

**USHJA ZONE 8  
2023 HUNTER, JUMPER AND EQUITATION  
SPECIFICATIONS**

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## **2023 ZONE 8 HUNTER, JUMPER AND EQUITATION SPECIFICATIONS**

**(AZ, CO, NM, UT)**

In accordance with GR 1111.4: **CA, NV, ID, WY, NE, KS, OK, TX** are contiguous states.

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

- To be judged on performance and soundness, suitability to count.
- Horses and Ponies are not required to jog for soundness.

### **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. State rules may prohibit entry of 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. State rules may prohibit entry of ponies.

## **ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER**

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

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

### **Cross Entry:**

#### **Riders:**

Adult Amateur Hunter riders may not cross enter into any hunter class with fences exceeding 3'6" nor any jumper class with fences exceeding 1.20m (3'11") at the same show.

In the under saddle class the cross entry restrictions do not apply, but an Adult Amateur must ride in the Adult Amateur Hunter under saddle.

#### **Horses:**

Horses may cross enter into any other classes or sections where eligible.

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

The horse-and-rider combination is restricted from showing in both Amateur Owner and Adult Amateur Hunter sections at the same show.

The same horse and rider combination competing in the Adult Amateur Hunter may not cross enter into a USHJA International Hunter Derby.

### **Fence Height:**

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

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

May be split into three sections:

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

At Premier rated competitions, the Adult Amateur Hunter section must be offered divided by age as follows: Adult Amateur 18- 35, Adult Amateur 36- 49 Adult Amateur 50 & over.

If there are fewer than four (4) entries in any age group, that group must be combined with another. In the event that after combining all three age groups, there are still fewer than three (3) entries; management must combine the Adult Amateur Hunter section with the Children's Hunter Horse section.

**National and Regional** rated competitions are not required to offer the section divided, but may do so at management's discretion.

**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 Amateur 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 1.10m or 3'6".

#### **Horses:**

No cross entry restrictions.

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

Horse and Rider combinations may not cross enter into any class or section at the same competition where fences exceed 2'9" (Exception: 3'0" Equitation).

### **Fence Height:**

- 2'6"

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

The Low Adult Amateur Hunter and Low Children's Hunter sections may be combined if there are fewer than three (3) entries in either section.

### **Awards:**

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

- Low Adult Amateur Hunter

## **ADULT AMATEUR JUMPER**

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

- Low Adult Amateur Jumper
- High Adult Amateur Jumper

### **Cross Entry:**

#### **Rider:**

The Low Adult Amateur Jumper rider may cross enter into any class at the same competition for which they are eligible on different horse. A Low Adult Amateur Jumper rider may not cross enter in classes above 1.20m at the same competition.

The High Adult Amateur Jumper rider may cross enter into any class at the same competition for which they are eligible on different horse. If a High Adult Amateur Jumper classic is offered in the Children's or Adult Amateur Jumpers and the rider has jumped above 1.20m at that show then they are not eligible for any Classic in the Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper sections.

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

No cross entry restrictions

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

The same Low Adult Amateur Jumper horse/rider combination may not cross enter into any class held above 1.15m at the same competition. Horse/Rider combination may enter only one classic, if both Low and High classics are offered.

The same High Adult Amateur Jumper horse/rider combination may not cross enter into any class held above 1.20m at the same competition. Horse/Rider combination may enter only one classic, if both Low and High classics are offered.

### **Fence Height:**

- Low Adult Amateur Jumper 1.00m to 1.05m
- High Adult Amateur Jumper 1.10m to 1.15m

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

Low Children's and Low Adult 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 Low sections there are fewer than three (3) entries then competition management must further combine the Low sections with the High sections, allowing each section to compete at their respective height.

High Children's and High Adult 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 High sections there are fewer than three (3) entries

then competition management must further combine the High sections with the Low sections, allowing each section to compete at their respective height.

If sections are combined a horse can only compete at one height.

**Awards:**

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

- Low Adult Amateur Jumper
- High Adult Amateur Jumper

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

### **Sections Offered:**

- Adult Equitation 18-35
- Adult Equitation 36 +

### **Cross Entry:**

No cross entry restrictions

### **Fence Height:**

- 3' with spreads not to exceed fence height
  - Combinations will be permitted

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

If there are fewer than three (3) entries in either age group, the two age groups must be combined. If, after combining, there are still fewer than three (3) entries, the Adult Equitation section may be combined with any other equitation age group. If combined with the 12-14 or 15-17, combinations are optional. If combined with any age group that includes Equitation 11 & Under, then combinations are prohibited. When combined, Adult Equitation entries must jump their proper height of 3'0".

### **Awards:**

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

- Adult Equitation 18-35
- Adult Equitation 36 +



## **CHILDREN'S HUNTER HORSE**

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

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

### **Cross Entry:**

#### **Rider:**

Children's Hunter Horse riders may not cross enter into any hunter class with fences exceeding 3'6" nor any jumper class with fences exceeding 1.20m (3'11") at the same show.

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

Horses may cross enter into any other classes or sections where eligible.

