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| GR 1131.12 Description: hunter and eq divisions | 312-15 | 1 | Standard | 4/1/2016 | USHJA | Approved |
| HJ 207.16 Description: Federation Premier rating | 378-15 | 2 | Standard | 4/1/2016 | USHJA | Approved |
| HU 134.3 Description: faults - three refusals | 233-15 | 2 | Standard | 4/1/2016 | National Hunter Committee | Approved |
| HU 181.0 Description: US Pony Hunter championship | 171-15 | 1 | Standard | 4/1/2016 | National Hunter Committee | Approved |
| HU 182.0 Description: US Junior Hunter Championship | 170-15 | 1 | Standard | 4/1/2016 | National Hunter Committee | Approved |
| JP 117.6 Description: classes restricted to Junior/Amateur Owner | 391-15 | 2 | Standard | 4/1/2016 | Jumper | Approved |
| JP 134.0 Description: protests | 480-15 | 1 | Standard | 4/1/2016 | Jumper | Approved |
| JP 136.0 Description: timing | 479-15 | 1 | Standard | 4/1/2016 | Jumper | Approved |
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| JP 149.0 Description: classes offering \$25,000 or more in prize money | 477-15 | 3 | Standard | 4/1/2016 | Jumper | Approved |
| EQ 110.4 Description: Medal cap | 232-15 | 4 | Standard | 9/1/2016 | National Hunter Committee | Approved |
| EQ 110.8 Description: Maclay cap | 272-15 | 4 | Standard | 9/1/2016 | National Hunter Committee | Approved |
| GR 120.0 Description: demonstrations and exhibitions | 481-15 | 1 | Standard | 12/1/2016 | USHJA | Approved |
| GR 313.6 Description: determining ratings - hunter | 300-15 | 4 | Standard | 12/1/2016 | USHJA | Approved |
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| GR 1131.3 Description: hunter divisions | 304-15 | 1 | Standard | 12/1/2016 | USHJA | Approved |
| GR 1131.3 Description: awards - hunter and eq divisions | 305-15 | 1 | Standard | 12/1/2016 | USHJA | Approved |
| GR 1131.3 Description: hunter and equitation divisions | 384-15 | 2 | Standard | 12/1/2016 | USHJA | Approved |
| EQ 102.1 Description: judging | 385-15 | 2 | Standard | 12/1/2016 | USHJA | Approved |
| EQ 103.2 Description: eligibility to compete | 295-15 | 5 | Standard | 12/1/2016 | USHJA | Approved |
| EQ 105.5 Description: martingales | 374-15 | 1 | Standard | 12/1/2016 | USHJA | Approved |
| EQ 105.6 Description: Appointments - Black Stirrups | 225-15 | 2 | Standard | 12/1/2016 | National Hunter Committee | Approved |
| EQ 106.3 Description: division of classes | 280-15 | 1 | Standard | 12/1/2016 | National Hunter Committee | Approved |
| EQ 108.2 Description: juniors - ages | 376-15 | 1 | Standard | 12/1/2016 | USHJA | Approved |
| EQ 108.13 Description: Planks | 234-15 | 2 | Standard | 12/1/2016 | National Hunter Committee | Approved |
| EQ 108.15 Description: course requirements | 387-15 | 1 | Standard | 12/1/2016 | USHJA | Approved |
| EQ 110.5 Description: Planks | 235-15 | 1 | Standard | 12/1/2016 | National Hunter Committee | Approved |
| EQ 110.5 Description: US Hunter Seat Medal Class | 298-15 | 2 | Standard | 12/1/2016 | USHJA | Approved |
| EQ 110.5 Description: requirements for specific classes | 375-15 | 1 | Standard | 12/1/2016 | USHJA | Approved |
| EQ 110.11 Description: West Coast National Championship | 293-15 | 1 | Standard | 12/1/2016 | National Hunter Committee | Approved |

