

USHJA POLICY STATEMENT

Subject: Athlete Definition

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USHJA Athlete Definition (Article 203.3 and 802.1 (b) and (c))

The purpose of this Policy is to set the criteria used to define and determine a Hunter and Jumper Athlete.

Athlete definitions shall be reviewed, and any amendments approved by the Board of Directors in each year in which an election of Directors occurs.

Jumper Athlete - For the purposes of the USHJA Bylaws, the following set of criteria is used to define and determine a Jumper Athlete:

1. **10-Year Athlete Representative**: An athlete who has represented the United States in one of the following competitions within the 10 years preceding election or appointment:
 - a. A Delegation Event (Olympic, Paralympic, Pan Am, Para Pan Am); or
 - b. An Elite Protected Competition as defined by the Federation AAC, approved by the USOPC NGB Athlete Representation Review Working Group, which includes:
 - FEI World Equestrian Games;
 - FEI World Championships;
 - FEI World Cup Finals;
 - FEI Nations Cup (Jumping 4* or 5*)
 - FEI CPEDI (3* and higher); or
 - FEI Endurance Pan American Championships

**Age restricted events do not count
2. **10-Year+ Athlete Representative**: Same as 10-Year Athlete Representative, but representation was not within the previous 10 years.
3. **Actively Engaged Athlete**: An athlete who:
 - a. Is a 10-Year Athlete; or
 - b. Is a 10-Year+ Athlete; or
 - c. Competed within the 24 months prior to election/selection in:
 - Any FEI sanctioned event
 - Any USEF National Championship; or
 - Any National Championship sanctioned by a USEF Recognized Affiliate

Hunter Athlete - For the purposes of the USHJA Bylaws, the following set of criteria is used to define and determine a Hunter Athlete:

Within 10 years preceding the election the professional rider shall have achieved the following results - Top 12 finish at any of the following events:

- International Hunter Derby National Finals
- International Hunter Derby Regional Finals
- National Hunter Derby Regional Finals
- Green Hunter Incentive National Finals
- Green Hunter Incentive Regional Finals
- WCHR Spectaculars
- WCHR Pro Finals
- WCHR Pro Challenge USHJA National
- USHJA National Championship/Las Vegas champions or reserve at 3'3" or higher