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

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