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| Description: ushja zone, regional, and national championships | | | | | | |
| HJ 202.3 | 315-15 | 1 | Standard | 12/1/2016 | USHJA | Approved |
| Description: competition standards | | | | | | |
| HJ 500.0 | 482-15 | 2 | Standard | 12/1/2016 | USHJA | Approved |
| HU 101.2 | 347-15 | 5 | Standard | 12/1/2016 | USHJA | Approved |
| Description: eligibility to compete | | | | | | |
| HU 103.1 | 379-15 | 5 | Standard | 12/1/2016 | USHJA | Approved |
| Description: Green eligibility | | | | | | |
| HU 108.1 | 356-15 | 1 | Standard | 12/1/2016 | USHJA | Approved |
| Description: adult amateur | | | | | | |
| HU 109.10 | 224-15 | 2 | Standard | 12/1/2016 | National Hunter Committee | Approved |
| Description: Number of horses ridden in Junior hunters | | | | | | |
| HU 110.7 | 381-15 | 2 | Standard | 12/1/2016 | USHJA | Approved |
| Description: California split | | | | | | |
| HU 111.0 | 350-15 | 2 | Standard | 12/1/2016 | USHJA | Approved |
| Description: junior and children's hunter - entries | | | | | | |
| HU 111.3 | 349-15 | 1 | Standard | 12/1/2016 | USHJA | Approved |
| Description: junior and children's hunters | | | | | | |
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| HU 112.1 | 351-15 | 1 | Standard | 12/1/2016 | USHJA | Approved |
| Description: dividing or combining sections | | | | | | |
| HU 114.4 | 382-15 | 2 | Standard | 12/1/2016 | USHJA | Approved |
| Description: conformation sections | | | | | | |
| HU 121.4 | 359-15 | 2 | Standard | 12/1/2016 | USHJA | Approved |
| Description: height of obstacles | | | | | | |
| HU 133.0 | 353-15 | 1 | Standard | 12/1/2016 | USHJA | Approved |
| Description: soundness | | | | | | |

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| HU 145.4 Description: hunter classics | 403-15 | 1 | Standard | 12/1/2016 | USHJA | Approved |
| HU 160.1 Description: scheduling | 354-15 | 2 | Standard | 12/1/2016 | USHJA | Approved |
| HU 185.4 Description: handlers | 362-15 | 1 | Standard | 12/1/2016 | USHJA | Approved |
| HU 187.6 Description: USHJA pony breeding championship | 355-15 | 1 | Standard | 12/1/2016 | USHJA | Approved |
| HU 189.8 Description: USHJA National Hunter Derby | 363-15 | 2 | Standard | 12/1/2016 | USHJA | Approved |
| HU 191.0 Description: USHJA Pony Hunter Derby | 372-15 | 2 | Standard | 12/1/2016 | USHJA | Approved |
| HU 192.1 Description: International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake | 373-15 | 1 | Standard | 12/1/2016 | USHJA | Approved |
| JP 100.2 Description: eligibility to compete | 366-15 | 5 | Standard | 12/1/2016 | USHJA | Approved |
| JP 118.4 Description: children, adult amateurs, ponies | 364-15 | 1 | Standard | 12/1/2016 | Jumper | Approved |
| JP 121.7 Description: fence dimensions | 370-15 | 1 | Standard | 12/1/2016 | USHJA | Approved |
| JP 149.9 Description: classes offering more than \$25,000 in prize money | 371-15 | 2 | Standard | 12/1/2016 | USHJA | Approved |

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

4/1/2016 1

PROPONENT

USHJA

INTENT

A Presidential Modification was requested and approved for the 2015 competition year to correct widespread confusion with the awarding of points for the Age Group Equitation sections. This rule change will allow competition managers the option to divide age group equitation classes at their discretion and still have the points count for the appropriate Zone HOTA awards. Additionally, a clarification regarding maximum fence heights in metric was added.

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1131 HUNTER AND EQUITATION DIVISIONS [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 11-F AWARD SECTIONS]

GR1131 Hunter and Equitation Divisions

12. USHJA Zone Rider of the Year Hunter Seat Equitation Division Awards.

Unless USHJA Zone Committees submit their specifications by August 1, the following specifications will apply for the Age Group Equitation Hunter section:

a. Awards are offered for the following at the Zone level: Equitation 14 and under, Equitation 15-17, Adult Equitation 18-35 and Adult Equitation 36 and over.

d. **Competition management may offer Age Group Equitation classes divided at their discretion.** Equitation that is offered by age and then combined at the competition will be awarded points and points that will be credited to the correct age groups **defined in GR1131.12.a or the relevant Zone Specifications** in the appropriate section. ~~Classes restricted in any other way than outlined above will not count for points (i.e. Amateur/Owner Equitation; Equitation classes that are not offered in the prize list split by age; and all medal classes).~~

e. ~~Equitation 14 and under and Equitation 15-17 classes~~ **Age Group Equitation classes for junior riders** to be shown over a course of not less than eight fences and the fence heights cannot exceed 3'6" **(or 1.10 m when class specifications list fence height in metric)** and wings are optional.

