

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Rule Clarification

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2014

BOARD ACTION

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1131 HUNTER DIVISIONS [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 11-F AWARD SECTIONS] **delete and renumber as necessary:**

GR1131 Hunter Divisions

11. 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.

b. Points will be awarded in accordance with the Hunter Seat Equitation increment chart:

1st 20
2nd 15
3rd 10
4th 6
5th 5
6th 4
7th 3
8th 2

c. Section champions will be awarded 2.0 times the total 1st place point value. Section reserve champions will be awarded 1.2 times the total 1st place value.

d. Equitation that is offered by age and then combined at the competition will be awarded points and points will be credited to the correct age groups 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 to be shown over a course of not less than eight fences and the fence heights cannot exceed 3'6" and wings are optional.

f. Adult Equitation 18-~~45~~ **35** and Adult Equitation 36+ classes to be shown over a course of not less than eight fences and the fence height cannot exceed 3'3".

12. ~~For the purposes of the USHJA Zone awards, ribbons won in any "A" or "B" rated section will receive B points.~~ For the purposes of the USHJA Zone Equitation awards, ribbons won at any ~~National or Premier rated~~ competition will receive "B" points per GR1131.11**eb**. USHJA Zone Awards will be distributed according to the Zone map.

PROPONENT

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USHJA Executive Committee

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INTENT

Previously there were two point charts dependent on the rating of the competition. The 2nd point chart was removed through a rule change effective 12/1/2014, however this portion of the rule was not updated to reflect that change. This rule clarification will remove the reference to the obsolete B and C point charts and correct a typo in Adult Equitation 18-35.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

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PROPOSED CHANGE

EQ 112 Requirements for Specific Classes [CHAPTER EQ-2 Hunter Seat Equitation Section] change to read:

EQ112 Requirements for Specific Classes

17 USHJA3'3" JUMPING SEAT MEDAL.

1. Open to Junior Active Members of the Federation and USHJA who have not reached their 18th birthday(per USEF rules).There are no cross entry restrictions.
2. A minimum of three (3) riders **must complete the course** for points to count for this class.
3. This class must be held in a jumper ring utilizing jumper style fences and the course should be **of the type used in a low junior or amateur jumper class**.The course must include at least eight fences set at 1.0m(3'3") in height, **at least one double or triple combination, and at least three spreads from 1.0m to 1.15m(3'3"to3'9")**. Natural fences, a Liverpool, and a small water jump may **also** be included at the course designer's discretion. **Start and Finish markers must be used**. Time allowed will be figured at 350 meters per minute and maybe timed either electronically or manually.
4. The class is to be judged on the rider's equitation style, technical merit, judgment and execution of an efficient, time saving pace and track.One(1) point will be subtracted from the rider's score for each commenced second over the time allowed and four(4) points will be deducted for each knockdown on course. Judges are asked to walk the course when possible and where there are striding options, the judges are asked not to penalize an option that might be used to achieve the best result appropriate to the **track taken and the** individual horse/rider combination.**JP134 (The competition round) andJP135 (Timing) will apply**.No work-off is required.Two refusals will incur elimination.
5. If 50 or more entries compete, the class will be pinned with two firsts,two seconds, two thirds, and so on through two eighths, with full points going to each placing.
6. The following tackand saddlery restrictions apply to this class:
7. Blinkers are forbidden.
8. **Running** martingales used in the conventional manner are permitted.Standing martingales, draw reins,or restricted running martingales are prohibited.
9. Reins must be attached to the bit(s) or directly to the bridle. **Gags are prohibited**.
10. **Riders who accumulate a minimum of ten (10) points during a given qualifying period may compete at a USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Final. Full points will be awarded in qualifying classes providing at least eight riders complete the course. If there are fewer riders, points will be awarded on a reduced scale based on the maximum number of ribbon winners.**

Point Scale:

8 or more riders: 10, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1

7 riders: 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1

6 riders: 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1

5 riders: 5, 4, 3, 2, 1

4 riders: 4, 3, 2, 1

3 riders: 3, 2, 1

The USHJA may elect to give awards to high scoring riders as it determines.

8. Following each class,competition management must send a check made payable to the USHJA in the amount of \$5.00 for each competing entry.
9. For specifications regarding USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Finals, see www.ushja.org.

PROPONENT

CONTACT

INTENT

The rule was passed by the USEF Board in January, to take effect 12/1/14 for the 2015 competition year. Upon review, the USHJA noted that the class specifications and procedures needed to be clarified to avoid unnecessary confusion regarding the conduct and judging of the class. The clarification accomplishes that, and avoids potential mi-interpretation by the competitors, trainers, Stewards and Judges at a given competition.

POTENTIAL IMPACT

None noted

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: Jumping Seat Medal Class

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2014

BOARD ACTION

Approved 12/11/2014

PROPOSED CHANGE

EQ112 REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIFIC CLASSES [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER SEAT EQUITATION SECTION] **change to read:**

EQ112 Requirements for Specific Classes

15. USHJA Hunterdon Equitation Cup Classic. Open to any rider that is an Active USHJA member and has won a USEF Medal, ASPCA Maclay, USEF Show Jumping Talent Search, or Overall WIHS Equitation Classic ~~between July 2 — July 1, of the qualifying year.~~ **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 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

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INTENT

To allow flexibility in the qualifying period to reflect the timing of the class at Junior Hunter Finals.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Staff: USEF IT estimates up to 5 hours per year depending on requirements

Web: Hunterdon Cup

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

USHJA Competition Management

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 11/10/2014

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: No Comments

USHJA Equitation Task Force

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 11/11/2014

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: No Comments

USHJA Hunter Working Group

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/10/2014

Draft 1: No Comments

Draft 2: No Comments

USHJA Professionals

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/28/2014
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Extraordinary

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2014

BOARD ACTION

EO REASON

This is a new section offered and the specifications need to reflect the needs of the section.

PROPOSED CHANGE

HU111 JUNIOR & CHILDREN'S HUNTERS [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-1 DEFINITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY] **change to read:**

HU111 Junior & Children's Hunters

14. Junior Hunter 3'3". Open to junior riders. Riders may not cross enter into any class at 3'6" or higher in the hunter division, higher than 3'7" 3'9" in the equitation division or higher than 4.40m 1.20 m in the jumper division at the same competition. ~~Exception: Riders are permitted to compete in any Children's Jumper class and/or Classic held at a maximum of 1.15m at the same competition.~~ **Horses entered in the Junior Hunter 3'3" section may not cross enter into the Children's Hunter section at the same competition.** Horses entered in Junior Hunter 3'3" sections may not cross enter into Junior Hunter 3'6" sections at the same competition. **When the Junior Hunter 3'3" is offered as one section, no exhibitor may ride more than three (3) horses in the section.**

PROPONENT

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Hunter Working Group

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INTENT

HU111.14 took effect for this current competition year, and it was immediately noticed that it was not complete, had some errors, and was leading to some unfairness and unintended consequences to competitors in the affected sections. The USHJA Hunter Working Group studied the issues, unanimously approved this Extraordinary Rule Change, and the USHJA Executive Committee has unanimously concurred. The proposed effective date is 12/1/14, so the fixes can be put into the 2015 USEF Rule Book when it is printed.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: junior and children's hunters

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

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PROPOSED CHANGE

HU162 PRIZE MONEY [CHAPTER Subchapter HU-8 CONDUCT] **change to read:**

HU162.2 Prize Money

2. No more than 60% of the prize money in the required classes for an "A" rated section may be offered on any one day when the division is held on two or more days, exception: "A" rated sections in which all required classes are held on one day. Prize money offered in Model classes and Classics at Premier rated competitions, ~~guaranteeing a minimum of \$18,001 in prize money and offering add back in "A" rated Hunter sections~~ **including add-back money, if any, in rated Hunter sections**, does not count toward the minimum prize money required for a section's rating nor is it considered for purposes of determining 60% to be offered.

PROPONENT

USHJA

USHJA Competition Standards

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INTENT

To align with the approved proposed rule changes to HU160.1 a-c and GR1131.4

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: prize money

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

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12/1/2014

BOARD ACTION

PROPOSED CHANGE

HU188 USHJA Pre-Green Challenge [CHAPTER HU13 International Hunter Derby] **change to read:**

HU188 (HU191 with renumbering) USHJA Pre-Green Challenge.

5. Competition management will collect and remit to USHJA the per horse entrant fee along with the class results within ~~fourteen~~ **(14) ten (10)** days of the competition. The USHJA Pre-Green 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.

9. A minimum of \$750 must be offered when a USHJA Pre-Green 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 a maximum of \$50.**

12. Riders, owners and trainers must be current Active members of USEF and USHJA prior to the start of the class. (See GR202). **Exception: Foreign residents and horses in good standing with their National Federation are eligible to compete in this class. However, the points and/or money won will not count for any USEF or USHJA standings or awards unless they are also members of USEF and USHJA, and the horse is recorded with USEF and registered with USHJA. (See GR901.9)**

13. Horses competing in this class must be registered with the USHJA prior to the start of the class. **(See HU191.12 for exception)**

15. No more than one Pre-Green 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.**

16. Two (2) judges are required for Premier rated competitions **and competitions that have been approved for a Special Competition status, one of whom must hold a Registered (large R) USEF Hunter License. The second judge may hold a Registered (Large R) or Recorded (Small r) USEF Hunter License.** ~~when the Pre-Green Challenge is held as a stand-alone two (2) round class. Only one (1) judge is required for National~~ **rated competitions and that judge must hold a Registered (Large R) USEF Hunter License; only one (1) judge is required for** Regional I and Regional II rated competitions, **and that judge must hold a Recorded (Small r) USEF Hunter License.** ~~but Two (2) judges are encouraged when feasible. When utilizing two judges, regardless of competition rating, the second judge may hold a Registered (Large R) or Recorded (Small r) USEF Hunter License. When the Pre-Green Challenge is held utilizing the last round of the Pre-Green Section as the first (1st) round of the Challenge, then only one (1) judge is required regardless of the competition rating, but management is encouraged to have two (2) judges for the final round when feasible. When only one judge is used the judge must hold a Registered (large R) USEF Hunter License.~~

PROPONENT

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INTENT

The United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA) requests approval from the USEF of this rule clarification. On February 3, 2014, the USHJA Executive Committee voted to approve the submission of the rule clarifications to the Federation. The original rule, and program contained therein, was approved by the Federation in January 2014, during the USEF Annual Meeting. The rule and program become effective on December 1, 2014, for the 2015 competition year, so there will be no disruption to future competitors or hosts of this program.

The need for the clarifications became apparent as similar USHJA programs revised their specifications after the rule was submitted for approval in the summer of 2013. The clarifications do not change the original intent of the program but will maintain consistency amongst USHJA programs.

The rule was approved and passed by the USHJA and USEF Boards at their respective Annual Meetings last December and January to take effect 12/1/14 for the 2015 competition year. However, upon closer scrutiny by those who would implement this program, some items were left out, and some were not fully compatible with other rules passed and taking effect 12/1/14 also. This clarification puts everything into place, and readies the program for correct implementation. It was reviewed and approved unanimously by the USHJA Executive Committee at their regular meeting of 2/3/14.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: pre-green challenge

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

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BOARD ACTION

PROPOSED CHANGE

HU190 NATIONAL HUNTER DERBY [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-13 USHJA INT. & NAT. HUNTER DERBY & PRE-GREEN CHALLENGE] **change to read:**

HU190 USHJA National Hunter Derby

7. Riders, owners and trainers must be current Active members of USEF and USHJA ~~before the start of the~~ **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. ~~However, the points and/or money won will not count for any USEF or USHJA standings or awards unless they are also members of USEF and USHJA, and the horse is recorded with USEF and registered with USHJA. (See GR901.9).~~

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 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. Horses and ponies competing in this class must be registered with the USHJA prior to the start of the class. (See HU 190.7 for exception)~~

~~9. To be eligible for Zone Horse of the Year bonus points per GR1110, horses and ponies competing in this class must have an active Federation recording and USHJA registration.~~

10. Renumber as 8.

11. Renumber as 9.

12. Renumber as 10.

PROPONENT

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INTENT

The current language in this rule is very confusing and not consistent with the program specifications for this class and the manner in which the USEF calculates the USHJA program and Zone HOTY bonus points. This clarification will align USEF and USHJA membership and horse recording/registration requirements with the current program and award specifications.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

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BOARD ACTION

PROPOSED CHANGE

HU191 USHJA PRE-GREEN CHALLENGE [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-13 USHJA INT. & NAT. HUNTER DERBY & PRE-GREEN CHALLENGE]
change to read:

HU191 USHJA Pre-Green Challenge

12. Riders, owners and trainers must be current Active members of USEF and USHJA prior to the start of the **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. However, the points and/or money won will not count for any USEF or USHJA standings or awards unless they are also members of USEF and USHJA, and the horse is recorded with USEF and registered with USHJA. (See GR 901.9)

a. USHJA Zone Horse of the Year bonus points will only be awarded for placing in a USHJA Pre-Green 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. ~~Horses competing in this class must be registered with the USHJA prior to the start of the class. (See HU 191.12 for exception)~~

14. ~~To be eligible for Zone Horse of the Year bonus points per GR1110, horses competing in this class must have an active Federation recording and USHJA registration.~~

15. Re-number as 13.

16. Re-number as 14.

17. Re-number as 15.

PROPONENT

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LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: pre-green challenge

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