

**USHJA ZONE 10**  
**2026 HUNTER, JUMPER AND EQUITATION SPECIFICATIONS**

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## **2026 ZONE 10 HUNTER, JUMPER AND EQUITATION SPECIFICATIONS**

**(CA, NV)**

In accordance with GR1111.4: All members may compete for Zone Awards or money in any state contiguous to Zone 10: OR, ID, UT, AZ

### **JUDGING FOR ALL HUNTER SECTIONS:**

- To be judged on performance and soundness, suitability to count.

### **ELIGIBILITY FOR ADULT AMATEURS: HUNTER, JUMPER AND EQUITATION:**

- 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 SECTIONS: HUNTER, JUMPER AND EQUITATION:**

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

## **ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER**

### **Sections offered and requirements:**

- Adult Amateurs – may be split into three (3) sections

### **Cross Entry:**

#### **Riders:**

Riders may not cross enter into any Green Hunter 3'6", Green Hunter 3'9" or High Performance Hunter class at the same competition. Exception - under saddle classes.

Adult Amateur Riders may not cross enter into any class at the same competition with fences exceeding 3'3" except Jumper Classes not exceeding 1.25m, Equitation and Medal Classes, and the USHJA National Hunter Derby. Riders may cross enter between the Adult Amateur Hunter and the 3'3" Amateur Owner section if the rider owns the horse he or she is showing in the Adult Amateur section.

An Adult Amateur rider may ride an Amateur Owner Hunter in the A/O Under Saddle Class for an Amateur Owner Hunter rider that has more than one horse entered.

No cross entry restrictions at one-day competitions.

#### **Horses:**

Horses may not cross enter into any Amateur Owner hunter class (at the same show).

No cross entry restrictions at one-day competitions.

#### **Horse and Rider Combination:**

No cross entry restrictions at one-day competitions.

### **Fence Height:**

- 3'0" with spreads not to exceed the fence height.
- Courses will not be adjusted for ponies.
- In and outs are permitted.

### **Classics:**

Three (3) entries are required to conduct a Hunter Classic.

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

May be split into three (3) sections:

- Adult Amateurs 18– 35
- Adult Amateurs 36– 49
- Adult Amateurs 50 & Over

If there are fewer than three (3) entries, the Adult Amateur Hunter section may be combined with the Children's Hunter Horse section.

**Awards:**

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

- Adult Amateur Hunter 18– 35
- Adult Amateur 36– 49
- Adult Amateurs 50 & Over

## **LOW ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER**

### **Eligibility:**

Open to exhibitors who have reached their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year.

### **Cross Entry:**

#### **Riders:**

Riders may not cross enter into any class or section at the same competition where fences exceed 3'0"

### **Fence Height:**

- 2'6"

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

If there are fewer than three (3) entries in the Low Adult Amateur Hunter section, it may be combined with the Low Children's Hunter Horse section.

The Low Adult Amateur Hunter Horse section may only be combined with the Children's Hunter Pony and Low Children's Hunter Horse sections after those sections have been combined and still do not meet the three (3) entry minimum.

### **Awards:**

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

- Low Adult Amateur Hunter

## **AMATEUR JUMPER**

### **Sections offered and requirements:**

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

### **Cross Entry:**

No cross entry restrictions at one day competitions.

### **Rider:**

Any competitor that competes in any class set at over 1.25m is ineligible to compete in an Amateur Jumper class set below 1.20m at that competition.

### **Horse/Pony**

n/a

### **Horse and Rider Combination:**

n/a

### **Fence Height:**

- Amateur Jumper 1.00m to 1.05m.
- Amateur Jumper 1.10m for the first class of the section. In all other classes of the section fences to be set no lower than 1.10m and no higher than 1.15m.

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

1.00/1.05m Junior's and 1.00/1.05m Amateur Jumper sections must combine if there are fewer than three (3) in either section and may combine if there are fewer than six (6) in either section. If after combining the 1.00/1.05m sections there are fewer than three (3) entries then competition management must further combine the 1.00/1.05m sections with the 1.10/1.15m sections, allowing each section to compete at their respective height.

1.10/1.15m Junior's and 1.10/1.15m Amateur Jumper sections must combine if there are fewer than three (3) in either section and may combine if there are fewer than six (6) in either section. If after combining the 1.10/1.15m sections there are fewer than three (3) entries then competition management must further combine the 1.10/1.15m sections with the 1.00/1.05m sections, allowing each section to compete at their respective height.

### **Awards:**

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

## **AGE GROUP EQUITATION: ADULT SECTION**

- Refer to GR1132

### **Fence Height:**

- Fence heights cannot exceed 3'5" and wings are optional
- To be shown over a course of not fewer than eight fences

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

If the adult equitation does not fill it must be combined with a junior or child section.

### **Awards:**

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

- Equitation 18- 35
- Equitation 36 and Over

## **CHILDREN'S HUNTER HORSE**

### **Sections offered and requirements:**

- Children's Hunter Horse

### **Cross Entry:**

#### **Rider:**

Riders may not cross enter into any Junior Hunter, Green Hunter 3'6", Green Hunter 3'9" or High Performance Hunter class at the same show. Exception - under saddle classes.

Children's riders may not cross enter into any class at the same competition with fences exceeding 3'3" (exception: Jumper Classes not exceeding 1.25m, Equitation and Medal Classes, and the USHJA National Hunter Derby).

A Children's Hunter rider may ride a Junior Hunter in the Junior Hunter Under Saddle class for a Junior Hunter rider that has more than one horse entered. No cross entry restrictions at one-day competitions.

#### **Horses/Ponies:**

Horses may not cross enter into any 3'6" Junior Hunter Class at the same competition. No cross entry restrictions at one-day competitions.