f. ~~Adult Equitation 18-35 and Adult Equitation 36+ classes~~ **Age Group Equitation classes for adult amateurs** to be shown over a course of not less than eight fences and the fence height cannot exceed 3'3" **(or 1.0m when class specifications list fence height in metric)**.

g. The USHJA shall determine the Zone and/or Stirrup Cup HOTA points to be awarded for its USHJA Equitation Championships, Finals and Classes. The USHJA shall notify the Federation and publish the point scale to be utilized on the USHJA website a minimum of 120 days prior to the start of each event.

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

4/1/2016 1

PROPONENT

USHJA

INTENT

To define the requirements necessary to hold a Premier competition, and to make the jumbotron or scoreboard a double option for Premier competitions.

PROPOSED CHANGE

HJ207 REQUIREMENTS TO OBTAIN FEDERATION PREMIER RATING AND/OR JUMPER LEVEL 5 [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HJ-2 RATING & HORSE ENTRY NUMBER]

HJ207 REQUIREMENTS TO OBTAIN FEDERATION PREMIER RATING AND/OR JUMPER LEVEL 5

[...]

16. Premier competitions must conduct award ceremonies and designate within the prize list both a time(s) during the program and location(s) for award ceremonies.

~~17. Premier competitions must provide a visible scoreboard {minimum of forty (40) square feet} adjacent to the Main Ring(s) where either/or both hunter and/or jumper competition are held.~~

18. Licensees providing a Premier Rated and/or Jumper Level 5 competition must select and describe with their license application a minimum of twenty (20) additional items (not on the required list for the Premier Rating) from HJ211 ten (10) of which must be selected from each group .

[...]

HJ211 HJS OPTION SELECTION LIST

Rated hunter, hunter/jumper and/or jumper Levels 5, 4, 3, or 2 competitions must select and describe with their license application the required minimum number of items to be provided from optional items list below. Licensee(s) must select the number of items required for the Rating and cannot select option items already required for the competition rating.

1. Group I – In selecting the required number of options for the rating, note that options specifically required for a particular rating do not count toward the required number of options.

•Sun/rain shelter for spectators.

•VIP hospitality and sponsor lounge

•Designated main competition ring for hunters and/or jumpers which takes priority scheduling over all other competition rings with designated rider stand/seating.

•Competition website.

•Night watch for horses stabled on the grounds to be available to exhibitors to contract separately, at exhibitor cost.

•Provide a Jumbotron, defined as a functioning electronic board that provides both scoring information and video capability in at least one of the Main competition ring(s).

- **Provide a functioning visible scoreboard {minimum of forty (40) square feet} adjacent to the Main Ring(s) where either/or both hunter and/or jumper competition are held.**
- ~~Provide a functioning electronic scoreboard in at least one of the Main competition ring(s).~~

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RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

4/1/2016 1

PROPONENT

National Hunter Committee

INTENT

The USHJA Pony Finals Subcommittee requested to change the number of refusals in the hunter sections at the US Pony Finals from three to two at their wrap-up meeting of 8/10/2015. This change would improve both the safety and efficiency of Pony Finals. At the 2015 Pony Finals only 3 ponies with two refusals went on to complete the course.

PROPOSED CHANGE

HU134 Faults [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-5 JUDGING]

3. The following constitute elimination.

- a. Three refusals (**Exception: US Pony Hunter National Championship and US Junior Hunter National Championship, exhibitors will be eliminated after two cumulative refusals.**)
- b. Off course
- c. Jumping course before it is reset
- d. Bolting from the ring
- e. Fall of horse and/or rider (rider shall not remount in the ring).
- f. Stopping for loss of shoe or broken equipment.
- g. In model classes, a horse or pony that breaks away from the handler or one whose actions threaten to endanger the rider, handler, other exhibitors or their entries. Exception: Hunter Breeding and Pony Breeding classes.

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RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

4/1/2016 1

PROPONENT

National Hunter Committee

INTENT

This rule change brings in line the US Pony Hunter championship rules with recent changes to remove language that should not be in the USEF rule book. The full qualification procedures and class specifications for the championships will instead be posted on the USEF website.

