

EXHIBITOR & MANAGER GUIDE



	USHJA Affiliate Organization Program	USHJA Outreach	USEF Lite	USEF Recognized
What is it?	Local hunter/jumper organizations can sign up to be USHJA affiliates. They generally offer their own shows that can include both unrated and USEF-licensed competitions. They often tend to be local or state hunter/jumper associations. These schooling shows are often a great first step into the horse show world to gain experience.	Outreach is an awards program where both USEF-licensed and non-licensed or unrated shows offer classes that are designated Outreach classes. Members can gain year-end points and awards throughout the year, and attend special championships designated as Outreach Festivals.	USEF Lite shows are the introductory level of competitions licensed by USEF and are meant to be very beginner friendly. They are often local shows that want to start under the license umbrella of USEF. Lite shows have fewer fees than other USEF Licensed shows.	Regional, Premier and National are show licenses offered and overseen by USEF. Regional is a good entry point to experience showing at fully rated horse shows, which is less intensive than showing at a Premier or National rated show.
Why should I do this?	Affiliate organizations provide shows that are more local, often requiring less travel time than licensed shows. They tend to have classes that are very welcoming for new riders, riders moving up another level and green horses that need show experience. Classes tend to be geared more to the preliminary levels. You may need to search a bit more for classes above 3'.	Since Outreach classes can be offered at both licensed and unlicensed shows, they can serve as a wonderful bridge for experiencing a licensed show with low pressure and fewer fees. If you are looking for an awards program that recognizes levels from ground poles to 3' hunters and 1.20m jumpers, then this is a great program to join. It also offers opportunities to expand your showing horizons with local championships called Festivals, the ability to be nominated to compete in a National Affiliate Championship, and get great year-end prizes.	Providing consistency, fairness, and a level playing field through regulations, policies, industry standards & best practices that support athlete safety and equine welfare • Trained Licensed Officials • An impartial hearing process for grievances and dispute resolution • No USEF Membership Required* *Exceptions: Those acting as trainer or coach (See GR310.3) • No USHJA Membership Required Cost Savings • No USEF Administrative Fees • No Drugs & Medication Program Fees, but all D&M rules are enforced to ensure equine safety & well-being and to provide a fair and level playing field"	You have experienced horse showing at the other levels and are ready to take the next step into licensed competitions. You would like to earn Horse of the Year points towards year-end standings and qualifying for championships. You are ready to experience a higher level of competition and begin working toward goals in this environment. You value the additional level of safety and regulation provided by the licensed show environment.
People Membership	Affiliate organization membership required. Those members also get free Outreach membership.	Not required to show in Outreach classes, but Outreach level or above membership is required to accrue points and participate in Festivals.	Not required unless acting as trainer/coach.	Required unless using a show pass.* USEF - One-time only, done at https://www.usef.org/show-pass . *USEF show pass not permitted for those acting as trainer or coach USHJA - Show passes may be purchased instead of memberships.
Horse Membership	Varies by affiliate organization.	Horse registration not required to show in Outreach classes but is required to accrue points.	USEF: Free Horse ID required.	USEF: Horse ID is required. Horse recording is optional if you want points to count. USHJA: Lifetime horse registration required.

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Fees	Varies by affiliate organization.	Membership - Free Horse registration: Annual Outreach \$20 (valid for 1 year) Lifetime Registration - \$75	USEF or USHJA memberships are not required, unless acting as trainer/coach, nor do you have to pay show pass fees. Exhibitors do not pay USEF participation fees such as: Administrative, Drugs & Medication fees, etc.; however, drug testing may still occur, and all participants are subject to the applicable D&M rules.	USHJA membership - \$85/year USHJA Horse registration: Lifetime Registration - \$75 USEF Membership- \$80/year USEF Horse Recording: ID Only - Free Annual Recording - \$95/year or Lifetime Recording - \$300 Show Pass - See People Membership section for show pass information. Competition fees typically include class entry, Admin, Drug Testing, USHJA per horse, etc.
SafeSport	Not required	Not required	Yearly up to date training required by adults who are acting as trainer/coach or are Active competing USEF members only.	Yearly up to date training required by adults (includes trainers, owners, and riders).
Points	Each affiliate organization manages their own points program.	Horses and riders that are Outreach level or above members of USHJA accumulate points all year for all Outreach class placings.	No points awarded.	Yes, USHJA Zone Horse of the Year and USEF National Horse of the Year points are awarded for rated class placings.
Year End	Each affiliate manages their own year-end awards program. Each affiliate can nominate horse and rider combinations to participate in the USHJA National Affiliate Championships.	The cumulative year end points are redeemed for awards in Gold, Silver and Bronze categories.	N/A	Yes, USHJA Zone Horse of the Year and USEF National Horse of the Year points are awarded for rated class placings.
Links	Find an Affiliate: https://www.ushja.org/membership/affiliates/find-affiliate	OUTREACH CALENDAR https://www.ushja.org/competition/outreach/outreachcalendar OUTREACH STANDINGS https://www.ushja.org/competition/outreach/standings Sign up for membership through USHJA member portal: https://my.ushja.org/login	https://www.usef.org/compete/resources-forms/lite-competition-program https://www.usef.org/forms-pubs/e_4DDTNUpts/lite-information-chart https://www.usef.org/compete/resources-forms/lite-competition-program	Sign up for membership: USHJA member portal: https://my.ushja.org/login USEF member portal: https://members.usef.org/ USEF Show Pass Fee: https://www.usef.org/show-pass
Exhibitor Requirements			Horse must be microchipped	Horse must be microchipped Braiding is more often customary
Measurement	Not required generally, but see specific affiliate organization's rules	Not required	Required for Pony, Small Hunter and Small Junior Hunter classes	Required for all classes restricted to Ponies, Small Hunters and Small Junior Hunters
Amateur Status	Not required generally, but see specific affiliate organization's rules	Not required	Not required	Required to compete in amateur specific classes