

USHJA POLICY STATEMENT

Subject: Membership Processes Policy

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The following policies are applicable to membership processes. Exceptions are at the Executive Director's discretion.

Backdating of Memberships

USHJA does not permit the backdating of memberships. The only exception applies when a member provides verifiable proof that they applied for membership during a competition—such as a dated receipt or a show application.

- If a member applies for membership during a competition but does not explicitly select the competition at the time of registration, the start date will be backdated to the first day of the competition. This does **not** apply if the competition has already ended.
Example: If a member competes at a show from August 15–17 and applies for membership on August 16, the membership will be honored as beginning on August 15.

Farm/Organization Membership Requirement

Individuals creating a farm, organization, LLC, or similar entity must hold an Active/Competing USHJA membership or pay the applicable Show Pass Fee. USHJA does not have an Active/Competing Farm Membership. For points to count, at least one owner of the entity must hold an individual Active/Competing USHJA membership.

Name Changes for Farms or Organizations

A recorded name for any farm, corporation, syndicate, or partnership may be changed by submitting a written name change request. This request must be sent via email or letter and must include the current name, proposed name, and be signed by an individual owner of the entity.