PROPOSED CHANGE

HU181 U.S. Pony Hunter [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-11 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS]

1. Full qualifying criteria and Official Specifications will be posted on the Federation website (www.usef.org) at least 30 days prior to the start of the qualifying period.

2.4. This competition is designed to encourage the breeding of quality Hunter ponies and the proper basic training for them.

3.2. Eligibility. In order to compete in the U.S. Pony Hunter Championship, the pony must be recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA on or before the first day of the competition. The owner must be an Active member of the Federation and USHJA.

a. The pony must be recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA at the time of qualification and on or before the first day of the Championship.

b. The owner of record of the pony must be an Active member in good standing of the Federation and USHJA, i.e. ponies must be shown in accordance with GR1102 and GR1108 in order to be eligible to qualify.

a. A pony must win a Championship or Reserve Championship in a "AA" or "A" rated Regular Pony Hunter section. The pony must be recorded with the Federation and registered with the USHJA at the time of the win in order for the Championship or Reserve Championship to count. Sections held after July 1 will count toward next year's competition. Ponies that are Champions in their respective sections at the previous year's competition may return without qualifying. The owner of record of the pony must be an Active member in good standing of the Federation and USHJA, i.e., ponies must be shown in

accordance with GR1102, GR1108, in order to be eligible to qualify. Pony Finals host sites will comply with the rules designated by the Federation and the Federation Pony Hunter Committee.

b. Green Pony Hunters qualify by winning a Championship or Reserve Championship in an "AA" or "A" rated Green Pony Hunter section between December 1 and July 1 of the current competition year. A Green Pony Hunter who has qualified for the Finals in the Green Hunter Pony section and the Regular Pony Hunter section may not compete in both. Green Pony Hunters must declare the section in which they will compete when completing their entry blank. They must qualify in the Regular Pony Hunter section after July 1 in order to be qualified for the next competition year.

3. Phases.

a. Competition will be conducted in three separate phases: In-Hand, Under Saddle and Over Fences. In determining each pony's total score, the Model will count 25%, Under Saddle 25% and Over Fences 50%. The competition will consist of six pony hunter sections: small green pony, medium green pony and large green pony, small pony, medium pony and large pony. Green ponies may qualify within their green year from December 1 to July 1 to compete in the green pony hunter division.

b. In-Hand. Judged on conformation, way of moving and soundness.

c. Under Saddle. To be shown at the walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Riders may be asked for an extended trot. Ponies to stop easily and stand quietly. Light contact with pony's mouth is required. Judged on performance and soundness. Manners and suitability of a pony to rider will be emphasized. Extreme speed is penalized.

1. In the Under Saddle phase, the ponies in each division will be split into groups of 12 or less. Each pony will be judged and given a score based on its performance in its group. At the discretion of the judges, the ponies in any one division may be called back to hack together.

d. Over Fences. To be shown over a minimum of eight fences at the required height (Note—Large green ponies to jump at 2'9" in the competition). Judged on performance and soundness. Manners and suitability of a pony to rider will be emphasized. Extreme speed is penalized.

e. The same junior exhibitor is required to show an entry in all phases of the competition but need not be the same one that handled the pony in any phases of a qualifying event. The same junior exhibitor may ride a small, medium and large pony in the competition but not more than one pony in any one division.

4. Judging Procedure. A total of six judges will officiate. Three judges will judge the model phase simultaneously but independently of each other and each of the three judges will give each pony a model score. Three additional judges will judge the under saddle phase simultaneously but independently of each other and each of the three judges will give every pony an under saddle score. Prior to the over fences phase, each pony's scores for the Model and Under Saddle phases are totaled and announced. All six judges will judge the over fences phase in three panels of two judges each. Each panel will submit a separate score for each pony. During the over fences phase, the Open Numerical Scoring System is used: after a pony completes the course, each panel's score for the round is immediately shown. The total overall score for each pony is then calculated as soon as it has completed the last phase.

