROPOSED CHANGE

JP106 Equipment and Personnel [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER JP-1 GENERAL]

1. Timing Equipment...

~~b. For a list of companies that provide electrical timing equipment on a rental basis, contact the Federation office.~~

PROPONENT

Jumper

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INTENT

This rule is no longer needed since it came into effect when electronic timing was new technology.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: timing equipment

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Intl Discipline**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/15/2015**Draft 1:** No Comments**USHJA****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/10/2015**Draft 1:** No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

PROPOSED CHANGE

JP 111 TACK AND ATTIRE [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER JP-1 GENERAL]

JP111.9 Attire

a. Formal Jumper Attire. Dark, muted or similar colored, or red (scarlet) coats are required; team or sponsored coats of different colors are also permitted (**Exception: a safety vest may be worn in lieu of a coat**); white or fawn breeches; a white tie, choker (unless the shirt, by design, has the ~~checker~~ **choker** built in for its intended use) or hunting stock, and a white or lightly colored shirt must be worn. Shirts must have a white collar and white cuffs. Shirts must be fastened at the neck and tucked into breeches. Boots are required. Half chaps are permitted as long as the color matches the paddock boots being worn. Members of the Armed Services or the police may wear the service dress uniform, with protective headgear. (See General Rules, GR801.2)

b. Proper Jumper Attire. Coats of any color are required. (**Exception: a safety vest may be worn in lieu of a coat**). Breeches must be light color (white, fawn or canary). Pastel and dark colored breeches are not allowed. Shirts, light in color, must be tucked into breeches and fastened at the top of the neck. Ties or chokers of any color must be worn (unless the shirt, by design, has the choker built in for its intended use). Boots are required. Half chaps are permitted as long as the color matches the paddock boots being worn.

c. Standard Jumper Attire. Coats are not required. Breeches of any color are permitted. Shirts (polo shirts are permitted) must have collars and sleeves (sleeves may be either long or short), and must be tucked into breeches. Sleeveless shirts and shirts with exposed hoods are prohibited. Boots are required. Half chaps are permitted as long as the color matches the paddock boots being worn.

d. In extreme weather conditions, the use of jackets, sweaters or raincoats can be allowed by management and/or permission from the Jumper Judge/s. Permission must be granted before entering the competition ring.

e. In cases where the above requirements are not followed, the penalty will be either a possible warning (for the first offence) or elimination.

PROPOSER

USHJA

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INTENT

To define the use of safety vests in the jumper ring, and to correct a spelling error within the original rule.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: attire

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

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Jumper

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 11/30/2015

Draft 1: Would approve if "with approval from the judge" was added to the new sentence. There wouldn't be a reason not to follow attire rules in cooler climates, etc.

USHJA

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RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

4/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/16/2016

PROPOSED CHANGE

JP117 Sections/Classes Restricted to Junior, Amateur Owner, or Young Rider [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER JP-3 SECTION SPECIFICATIONS]

6. Restrictions

1. *Any competitor that competes in an FEI Championship for Seniors (i.e. World Equestrian Games, Olympic Games, Pan-American Games, World Cup Finals) is ineligible to compete in any Junior or Amateur Owner Jumper class with the same horse for a period of one year.*
2. *Any competitor that competes in a CSI4* or above, a CSI-W, or CSIO is ineligible to compete in a Junior and/or Amateur Owner Jumper class at that same competition.*

PROPONENT

Jumper

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INTENT

Including a restriction for riders already competing at the top level will give more opportunity for the other riders to compete against their true peers. This restriction is only for Junior/Amateur Owner classes and still allows riders competing at the top level to compete in all other classes at the competition.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: classes restricted to Junior/Amateur Owner

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Athletes Advisory

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Council - Intl Discipline

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Draft 2: No Comments

HP - Jumping

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Draft 2: No Comments

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RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

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BOARD ACTION

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PROPOSED CHANGE

JP118 Sections/Classes Restricted to Children, Adult Amateur Riders, or Ponies [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER JP-3 SECTION SPECIFICATIONS]

4. Pony Jumper: A pony, 14.2 hands and under in height, that is ridden by an individual who has not reached his/her 18th birthday. Stallions are prohibited in Pony Jumpers

a. Riders. Pony Jumpers may not be ridden by an adult in any section at the same competition.

b. Measurement. A measurement card is required as per Chapter HU, Subchapter HU-10.

c. Style Award. A Rider Style Award is recommended at any competition offering three or more classes. The Style Award is to be decided by the Pony Jumper Judge(s) based on the following criteria: To be presented to the Pony Jumper Rider who exhibits the best classical jumper style of riding throughout the Pony Jumper classes. This award will not necessarily be given to the rider accumulating the most points in the Pony Jumper division.

