

9.14.26 USHJA Town Hall on National Zone Specifications Summary

Panel:

- USHJA President Britt McCormick
- USHJA Executive Director Whitney Allen
- USHJA Senior Coordinator of Zones + Affiliates Emily Martinez
- Oliver Kennedy, Zone Specifications ad hoc Chair, Zone 3
- Cricket Stone, Zone Specifications ad hoc member, Zone 3
- Moderator Lauren Klehm, USHJA Director of Education

Topics:

- Proposed Draft can be found [HERE](#)
- Open for member comments until September 30
- Email Zones@ushja.org with additional feedback
- Attend the USHJA Sport and Education Conference for continued conversation (December 6-10 in Orlando; Zone discussion Wednesday, December 9 at 8am)
- Use USEF Rulebook and USHJA Specifications Library for information, not AI Summaries
- Upcoming in-person Forums and virtual Town Halls, listed [HERE](#)

Membership inquired about cross-entry restrictions, specifically for 3' Adult Amateur Hunters into the A/O Hunters, and number of horses.

Additional cross-entry restriction concerns were raised for the Amateur Jumpers at the 1.0/1.10m levels. Amateur members would like to compete their seasoned horse in the bigger classes, and get miles on a green or newer horse in lower height sections.

Positive reception to the 2'9" Adult Amateur Hunter sections.

Request to add 2'6" Adult Amateur Equitation (in addition to 2'9" to 3' and 3'3").

Discussion on removing the contiguous states stipulation, allowing members to earn Zone points at any competition across the country.

Suggestion to better align language across Adult and Children sections for clarity.

Confirming 3' Adult and Children Hunters can compete in USHJA National Hunter Derbies at same competition.

Zone Specifications are proposed to be national specifications due to USEF rating all sections as National sections eligible for national points.

Cross-entry restrictions are an attempt to keep mid/lower level divisions competitive with appropriate level riders, while not being too restrictive for those wanting to show multiple horses at suitable heights.

Access to number of competitions and number of classes/sections varies widely across the country.

Some concerns with which sections can be combined in the Child and Adult Hunters and Equitation.

The USHJA National Zone Specifications ad hoc group will meet again to review the comments and concerns raised during the Town Hall.