4.5. Points.

| Model and Under Saddle Phase | | Over Fences Phase (all height sections) | |
|------------------------------|-----|---|-----|
| 1st | 100 | 1st | 250 |
| 2nd | 90 | 2nd | 225 |
| 3rd | 80 | 3rd | 200 |
| 4th | 70 | 4th | 175 |
| 5th | 60 | 5th | 150 |
| 6th | 50 | 6th | 125 |
| 7th | 40 | 7th | 100 |
| 8th | 30 | 8th | 75 |
| 9th | 20 | 9th | 50 |
| 10th | 10 | 10th | 25 |

Overall Top Twenty (all height sections)

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| Champion | 400 |
| Reserve | 240 |
| 3rd | 200 |
| 4th | 190 |
| 5th | 180 |
| 6th | 170 |

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| 7th | 160 |
| 8th | 150 |
| 9th | 140 |
| 10th | 130 |
| 11th | 115 |
| 12th | 100 |
| 13th | 85 |
| 14th | 80 |
| 15th | 75 |
| 16th | 70 |
| 17th | 65 |
| 18th | 60 |
| 19th | 55 |
| 20th | 50 |

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National Hunter Committee

INTENT

This rule change brings in line the US Junior Hunter championship rules with recent changes to remove language that should not be in the USEF rule book. The full qualification procedures and class specifications for the championships will instead be posted on the USEF website.

PROPOSED CHANGE

HU182 US Junior Hunter [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-11 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS]

1. Full qualifying criteria and Official Specifications will be posted on the Federation website (www.usef.org) at least 30 days prior to the start of the qualifying period.

~~2.4. This competition is designed to encourage and promote the basic training and development of Junior Hunters. The National Championship must be offered for the Junior Hunter 3'6". The Junior Hunter 3'3" section may be offered in addition to the 3'6" section.~~

~~3.2. Eligibility.~~

- a. The horse must be recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA **at the time of qualification and** on or before the first day of the Championship.
- b. The owner of record of the horse must be an Active member in good standing of the Federation and USHJA, i.e. horses must be shown in accordance with GR1102 and GR1108 in order to be eligible to qualify.
- c. ~~A horse must win a Championship or Reserve Championship in an "A" Rated Junior Hunter section during the qualifying period, and/or be in the top 10 in their zone in any of the four Junior Hunter sections based on the competition results received on the final day of the qualifying period. The qualifying period will be posted on the Federation website a minimum of thirty (30) days before the commencement of the qualifying period.~~

d. The horse must be recorded with the Federation and registered with the USHJA at the time of the win for the Championship or Reserve Championship to count.

e. Horses that are champion at the previous year's competition may return without qualifying providing that they are properly entered to compete.

3. Phases.

a. The competition will be conducted in three separate phases: Under Saddle to count 20%, Handy Hunter to count, 40%, and a single Classic Round to count 40%.

b. To determine the winner, scores must be calculated based on the total of the combination of all three phases after the percentages of each phase have been calculated.

c. Under Saddle. To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the Ring. Horses are to hand gallop one direction, halt and back. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. Judged on performance and soundness. Manners and suitability to be emphasized. See HU182.4 for judging procedure.

d. Handy Hunter. Obstacles should simulate those found in trappy hunt country. The course must have at least two changes of direction and at least one combination. Horses are required to trot over one fence on the course, may be asked to lead over one obstacle or open a gate while mounted. Emphasis shall be placed on "handiness" for this round.

e. Classic Round. The course must maintain at least ten obstacles, have two changes of direction and at least one combination. There shall be one single oxer on the course that shall be ridden at the gallop. Emphasis shall be placed on "brilliance" for this round.

f. In the Under Saddle Phase, horses shall be judged in groups of twelve or less. Each horse shall be judged and given a score based on its performance in the group.

g. In the Handy Hunter and Classic Round each entry will be given a numerical score based on its performance.

h. The same junior exhibitor is required to show an entry in all phases of the competition. The competition will be split into Small and Large Sections and each section will also be split by age. The same junior exhibitor may show one small and one large entry.

i. Ties will be broken based on the score of the judge that is designated as judge number one for each phase of competition. If a tie still exists for the overall standings, the score from the Classic Phase will break such tie.

4. Judging Procedure. Three judges will judge each phase simultaneously but independently of each other. Each judge will give every entry a score for each phase. Prior to the Handy Hunter and Classic Round, each entry's score in the previous phase shall be totaled and announced. During the over fence phase, the Open Numerical Scoring System is used. After each entry completes the course each judge's score for the round is immediately shown or announced. The total overall score for each entry is then calculated as soon as it has completed the last phase.

4 5. Points.

