

SUBCHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION.

WHEN A SUBJECT IS NOT ADDRESSED IN THESE RULES, IT MUST BE ADDRESSED BY THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE AND THAT COMMITTEE'S INTERPRETATION WILL STAND AS THE RULE UNTIL THE NEXT YEAR WHEN AN APPROPRIATE RULE CHANGE WILL BE SUBMITTED.

EQ103 Eligibility to Compete

1. In order to compete in any Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes at licensed competitions as an exhibitor, rider, trainer, or his/her agent(s), a person must be an Active member of the United States Hunter Jumper Association, Inc., or pay a Show Pass fee to the United States Hunter Jumper Association, Inc. Exception: Local Competitions and exceptions listed in GR901.9. Exception: Breed restricted Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes.
2. USHJA Horse Registrations.
 - a. All horses competing in Federation **licensed and/or USHJA sanctioned** competitions with **Hunter, Hunter Breeding, Jumper and Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes not restricted by breed** must be properly identified **in accordance with GR1101**, and must **also be registered with USHJA (See GR1101.1)**. The **USEF/USHJA** registration number for each horse must be entered on all entry forms for licensed competitions.
 - b. Applications for **USHJA** Registration can be completed online at **ushja.org** or **usef.org** using the **USEF** Horse Registration application form. **This** form is also available from the USHJA or Federation office, **as a** download from the USHJA or Federation website or from competition management. Competition management is responsible for notifying exhibitors of this requirement in their prize list.
- 3.1 In addition to the provisions of EQ103.2, on or after December 1, 2017, all horses competing in classes that require USHJA horse registration must provide a microchip number that verifies their animal's identity in order to compete for points, money won or be eligible for Federation and/or USHJA programs and awards where horses are required to be recorded or registered.
- 3.2 A microchip used to verify identity must be a fifteen digit ISO compliant 11784/11785 chip and be implanted in the nuchal ligament of the animal.
- 3.3 For classes that require age verification, age can be verified only through the following identification documents:
 - a. registration papers or passport issued by a World Breed Federation Sport Horse (WBFSH) recognized registry.
 - b. registration papers or Certificate of Pedigree from a breed or sport horse registry.
- 3.4 This rule will have a transition period from December 1, 2017 to November 30, 2018. During this period, animals that are not in compliance with this rule will not receive points or be eligible for Federation and/or USHJA programs and awards. After this period, all horses that are competing in classes which require USHJA registration which are not microchipped will be ineligible to compete in Federation licensed competitions. *BOD 1/16/16 Effective 12/1/16*
4. Adults can ride ponies in Adult Hunter Seat Equitation classes, suitability to count; however, these ponies cannot cross enter into the rated Regular and Green Pony Hunter sections at the same competition.