

# USHJA NATIONAL ZONE SPECIFICATION

## HUNTER, JUMPER, AND EQUITATION SECTIONS

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**ZONE 1 (CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, VT)** In accordance with GR1111.4 - Contiguous states are: NY and Canada. For contiguous state points New York includes New Jersey. Contiguous points earned in USEF/Equine Canada licensed competitions will only receive national points in USEF rated divisions.

**ZONE 2 (NJ, NY, PA)** In accordance with GR1111.4 - Contiguous states are: DE, CT, MA, VT, MD, WV, OH, and Canada.

**ZONE 3 (DE, Washington DC, MD, NC, VA, WV)** In accordance with GR1111.4 - Contiguous states are: GA, KY, NJ, OH, PA, SC, and TN.

**ZONE 4 (AL, FL, GA, MS, SC, TN)** In accordance with GR 1111.4 - Contiguous states are: AR, KY, LA, MO, NC, and VA.

**ZONE 5 (IL, IN, KY, MI, OH)** In accordance with GR1111.4 - Contiguous states are: IA, WI, MO, TN, VA, WV, PA, NJ, and Canada.

**ZONE 6 (IA, MN, ND, SD, WI, NE)** In accordance with GR1111.4 - Contiguous states are: MT, WY, CO, KS, MO, IL, MI and Canada. Contiguous points earned in USEF/Equine Canada licensed competitions will only receive national points in USEF rated divisions.

**ZONE 7 (AR, KS, LA, MO, OK, TX)** In accordance with GR1111.4 - Contiguous states are: MS, TN, KY, IA, IL, NE, CO and NM.

**ZONE 8 (AZ, CO, NM, UT)** In accordance with GR 1111.4 – Contiguous states are: CA, NV, ID, WY, NE, KS, OK, and TX.

**ZONE 9 (MT, WY, ID, OR, WA)** In accordance with GR1111.4 – Contiguous states are: CA, NV, UT, CO, ND, SD, NE, and Canada.

**ZONE 10 (CA, NV)** In accordance with GR1111.4 – Contiguous states are: OR, ID, UT, and AZ.

**ZONE 11 (HI)** Zone 11 chooses no contiguous states.

**ZONE 12 (AK)** Zone 12 chooses no contiguous states.

**JUDGING FOR ALL HUNTER SECTIONS:**

- To be judged on performance and soundness, suitability to count.
- Horses/ponies are required to trot a circle on a loose rein at the end of each over fences performance.

**ELIGIBILITY FOR ADULT AMATEURS - HUNTER, JUMPER, AND EQUITATION SECTIONS:**

- To be ridden by exhibitors who have reached their 18<sup>th</sup> 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/JUNIOR’S - HUNTER, JUMPER, AND EQUITATION SECTIONS:**

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

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# ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER

## Sections Offered:

The Adult Amateur Hunter may be split into three sections:

- Adult Amateur 18-35
- Adult Amateur 36-49
- Adult Amateur 50 + years

## Fence Height:

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

## Cross Entry:

### Rider:

- Adult Amateur Hunter riders may enter any Equitation class for which they are otherwise eligible to compete in the same competition.
- Adult Amateur Hunter riders may cross enter into any Jumper Class where fence heights do not exceed 1.25m at the same competition.
- Amateur Owner riders competing in the 3'6" Amateur Owner Hunter classes may ride one horse in the Adult Amateur Hunter section at the same competition.
- Amateur Owner riders competing only in the 3'3" Amateur Owner Hunter classes may ride two horses in the Adult Amateur Hunter section at the same competition.

### Horse:

- Horses may not cross enter into the Amateur Owner sections at the same competition.

### Horse & Rider Combination:

- Horse and rider combinations may not cross enter into any class where fence heights exceed 3'3" or 1.00m at the same competition. (Exception: USHJA National Hunter Derbies)

## Combining/Dividing Sections:

- The Adult Amateur Hunter section may be divided into three sections. Premier competitions must offer the sections split. National and Channel II competitions may offer the sections split.
- When there are fewer than four (4) entries in an age section held at a Premier competition, the age sections must be combined.
- The Adult Amateur Hunter section may be combined with any of the following sections when there are fewer than three (3) entries in any section:
  - Children's Hunter Horse
  - Children's Hunter Pony

Refer to Subchapter HU-12 for further information on combining/dividing sections.