All points are based on values below. In classes that have less than 10 entries, the point values will be one-half of what is listed below.

| | Under Saddle | Handy Hunter | Classic |
|---------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| First | 100 | 250 | 250 |
| Second | 90 | 225 | 225 |
| Third | 80 | 200 | 200 |
| Fourth | 70 | 175 | 175 |
| Fifth | 60 | 150 | 150 |
| Sixth | 50 | 125 | 125 |
| Seventh | 40 | 100 | 100 |
| Eighth | 30 | 75 | 75 |
| Ninth | 20 | 50 | 50 |
| Tenth | 10 | 25 | 25 |

OVERALL (all sections)

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| Champion | 500 | 2.0 times the classic |
| Reserve | 300 | 1.2 times the classic |
| Third | 200 | |
| Fourth | 150 | |
| Fifth | 100 | |
| Sixth | 90 | |

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| Seventh | 80 |
| Eighth | 70 |
| Ninth | 60 |
| Tenth | 50 |

~~6. Competition Special Requirements.~~

~~a. Horses are required to be stabled on the competition grounds a minimum of 12 hours before the start of the competition.~~

~~b. Commencing 12 hours prior to the start of the competition and continuing until through competing, only the competition rider may ride his/her entry. These riders must wear their competition number at all times anywhere on the grounds whenever mounted.~~

~~c. Failure to comply with these rules will result in elimination if deemed appropriate by an appeals jury which will be compiled of one of the competition's Federation Stewards, a member of the Federation staff, and the competition manager.~~

~~d. The U.S. Junior Hunter National Championships may be split into two Championships. One on the eastern side of the U.S. and one on the western side of the U.S. Qualified horses may compete in either Championship but the horse's owners or their agent must declare which one they will be competing in as they are only allowed to compete in one or the other but not both in any one year. Riders may ride one large and one small on both coasts. Qualification and points will be the same for both eastern and western championships.~~

~~7. Grant Fund.~~

~~One or more grants may be awarded to one or more riders who qualify to compete at the U.S. Junior Hunter National Championships, based on a completed application, including a one to two page essay, at the full discretion of the selection committee. The Grant Fund application form must be included in the prize list of the competition.~~

~~5-8. Zone or Regional Championships.~~

~~a. The Chairman of each Zone may request permission of the USHJA to hold a Zone or Regional Championship section for the riders of each Zone who have won a Champion or Reserve at an "A" rated Junior Hunter division within the previous competition year. **Specifications for these championships will be posted on the USHJA website (www.ushja.org) at least 30 days prior to the start of the qualifying period.**~~

~~b. Two or more Zone Chairmen may request permission to hold a Regional Championship section including several zones.~~

~~c. Application must be made to the USHJA office at least sixty days in advance of the holding of the section.~~

~~d. The location of these sections is subject to the approval of the Federation.~~

~~e. The Championships are conducted under the same regulations as the U.S. Junior Hunter National Championship. (Exception: All points awarded are based on "AA" point values as per GR1131.5)~~

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RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

4/1/2016 1

PROPONENT

Jumper

INTENT

Including a restriction for riders already competing at the top level will give more opportunity for the other riders to compete against their true peers. This restriction is only for Junior/Amateur Owner classes and still allows riders competing at the top level to compete in all other classes at the competition.

PROPOSED CHANGE

JP117 Sections/Classes Restricted to Junior, Amateur Owner, or Young Rider [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER JP-3 SECTION SPECIFICATIONS]

6. Restrictions

1. *Any competitor that competes in an FEI Championship for Seniors (i.e. World Equestrian Games, Olympic Games, Pan-American Games, World Cup Finals) is ineligible to compete in any Junior or Amateur Owner Jumper class with the same horse for a period of one year.*
2. *Any competitor that competes in a CSI4* or above, a CSI-W, or CSIO is ineligible to compete in a Junior and/or Amateur Owner Jumper class at that same competition.*

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RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

4/1/2016 1

PROPONENT

Jumper

INTENT

The addition of this rule identifies that Judge's Field of Play decision are final.

PROPOSED CHANGE

JP134 General [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER JP-6 SCORING]

16. A protest may not be made against a judge's decision occurring in the competition ring, provided it is not in violation of Federation rules. Decisions such as, but not limited to:

1. *Where the decision is based on a factual observation of performance during a class; whether an obstacle was knocked down; whether a horse was disobedient; whether a horse refused at an obstacle or knocked it down while jumping; whether a rider or horse has fallen; whether a horse circled in a combination or refused or ran out; the time taken for the round; whether an obstacle was jumped within the time; and/or whether, the particular track followed by a rider caused him to incur a penalty under the applicable rules.*
2. *The Elimination or Disqualification of a horse for soundness reasons.*
3. *The Elimination or Disqualification of a rider for medical reasons/fitness to compete.*
4. *The imposition of a Warning without additional penalties or of a Yellow Warning Card.*
5. *Elimination and/or Disqualification during an event.*

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RULE CHANGE TYPE

EFFECTIVE

PROPONENT

Standard

4/1/2016 1

Jumper

INTENT

Stopping and starting the time in part .a clarifies the existing rule. Part .b identifies the procedure for when a horse knocks down a jump the horse has refused after the refusal by bumping or being pushed into.

PROPOSED CHANGE

JP136 Timing [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER JP-6 SCORING]

4. Additional Time Out.

a. If a rider is forced to hold up **and the time stopped** while a fence is rebuilt due to it being knocked down or displaced for any reason other than it was caused by jumping or an attempt to jump, no penalty is incurred and 6 seconds is not added to their time. **After the fence is rebuilt, the tone is sounded, and the time is restarted when the rider is as close as possible to the place on the course when the time was stopped.**

b. **If a knockdown occurs following a refusal, but not as a result of the refusal, the time is stopped and the fence is rebuilt. No additional penalty is incurred and 6 seconds is not added to their time. Once the fence has been rebuilt, the tone is sounded and the time is restarted no matter where the rider might be on the course.**

JP 142.0 Tracking #478-15 Draft #3 Approved

RULE CHANGE TYPE

EFFECTIVE

PROPONENT

Standard

4/1/2016 1

Jumper

INTENT

This rule is out of date with the technology available today and the new proposed wording is modeled off the FEI rule for use of video.

PROPOSED CHANGE

JP142 Violations [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER JP-6 SCORING]

3. Use of Videotape. **The Senior Judge(s), alone or with other members of the judge's panel,** may, at **his/her** their discretion, view an **official video recording** of all or part of a class in order to verify decisions involving scoring. **A review of an official video recording is solely at the discretion of the Senior Judge. The Senior Judge may consult with a licensed "R" Judge who may or may not be officiating at that competition.** Upon review of such videotapes recording, provided it is **made available** within **60 minutes after the results are announced** 24 hours of the completion of the class, **the Senior** such Jjudge(s) may make corrections to the placings of the **class event. An official video recording is considered to be a recording made by the designated host broadcaster and/or a designated official video recording company as named by horse show management. Only under certain circumstance when there is no official video recording the Senior Judge may consider using a private video. Note: A video may never be used to establish the time of a round.**

JP 149.0 Tracking #477-15 Draft #3 Approved

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

4/1/2016 1

PROPONENT

Jumper

INTENT

This proposal identifies the procedure to follow if someone violates this horse welfare related rule. Currently, a rider can simply scratch if they are caught violating the rule.

PROPOSED CHANGE

JP149 Classes Offering \$25,000 or more in prize money [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER JP-7 JUMPING FAULTS AND SCORING TABLES]

9. Schooling.

a. All horses competing must be on the grounds for the twenty-four hour period prior to the scheduled start of the class. **Any horse that has been removed from the grounds for any reason without permission of competition management is ineligible to compete in that class. Competition management will determine who the person(s) responsible is (i.e. rider, trainer, etc.) for removing that horse. All of the responsible person's horses will be eliminated from that class and entry fees for that class will be forfeited.**

EQ 110.4 Tracking #232-15 Draft #4 Approved

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

9/1/2016 1

PROPONENT

National Hunter Committee

INTENT

Intent of Drafts 1-3: To create a qualifying system that stresses horse welfare by limiting the number of points a rider can earn in US Hunter Seat Medal classes.

Intent of Draft 4: The purpose of this rule change is to provide a compromise between fairness of play, allowing riders enough opportunities to compete, and the ability to fill qualifying classes. The new qualifying system accomplishes this by limiting the number of times a rider can compete in US Hunter Seat Medal qualifying classes once qualified for the Finals. Additionally it allows classes with 3-5 riders to fill with half points awarded and also addresses horse welfare by not asking horses to have to compete more often to qualify their riders because they are continually showing against riders that are already qualified.