~~d. Cross Entries. Riders competing in any Pony Jumper section cannot compete in any other sections at the same competition in which they are required to jump fences higher than 1.10 m (3'7") (Exception: Children's Jumpers).~~

e. Course Requirements. ~~All entrants will compete over same heights, spreads and distances.~~ Only the initial element of combinations may be a spread.

f. Level of Difficulty. 1.05 (3'5") or above as specified in Prize List. Local Competitions- no minimum height or spread, but fence dimensions must be stated in the Prize List. (Note: see USEF web site, www.usef.org, for U.S. Pony Jumper Championships Selections Procedures).

g. In Pony Jumper sections, to avoid over-emphasis on speed jump-offs, it is recommended that management write sections with initial class(es) scored under Table IV (Optimum Time) or as "clear round" events (all entrants without jumping or time faults remain equal); Final class(es) only to have a jump-off against the clock to determine show championship.

PROPONENT

Jumper

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INTENT

This proposal removes the cross entry restriction because we want riders to be jumping higher not only in other classes but in pony jumper classes as well. Also, point .e conflicts with JP 121.1.c

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: children, adult amateurs, ponies

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Intl Discipline

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USHJA

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RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

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BOARD ACTION

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PROPOSED CHANGE

JP121 Fence Dimensions [CHAPTER JP-4 LEVELS OF DIFFICULTY]

JP121 Fence Dimensions

7. Certifying the Level of Difficulty. Classes of \$25,000 or more must be certified by the following: A course plan showing the actual heights and spreads of all the fences, signed by the Course Designer and the Senior Judge, must be given to the Senior Steward ***no later than the conclusion of competition on the same day the class is held*** to include with his report to the Federation. If the class is held at a different standard than that listed in the prize list, the Steward must certify in his report that the requisite rules and procedures of JP121.6 were correctly followed.

PROPONENT

USHJA

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INTENT

To mandate that the course plan for any \$25,000 or higher prize money jumper class is signed and submitted to the Senior Steward no later than the end of competition on the same day the class is held.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: fence dimensions

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Intl Discipline**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 01/06/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments**Jumper****Draft 1:** Recommends Disapproval 11/30/2015**Draft 1:** Rule needs to be more practical for Stewards including the ability for Stewards and even Course Designers to submit electronically to Federation.**Licensed Officials****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/16/2015**Draft 1:** No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

4/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/16/2016

PROPOSED CHANGE

JP134 General [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER JP-6 SCORING]

16. A protest may not be made against a judge's decision occurring in the competition ring, provided it is not in violation of Federation rules. Decisions such as, but not limited to:

1. Where the decision is based on a factual observation of performance during a class; whether an obstacle was knocked down; whether a horse was disobedient; whether a horse refused at an obstacle or knocked it down while jumping; whether a rider or horse has fallen; whether a horse circled in a combination or refused or ran out; the time taken for the round; whether an obstacle was jumped within the time; and/or whether, the particular track followed by a rider caused him to incur a penalty under the applicable rules.

2. The Elimination or Disqualification of a horse for soundness reasons.

3. The Elimination or Disqualification of a rider for medical reasons/fitness to compete.

4. The imposition of a Warning without additional penalties or of a Yellow Warning Card.

5. Elimination and/or Disqualification during an event.

PROPONENT

Jumper

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INTENT

The addition of this rule identifies that Judge's Field of Play decision are final.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: protests

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 01/06/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/10/2015

Draft 1: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

4/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/16/2016

PROPOSED CHANGE

JP136 Timing [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER JP-6 SCORING]