#### **Horse and rider combination:**

No cross entry restrictions at one-day competitions.

### ***Classics:***

Three (3) entries are required to conduct a Hunter Classic.

### **Fence Height:**

- 3'0" with spreads not to exceed fence height
- In and outs are permitted
- Distances will not be adjusted for ponies.

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

If there are fewer than three (3) entries, the Children's Hunter section may be combined with the Adult Amateur Hunter section.

### **Awards:**

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

- Children's Hunter Horse



## **LOW CHILDREN'S HUNTER HORSE**

### **Eligibility:**

Open to exhibitors who have not yet reached their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year.

### **Cross Entry:**

#### **Riders:**

Riders may not cross enter at the same competition into any class/section where fences exceed 3'0"

### **Fence Height:**

- 2'6"

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

If there are fewer than three (3) horses entered in the Low Children's Hunter Horse section, then they may be combined and judged with the Children's Hunter Ponies or the Low Adult Amateur Hunter section.

If there are still fewer than three (3) entries after the Children's Hunter Pony section has been combined with the Low Children's Hunter Horse section, these sections may only then combine with the Low Adult Amateur Hunter Horse section.

### **Awards:**

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

- Low Children's Hunter Horse

## **CHILDREN'S HUNTER PONY**

### **Sections offered and requirements:**

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

### **Cross Entry:**

#### **Rider:**

Rider may not cross enter in any division where the fences exceed 3'3" (exception: Children's Jumper sections).

#### **Horse/Pony:**

n/a

#### **Horse and Rider Combination:**

n/a

### **Fence Height:**

- Small/Medium Ponies: 2'0"; spreads not to exceed height of fence
- Large Ponies: 2'6"; spreads not to exceed height of fence
- In and outs are not permitted

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

If there are fewer than three (3) ponies in the Children's Hunter Small/Medium Pony or Children's Hunter Large Pony, then the classes may be combined and judged together. If there are still fewer than three (3) ponies after the Small/Medium and Large sections have been combined, the Children's Hunter Pony sections may combine with the Low Children's Hunter Horse section.

If there are still fewer than three (3) entries after the Children's Hunter Small/Medium and Large Pony sections have been combined with the Low Children's Hunter Horse section, these sections may only then combine with the Low Adult Amateur Hunter Horse section.

#### **Classics:**

A minimum of three (3) entries are required to conduct a Children's Hunter Pony Classic.

#### **Awards:**

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

- Children's Hunter Pony

## **JUNIOR JUMPER**

### **Sections offered and Requirements:**

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

### **Cross Entry:**

No cross entry restrictions at one day competitions.

### **Rider:**

Any competitor that competes in any class set at over 1.25m is ineligible to compete in a Junior Jumper class set below 1.20m at that competition.

### **Horse/Pony:**

n/a

### **Horse and Rider Combination**

n/a

### **Fence Height:**

- Junior Jumper 1.00m to 1.05m.
- Junior Jumper 1.10m for the first class of the section. In all other classes of the section fences to be set no lower than 1.10m and no higher than 1.15m.

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

1.00/1.05m Junior and 1.00/1.05m Amateur Jumper sections must combine if there are fewer than three (3) in either section and may combine if there are fewer than six (6) in either section. If after combining the 1.00/1.05m sections there are fewer than three (3) entries then competition management must further combine the 1.00/1.05m sections with the 1.10/1.15m sections, allowing each section to compete at their respective height.

1.10/1.15m Junior and 1.10/1.15m Amateur Jumper sections must combine if there are fewer than three (3) in either section and may combine if there are fewer than six (6) in either section. If after combining the 1.10/1.15m sections there are fewer than three (3) entries then competition management must further combine the 1.10/1.15m sections with the 1.00/1.05m sections, allowing each section to compete at their respective height.

### **Awards:**

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

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

## **AGE GROUP EQUITATION: CHILDREN'S/JUNIOR SECTION**

- Refer to GR1132

### **Fence Height:**

- Equitation 11 & Under:
  - Minimum 2'6", maximum 2'9" - management must state height at which class will be offered.
  - Management may offer multiple height options if stated in the prize list, but each course must be set at the same height throughout.
  - Combinations not permitted
- Equitation 12- 14:
  - Minimum 2'9", maximum 3'3" - management must state height at which class will be offered.
  - Management may offer multiple height options if stated in the prize list, but each course must be set at the same height throughout.
  - Combinations are optional
- Equitation 15- 17:
  - Minimum 3'0", maximum 3'5" - management must state height at which class will be offered.
  - Management may offer multiple height options if stated in the prize list, but each course must be set at the same height throughout.
  - Combinations are optional

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

Competition management may offer Age Group Equitation classes divided at their discretion. Equitation that is offered by age will be awarded points that will be credited to the age groups defined in GR1131 or the relevant Zone Specifications.

If the Equitation 11 & Under section is combined with the Equitation 12-14 section, the combined section will be run in accordance with the Equitation 12-14 specifications with optional combinations.

### **Awards:**

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

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

## **USHJA COMPETITIVE PROGRAMS**

For more information regarding the following programs please click on the links below:

### **Green Hunter Incentive**

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### **Hunter Team Challenge**

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### **International Hunter Derby**

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### **National Hunter Derby**

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### **Outreach**

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### **Pony Hunter Derby**

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### **World Championship Hunter Rider**

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### **Zone Horse of the Year Championships**

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### **Zone Jumper Team Championships**

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### **1.00/1.05m Junior/Amateur Zone Jumper Championship**

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## **SPECIAL CLASSES**

### **3'3" Jumping Seat Medal**

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### **3'3" Hunter Seat Medal**

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### **Green Hunter Challenge**

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### **Gladstone Cup Equitation Classic**

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