## Awards:

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

- Adult Amateur Hunter 18-35
- Adult Amateur Hunter 36-49
- Adult Amateur Hunter 50 + years

## LOW ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER

### Sections Offered:

The Low Adult Amateur Hunter may be split into two sections:

- Low Adult Amateur Hunter 18-35
- Low Adult Amateur Hunter 36 & Over

### Fence Height:

- 2'6", with spreads not to exceed the fence height.
- Courses will not be adjusted for ponies.
- Combinations are not permitted.

### Cross Entry:

#### Rider:

- Riders may not cross enter into any class where the fence height exceeds 3'0" or .90m at the same competition.
- Riders who compete in the 3'0" Adult Amateur Hunter Horse section at the same competition, may only show one horse in the Low Adult Amateur Hunter section at the same competition.

#### Horse & Rider Combination:

- Horse and rider combinations may not cross enter into any classes where the fence height exceeds 2'9" or .85m at the same competition.

### Combining/Dividing Sections:

- The Low Adult Amateur Hunter section may be combined with any of the following sections when there are fewer than three (3) entries in any section:
  - Low Children's Hunter Horse
  - Low Children's Hunter Pony

Refer to Subchapter HU-12 for further information on combining/dividing sections.

### Awards:

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

- Low Adult Amateur Hunter 18-35
- Low Adult Amateur Hunter 36 & Over

## AMATEUR JUMPER

### Sections Offered by Fence Height:

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

### 1.00/1.05m Amateur Jumper Cross Entry:

#### Rider:

- Riders that compete in any class over 1.25m are ineligible to compete in an Amateur Jumper class set at 1.15m or below at that competition.

#### Horse & Rider Combination:

- Horse & rider combination may not compete in classes with fence heights exceeding 1.15m at the same competition.
- Horse & rider combination may only compete in one Amateur Jumper classic at the same competition.

### 1.10/1.15m Amateur Jumper Cross Entry:

#### Rider:

- Riders that compete in any class over 1.25m are ineligible to compete in an Amateur Jumper class set at 1.15m or below at that competition.

#### Horse & Rider Combination:

- Horse & rider combination may not compete in classes with fences heights exceeding 1.25m at the same competition.
- Any horse & rider combination may only compete in one Amateur Jumper classic at the same competition.
- Any horse & rider combination competing in a 1.20m class with prize money is not eligible for the 1.10/1.15m classic at the same competition.
- Any horse & rider combination competing in a 1.20m class with no prize money is eligible for the 1.10/1.15m classic at the same competition.

### Combining/Dividing Sections:

- 1.00/1.05m may be combined with the 1.10/1.15m Junior and/or Amateur jumper sections, at the show management's discretion, or if so stated in the prize list.

### Awards:

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

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

## AMATEUR EQUITATION

### Sections Offered:

- Amateur Equitation 18-35
- Amateur Equitation 36 & Over

### Fence Height:

- May be offered at: 2'9", 3'0", or 3'3" (.85m, .90m, 1.00m)
- Spreads not to exceed fence height.
- Distances will not be adjusted for ponies.
- Management may offer multiple heights if stated in the prize list.
- Course design must comply with EQ108 and 109.
- USEF Equitation Tests EQ113, 1-22 may be utilized.

### Cross Entry:

There are no cross-entry restrictions.

### Combining/Dividing Sections:

- Junior and/or Amateur Equitation Sections may be combined as necessary, jumping at their respective heights, to meet the three (3) entry minimum requirement for points to be awarded. If combined the lower age group course/testing requirements are to be utilized.
- Stallions are prohibited when Amateur equitation sections are combined with Junior equitation sections. EQ101.3.

### Awards:

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

- Amateur Equitation 18-35
- Amateur Equitation 36 & Over

## CHILDREN'S HUNTER HORSE

### Sections Offered:

The Children's Hunter Horse may be split into two sections:

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

### Fence Height:

- 3'0", with spreads not to exceed fence height

### Cross Entry:

#### Rider:

- Riders may not cross-enter into any Hunter class where fence heights exceed 3'3" at the same competition. (Exception: USHJA National Hunter Derby)
- Riders may compete with one different horse in the Junior 3'3" Hunter section at the same competition.
- Riders may compete in any Equitation class where fences do not exceed 3'6" or 1.10m at the same competition.
- Riders may compete in any Jumper class where fence heights do not exceed 1.25m at the same competition.

#### Horse:

- The horse may not cross-enter into any Junior Hunter class at the same competition.

### Combining/Dividing Sections:

- The Children's Hunter Horse section may be divided into two sections. Premier competitions must offer the sections split. National and Channel II competitions may offer the sections split.
- When there are fewer than four (4) entries in an age section held at a Premier competition, the age sections must be combined.
- The Children's Hunter Horse section may be combined with any of the following sections when there are fewer than three (3) entries in any section:
  - Adult Amateur Hunter
  - Children's Hunter Pony

Refer to Subchapter HU-12 for further information on combining/dividing sections.

### Awards:

USHJA 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

### Sections Offered:

The Low Children's Hunter Horse may be split into two sections:

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

### Fence Height:

- 2'6", with spreads not to exceed the fence height.
- Combinations are not permitted.

### Cross Entry:

#### Rider:

- Riders may not cross enter into any class at the same competition where the fence height exceeds 3'0" or .90m.
- Riders who compete in the 3'0" Children's Hunter Horse section at the same competition, may only show one horse in the Low Children's Hunter section.

#### Horse & Rider Combination:

- Horse and rider combinations may not cross enter into any classes where the fence height exceeds 2'9" or .85m.

### Combining/Dividing Sections:

- The Low Children's Hunter Horse section may be combined with any of the following sections when there are fewer than three (3) entries in any section:
  - Low Adult Amateur Hunter
  - Low Children's Hunter Pony

Refer to Subchapter HU-12 for further information on combining/dividing sections.

### Awards:

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

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

## CHILDREN'S HUNTER PONY

### Sections Offered:

The Children's Hunter Pony section may be offered by the height of the pony.

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

### 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.
- Combinations are not permitted.

### Cross Entry:

#### Rider:

- Rider age restrictions as found in Regular Hunter Pony sections do not apply.
- Riders may show only one pony in either the 2'0" or the 2'6" height of the Children's Hunter Pony section when also competing in the Regular Small, Medium or Large Hunter Pony and/or Green Hunter Pony sections at the same competition.
- Riders cannot cross enter into any class at the same competition where fences exceed 3'0" or .90m at the same competition (exception: Riders may show in jumper classes restricted to ponies at the same competition).

#### Pony:

- Ponies may not cross enter into the Regular Hunter Pony or Green Hunter Pony at the same competition.
- Ponies with another rider may show in the Low Children's Hunter Pony or any class where fence heights do not exceed 2'9" or .85m at the same competition.

### Combining/Dividing Sections:

- The Children's Hunter Pony section may be combined with any of the following sections when there are fewer than three (3) entries in any section:
  - Low Children's Hunter Pony
  - Low Children's Hunter Horse
  - Children's Hunter Horse
  - Low Adult Amateur Hunter
  - Adult Amateur Hunter
- When sections are combined and there are more than 30 total entries, the sections must be divided utilizing a California split to create the division of sections.

Refer to Subchapter HU-12 for further information on combining/dividing sections.

### Awards:

USHJA 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

## LOW CHILDREN'S HUNTER PONY

### Fence Height:

- 2'0", with spreads not to exceed the height of the fence.
- Combinations are not permitted.

### Cross Entry:

#### Rider:

- Riders may not cross enter into any class with fence heights that exceed 2'3" or .65m at the same competition.
- Riders may not cross enter into the Regular Hunter Pony or Green Hunter Pony at the same competition.

#### Pony:

- Ponies may not cross enter into the Regular Hunter Pony or Green Hunter Pony at the same competition.
- Ponies with another rider may show in the Children's Hunter Pony or any class where fence heights do not exceed 2'9" or .85m at the same competition.

#### Pony & Rider Combination:

- Pony & rider may not cross enter into any class where fence heights exceed 2'3" or .65m at the same competition.

### Combining/Dividing Sections:

- The Low Children's Hunter Pony section may be combined with any of the following sections when there are fewer than three (3) entries in any section:
  - Low Adult Amateur Hunter
  - Low Children's Hunter Horse
  - Children's Hunter Pony
- Low Children's Hunter Pony may be divided if there are more than 20 entries in the division.

Refer to Subchapter HU-12 for further information on combining/dividing sections.

### Awards:

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

- Low Children's Hunter Pony

# JUNIOR JUMPER

## Sections Offered by Fence Height:

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

## 1.00/1.05m Junior Jumper Cross Entry:

### Rider:

- Riders that compete in any class over 1.25m are ineligible to compete in an Junior Jumper class set at 1.15m or below at that competition.

### Horse & Rider Combination:

- Horse & rider combination may not compete in classes with fence heights exceeding 1.15m at the same competition.
- Horse & rider combination may only compete in one Junior Jumper classic at the same competition.

## 1.10/1.15m Junior Jumper Cross Entry:

### Rider:

- Riders that compete in any class over 1.25m are ineligible to compete in a Junior Jumper class set at 1.15m or below at that competition.

### Horse & Rider Combination:

- Horse & rider combination may not compete in classes with fences heights exceeding 1.25m at the same competition.
- Any horse & rider combination may only compete in one Junior Jumper classic at the same competition.
- Any horse & rider combination competing in a 1.20m class with prize money is not eligible for the 1.10/1.15m classic at the same competition.
- Any horse & rider combination competing in a 1.20m class with no prize money is eligible for the 1.10/1.15m classic at the same competition.

## Combining/Dividing Sections:

- The 1.00/1.05m may be combined with the 1.10/1.15m Junior and/or Amateur jumper sections, at the show management's discretion, or if so stated in the prize list.

## Awards:

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

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

## **JUNIOR EQUITATION**

### **Sections Offered:**

- Junior Equitation 11 & Under
- Junior Equitation 12-14
- Junior Equitation 15-17

### **Fence Height:**

- Spreads not to exceed fence height.
- Distances will not be adjusted for ponies.
- Junior Equitation 11 & Under
  - May be offered at: 2'0", 2'3", or 2'6" (.65m, .70m, .75m)
  - Management may offer multiple heights if stated in the prize list.
  - Course design must comply with EQ108 and 109, combinations are not permitted.
  - USEF Equitation Tests EQ113, 1-6 may be utilized.
- Junior Equitation 12-14
  - May be offered at: 2'6", 2'9", 3'0", or 3'3" (.75m, .85m, .90m, 1.00m)
  - Management may offer multiple heights if stated in the prize list.
  - Course design must comply with EQ108 and EQ109, combinations are optional.
  - USEF Equitation Tests EQ113, 1-22 may be utilized.
- Junior Equitation 15-17
  - May be offered at: 3'0", 3'3", or 3'6" (.90m, 1.00m, 1.10m)
  - Management may offer multiple heights if stated in the prize list.
  - Course design must comply with EQ108 and EQ109, combinations are required.
  - USEF Equitation Tests EQ113, 1-22 may be utilized.

### **Cross Entry:**

There are no cross-entry restrictions.

### **Combining/Dividing Sections:**

- Junior and/or Amateur Equitation Sections may be combined as necessary, jumping at their respective heights, to meet the three (3) entry minimum requirement for points to be awarded. If combined the lower age group course/testing requirements are to be utilized.
- Stallions are prohibited when Amateur equitation sections are combined with Junior equitation sections. EQ101.3.

### **Awards:**

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

- Junior Equitation 11 & Under
- Junior Equitation 12-14
- Junior Equitation 15-17