4. Additional Time Out.

a. If a rider is forced to hold up **and the time stopped** while a fence is rebuilt due to it being knocked down or displaced for any reason other than it was caused by jumping or an attempt to jump, no penalty is incurred and 6 seconds is not added to their time. **After the fence is rebuilt, the tone is sounded, and the time is restarted when the rider is as close as possible to the place on the course when the time was stopped.**

b. **If a knockdown occurs following a refusal, but not as a result of the refusal, the time is stopped and the fence is rebuilt. No additional penalty is incurred and 6 seconds is not added to their time. Once the fence has been rebuilt, the tone is sounded and the time is restarted no matter where the rider might be on the course.**

PROPONENT

Jumper

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INTENT

Stopping and starting the time in part .a clarifies the existing rule. Part .b identifies the procedure for when a horse knocks down a jump the horse has refused after the refusal by bumping or being pushed into.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: timing

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Intl Discipline**Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 01/06/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments**USHJA****Draft 1:** Recommends Approval 12/10/2015**Draft 1:** No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

4/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/16/2016

PROPOSED CHANGE

JP142 Violations [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER JP-6 SCORING]

3. Use of Videotape. ***The Senior Judge(s), alone or with other members of the judge's panel, may, at his/her discretion, view an official video recording of all or part of a class in order to verify decisions involving scoring. A review of an official video recording is solely at the discretion of the Senior Judge. The Senior Judge may consult with a licensed "R" Judge who may or may not be officiating at that competition. Upon review of such videotapes recording, provided it is made available within 60 minutes after the results are announced 24 hours of the completion of the class, the Senior Judge(s) may make corrections to the placings of the class event. An official video recording is considered to be a recording made by the designated host broadcaster and/or a designated official video recording company as named by horse show management. Only under certain circumstance when there is no official video recording the Senior Judge may consider using a private video. Note: A video may never be used to establish the time of a round.***

PROPONENT

Jumper

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INTENT

This rule is out of date with the technology available today and the new proposed wording is modeled off the FEI rule for use of video.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: violations

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Athletes Advisory

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 12/14/2015

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 01/06/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

HP - Jumping

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Licensed Officials

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 12/16/2015

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 12/10/2015

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

4/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/16/2016

PROPOSED CHANGE

JP149 Classes Offering \$25,000 or more in prize money [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER JP-7 JUMPING FAULTS AND SCORING TABLES]

9. Schooling.

a. All horses competing must be on the grounds for the twenty-four hour period prior to the scheduled start of the class. ***Any horse that has been removed from the grounds for any reason without permission of competition management is ineligible to compete in that class. Competition management will determine who the person(s) responsible is (i.e. rider, trainer, etc.) for removing that horse. All of the responsible person's horses will be eliminated from that class and entry fees for that class will be forfeited.***

PROPONENT

Jumper

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INTENT

This proposal identifies the procedure to follow if someone violates this horse welfare related rule. Currently, a rider can simply scratch if they are caught violating the rule.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: classes offering \$25,000 or more in prize money

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Tabled 01/06/2016
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 01/14/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: Tabled until the Annual Meeting. Additional clarification of language is needed.
Draft 3: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/10/2015
Draft 3: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

BOARD ACTION

Approved 1/16/2016

PROPOSED CHANGE

JP149 Classes Offering \$25,000 or more in prize money [CHAPTER JP-7 JUMPING FAULTS AND SCORING TABLES]

JP149 Classes Offering \$25,000 or more in prize money

9. Schooling.

a. All horses competing must be **presented for check-in to the Competition Steward or their designee and must be present** on the grounds for the twenty-four hour period prior to the scheduled start of the class.

PROPONENT

USHJA

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INTENT

To mandate that the Official Competition Steward perform the required horse check-in process 24 hours prior to the start of any \$25,000 or higher prize money jumper class.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: classes offering more than \$25,000 in prize money

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Competition Management**Draft 1:** No Action**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 12/14/2015**Draft 1:** No Comments**Draft 2:** No Comments**Council - Intl Discipline****Draft 1:** No Action**Draft 2:** Recommends Approval 01/06/2016**Draft 1:** No Comments**Draft 2:** No Comments**Council - Natl Breed & Discipline****Draft 1:** No Action**Draft 1:** No Comments

Jumper

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 11/30/2015
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/12/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Licensed Officials

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/16/2015

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Steward-Technical Delegate Committee

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/11/2015

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/10/2015

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments