

**USHJA ZONE 5
2025 HUNTER, JUMPER, AND EQUITATION SPECIFICATIONS**

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2025 ZONE 5 HUNTER, JUMPER, AND EQUITATION SPECIFICATIONS (IL, IN, KY, MI, OH)

In accordance with GR1111.4: Canada, IA, WI, MO, TN, VA, WV, PA, NJ are contiguous states.

JUDGING FOR ALL HUNTER SECTIONS:

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

ELIGIBILITY FOR ADULT AMATEURS: HUNTER, JUMPER AND EQUITATION:

- To be ridden by exhibitors who have reached their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year and who hold a current USEF Amateur certification. Open to horses and ponies.

ELIGIBILITY FOR CHILDREN'S SECTIONS: HUNTER, JUMPER AND EQUITATION:

- To be ridden by exhibitors who have not reached their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year.

ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER

Sections offered and requirements:

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

Cross Entry:

Riders:

Riders entered in Adult Amateur Hunter sections may not compete in any other class in which obstacles exceed 3'5" at the same competition (exception: Equitation, Jumper classes 1.20m and lower, Amateur Owner Hunter classes, and the USHJA International Hunter Derby). Riders competing in the Amateur Owner Hunter sections may compete on one different horse in the Adult Amateur Hunter section.

Horses:

Horses cannot cross enter into 3'3" or 3'6" Amateur Owner Hunter sections at the same competition. Horses may only compete in one age group per competition.

Horse and Rider Combination:

No cross entry restrictions

Fence Height:

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

Combining/Dividing Sections:

May be split into three sections when offered by age:

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

Adult Amateur Hunter sections may be combined if there are fewer than four (4) entries in a section. Adult Amateur Hunter and Children's Hunter may be combined if there are fewer than three (3) entries in either section.

Under Saddle Classes: If an under saddle class is divided by age and a rider has two (2) or more horses entered, all riders must be amateurs but need not be eligible by age.

Handy Hunter Classes: Handy Hunter Classes are optional and can be added at the competition management's discretion.

Awards:

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

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

LOW ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER

Eligibility:

Open to exhibitors who have reached their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year.

Cross Entry:

Riders:

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

Fence Height:

- 2'6"

Combining/Dividing Sections:

The Low Adult Amateur Hunter and Low Children's Hunter sections may be combined if there are fewer than four (4) entries in either section.

Awards:

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

- Low Adult Amateur Hunter

AMATEUR JUMPER

Sections offered and requirements:

- 1.00m Amateur Jumper
- 1.10/1.15m Amateur Jumper

Cross Entry:

Rider:

1.00m Amateur Jumper riders may not cross enter into any classes held above 1.15m at the same competition.

Amateur Jumper riders may not cross enter into High Amateur Owner classes or any other jumper class exceeding 1.30m at the same competition with the exception of classes which do not offer prize money (including add back money) see GR141 and JP119 for cross entry restrictions.

Horse/Pony:

No cross-entry restrictions

Horse and Rider Combination:

1.00m Amateur Jumper horse/rider combinations may cross enter into the 1.10/1.15m Amateur Jumpers at the same competition.

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Fence Height:

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

Combining/Dividing Sections:

Sections may be divided by age of rider and may also be combined (Juniors with Amateur sections) if so stated in the prize list.

Awards:

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

- 1.00m Amateur Jumper
- 1.10/1.15m Amateur Jumper

AGE GROUP EQUITATION: ADULT SECTION

- Refer to GR1132

CHILDREN'S HUNTER HORSE

Sections offered and requirements:

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

Cross Entry:

Rider:

A Children's Hunter Horse rider may only compete one different horse in the Junior Hunter Sections.

Riders entered in Children's Hunter Horse sections may not compete in any other class in which obstacles exceed 3'5" at the same competition (exception: Equitation classes up to 3'9", Jumper classes 1.20m and lower, Junior Hunter sections and USHJA International Hunter Derby).

A Junior Hunter rider may only compete one different horse in the Children's Hunter Horse section.

Riders entered in the Children's Hunter Horse section may only compete on one Children's Hunter Pony at the same competition.

Horses/Ponies:

Horses entered in Children's Hunter classes may not cross enter into Junior Hunter sections at the same competition. Horses may only compete in one age group per competition.

Horse and rider combination:

No cross entry restrictions.

Fence Height:

- 3'0" with spreads not to exceed fence height
- Distances will not be adjusted for ponies.
- In and outs will be permitted

Combining/Dividing Sections:

Children's Hunter sections may be combined if there are fewer than four (4) entries in a section. If there are four (4) or more entries in each divided section, the divided sections must be held separately. Adult Amateur Hunter and Children's Hunter may be combined if there are fewer than three (3) entries in either section.

Handy Hunter Classes: Handy Classes are optional and can be added at the Competition Management's discretion.

Awards:

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

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

LOW CHILDREN'S HUNTER HORSE

Eligibility:

Open to exhibitors who have not yet reached their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year.

Cross Entry:

Riders:

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

Fence Height:

- 2'6"

Combining/Dividing Sections:

The Low Children's Hunter section and the Low Adult Amateur Hunter sections may be combined if there are fewer than four (4) entries in either section.

Awards:

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

- Low Children's Hunter Horse

CHILDREN'S HUNTER PONY

Sections offered and requirements:

- Small/Medium Children's Pony
- Large Children's Pony
- Prize Money: No minimum prize money is required.

Cross Entry:

Rider:

Riders competing in the Children's Hunter Pony section are not limited to the number of ponies they may show, providing they are not also competing in the Green or Regular Hunter Pony sections and/or Children's Hunter Horse section at the same competition (exception: competitions which limit entries in accordance with GR915). If a rider competing in the Children's Hunter Pony section chooses to compete in sections other than Children's Hunter Pony at the same competition, these riders are limited to competing a maximum of one (1) different pony in the Green or Regular Pony Hunter section and one (1) horse in the Children's Hunter horse section at the same competition and in any class not to exceed 3'5" (exception: Pony Jumpers).

Horse/Pony:

No cross entry restrictions.

Horse and Rider Combination:

No cross entry restrictions.

Fence Height:

- Small/Medium Ponies: 2'0" with spreads not to exceed height of fence.
- Large Ponies: 2'6" with spreads not to exceed height of fence.
- In and outs will not be permitted

Combining/Dividing Sections:

Children's Hunter Pony sections may be combined with Children's Hunter Horse sections if there are fewer than four (4) entries in a section. If there are four (4) or more entries in each divided section, the divided sections must be held separately. The Children's Hunter Pony may be divided by height (small/medium and large). If there are four (4) or more entries in each height section, the sections must be held separately.

Suggested Distances: At management's discretion, Children's Hunter Pony may choose to run the section as follows using the suggested distance guidelines:

a. 2'0" Small ***and Medium*** Children's Hunter Pony should be (based on 9'9" stride): 4 strides at 48'9"; 5 strides at 58'6"; 6 strides at 68'3"; 7 strides at 78'8"; 8 strides at 87'9".

~~b. 2'3" Medium Children's Hunter Pony should be (based on a 10'3" stride): 4 strides at 51'3"; 5 strides at 61'6"; 6 strides at 71'9"; 7 strides at 82'; 8 strides at 92'3".~~

c. 2'6" Large Children's Hunter Pony should be (based on an 11' stride): 4 strides at 55'; 5 strides at 66'; 6 strides at 77'; 7 strides at 88'; 8 strides at 99'.

Awards:

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

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

JUNIOR JUMPER

Sections offered and Requirements:

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

Cross Entry:

Rider:

1.00/1.05m Junior Jumpers riders may not cross enter into any classes held above 1.15m at the same competition.

1.10/1.15m Junior Jumper riders may not cross enter into High Junior classes or any other jumper class exceeding 1.30m at the same competition with the exception of classes which do not offer prize money (including add back money) see HU141 and HU137 for cross entry restrictions.

Horse/Pony

No cross entry restrictions

Horse and Rider Combination:

1.00/1.05m Junior horse/rider combinations may cross enter into the 1.10/1.15m Junior Jumpers at the same competition.

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Fence Height:

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

Combining/Dividing Sections:

Sections may be divided by age of rider and may also be combined (Junior's with Amateur sections) if so stated in the prize list.

Awards:

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

- 1.00/1.05m Junior Jumper section
- 1.10/1.15m Junior Jumper section

AGE GROUP EQUITATION: CHILDREN'S/JUNIOR SECTION

- Refer to GR1132

USHJA COMPETITIVE PROGRAMS

For more information regarding the following programs please click on the links below:

Green Hunter Incentive

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Hunter Team Challenge

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International Hunter Derby

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National Hunter Derby

Click [here](#) for full specifications

Outreach

Click [here](#) for full specifications

Pony Hunter Derby

Click [here](#) for full specifications

World Championship Hunter Rider

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Zone Horse of the Year Championships

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Zone Jumper Team Championships

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1.0/1.05m Junior/Amateur Zone Jumper Championship

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SPECIAL CLASSES

3'3" Jumping Seat Medal

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3'3" Hunter Seat Medal

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Green Hunter Challenge

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Gladstone Cup Equitation Classic

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