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

The horse-and-rider combination is restricted from showing in both Junior Hunter and Children's Hunter Horse sections at the same show. The same horse and rider combination competing in the Children's Hunter Horse may not cross enter into a USHJA International Hunter Derby.

### **Fence Height:**

- Horses 3'0" with spreads not to exceed fence height
- Combinations will be permitted

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

At Premier rated competitions, the Children's Hunter Horse section must be offered divided by age as follows: Children's Hunter Horse 14 & Under, Children's Hunter Horse 15-17.

If there are fewer than four (4) entries in either age group, the two groups must be combined. In the event that, after combining the two age groups, there are still fewer than three (3) entries; management must combine the Children's Hunter Horse section with the Adult Amateur Hunter section.

*National and Regional* rated competitions are not required to offer the section divided, but may do so at management's discretion.

### **Awards:**

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**

### **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 into any class or section at the same competition where fences exceed 1.10m or 3'6".

#### **Horses:**

No cross entry restrictions

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

Horse and Rider combinations may not cross enter into any class or section at the same competition where fences exceed 2'9" (Exception: 3'0" Equitation).

### **Fence Height:**

- 2'6"

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

The Low Children's Hunter and Low Adult Amateur Hunter sections may be combined if there are fewer than three (3) entries in either 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:**

No cross entry restrictions

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

The pony is restricted from cross entering between the Regular Pony Hunter, Green Pony Hunter and Children's Hunter Pony sections at the same horse show.

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

The pony-and-rider combination is restricted from showing in both Regular Pony Hunter, Green Pony Hunter and Children's Hunter Pony at the same horse show.

### **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 will not be permitted.
- The spread of any oxer must be measured including flowers, brush and ground lines.

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

The Children's Hunter Pony section must be offered and run by itself and may not be combined with the Children's Hunter Horse or any other section at Premier and National rated competitions.

If there are fewer than three (3) entries in the Children's Hunter Pony section at any Regional rated competition, it may be combined with the Children's Hunter Horse section. In this case, in-and-outs are prohibited.

### **Awards:**

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

## **CHILDREN'S JUMPER**

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

- Low Children's Jumper
- High Children's Jumper

### **Cross Entry:**

#### **Rider:**

The Low Children's Jumper rider may cross enter into any class at the same competition for which they are eligible on different horse. A Low Children's Jumper rider may not cross enter in classes above 1.20m at the same competition.

The High Children's Jumper rider may cross enter into any class at the same competition for which they are eligible on different horse. If a High Children's Jumper classic is offered in the Children's or Adult Amateur Jumpers and the rider has jumped above 1.20m at that show then they are not eligible for any Classic in the Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper sections.

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

No cross entry restrictions

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

The same Low Children's Jumper horse/rider combination may not cross enter into any class held above 1.15m at the same competition. Horse/Rider combination may enter only one classic, if both Low and High classics are offered.

The same High Children's Jumper horse/rider combination may not cross enter into any class held above 1.20m at the same competition. Horse/Rider combination may enter only one classic, if both Low and High classics are offered.

### **Fence Height:**

- Low Children's Jumper 1.00m to 1.05m
- High Children's Jumper 1.10m to 1.15m

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

Low Children's and Low Adult Amateur Jumper sections must combine if there are fewer than 3 in either section and may combine if there are fewer than 6 in either section.

If after combining the Low sections there are fewer than 3 entries then competition management must further combine the Low sections with the High sections, allowing each section to compete at their respective height.

If sections are combined a horse can only compete at one height.

High Children's and High Adult Amateur Jumper sections must combine if there are fewer than 3 in either section and may combine if there are fewer than 6 in either section. If after combining the High sections there are fewer than 3 entries then competition management must further combine the High sections with the Low sections, allowing each section to compete at their respective height. If sections are combined a horse can only compete at one height.

**Awards:**

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

- Low Children's Jumper
- High Children's Jumper

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

### **Sections Offered:**

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

### **Cross Entry:**

No cross entry restrictions

### **Fence Height:**

- Equitation 11 & Under - 2'3"- 2'6" with spreads not to exceed fence height
  - Combinations are prohibited.
- Equitation 12-14 - 3'0"- 3'3" with spreads not to exceed fence height
  - Combinations are optional
- Equitation 15-17 - 3'0"- 3'3" with spreads not to exceed fence height
  - Combinations are optional

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

#### **Equitation 11 & Under:**

Age group sections may be combined to meet the three (3) entry minimum requirement for points to be awarded. If 11 & Under and 12-14, or all three age groups combined, each age group section must jump their respective height; combinations are prohibited.

#### **Equitation 12- 14:**

Age group section may be combined to meet the three (3) entry minimum requirement for points to be awarded. If the 12-14 and 15-17 are combined each age group section must jump their respective height; combinations are optional.

#### **Equitation 15- 17:**

Age group section may be combined to meet the three (3) entry minimum requirement for points to be awarded. If the 12-14 and 15-17 are combined each age group section must jump their respective height; combinations are optional.

### **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:

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### **International Hunter Derby**

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### **National Hunter Derby**

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### **Pony Hunter Derby**

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

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### **Zone Jumper Team Championships**

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### **1.0/1.05m Child/Adult Zone Jumper Championship**

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## **SPECIAL CLASSES**

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

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