PROPOSED CHANGE

EQ110 Requirements for Specific Classes [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SEC]

5. US HUNTER SEAT MEDAL CLASS

a. Conditions Governing Competitors in US Hunter Seat Medal Classes

4. In US Hunter Seat Medal, exhibitors must qualify by the minimum number of points required by their state.

Riders may compete in a total of twelve (12) US Hunter Seat Medal Qualifying classes in a single qualifying period. Any rider who continues to compete after they have competed in twelve (12) qualifying classes will no longer be eligible to compete in the US Hunter Seat Medal Final. (Exception: If a rider is not yet qualified for the US Hunter Seat Medal Final after twelve (12) classes, that rider may continue to compete until qualified. That rider must stop competing in US Hunter Seat Medal Qualifying classes as soon as he or she is qualified for the US Hunter Seat Medal Final or he/she will no longer be eligible to compete in the US Hunter Seat Medal Final.) It is the rider's responsibility to calculate and know their points as well as the number of classes they have competed in.

a.Any rider in his or her final junior year may not compete in any qualifying classes held at a competition with a start date after August 31 of that competition year.

[...]

b. To be shown over a course of not less than eight obstacles at 3'6" with spreads to 4' (Exception: triple bar type obstacles, maximum spread of 5') which must include one combination including an oxer and two changes of direction after the first obstacle and 1/3 of the obstacles must be oxers. The top element of all obstacles must be securely placed so that a slight rub will not cause a knockdown. If a breakaway or safety cups are used the top cup must be the deepest standard cup available. A plank may not be used as the top element of a jump. A liverpool or water is prohibited in US Hunter Seat Medal classes including Regionals and Finals. In addition, all courses must include at least three of the following: Bending line, narrow jump (5'6"-8'), roll-back turn, fence at the end of the ring, long approach to a single jump. Two or more tests of at least the top four competitors are required. Eight places must be awarded in classes with thirty-one (31) or more entries. Tests 1-19. Any exhibitor who does not participate in the testing is placed last of those exhibitors called back to test. Should more than one exhibitor fail to return for testing they will be placed at the judge's discretion. Only one rider per horse. To fill a class **three (3) six** competitors must complete the course ~~(five in Zones 6, 8, 11 and 12)~~. For purposes of determining the number of entries for the increment system, the number of entries is determined by the number of exhibitors who completed the course in a class or section of the class. (See EQ107.5). If there are 40 or more entries at the beginning of this class, it may be divided by every other number and run as two separate sections. If there are 50 or more entries at the beginning of this class, it must be divided by every other number and run as two or more separate classes. Certificate of Compliance - National medal classes must be certified by the following: A course plan showing the actual height and spread of all the fences, signed by the judge and steward which must be included in the steward's report to the Federation.

c. Increment Chart:

| Number of Exhibitors Who Complete the Course | | | | |
|--|----------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|
| Placings | 3-5 Exhibitors | 6-15 Exhibitors | 16-30 Exhibitors | 31+ Exhibitors |
| 1st | 5 | 10 | 20 | 40 |
| 2nd | 4 | 8 | 16 | 32 |
| 3rd | 3 | 6 | 12 | 24 |
| 4th | | 4 | 8 | 16 |
| 5th | | | 4 | 8 |
| 6th | | | 2 | 4 |
| 7th | | | | 2 |
| 8th | | | | 1 |

[...]

d. Conditions Governing US Hunter Seat Medal Finals

[...]

3. US Hunter Seat Medal classes held at competitions with a start date after August 31 count towards the next year's Finals. Riders who lose their junior status at the end of that year are ineligible to compete in these qualifying classes. **Any rider in his or her final junior year may not compete in any qualifying classes held at a competition with a start date after August 31 of that competition year.**

[...]

f. Qualifying

1. The points that a rider needs to qualify will be determined by his state residence. The points required by each individual state will be determined by the population density of that state for Junior riders designated Hunter or Jumper combined with the number of US Hunter Seat Medal classes held in that state. Each year the Current State Groups will be recalculated. The number of points required by each state will be posted at the beginning of the each qualifying period on the USEF website. ~~All riders may continue to compete even after qualifying for the finals.~~ **See EQ110.5a.4 for restrictions on competing in US Hunter Seat Medal classes after qualifying for the Finals.**

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

9/1/2016 1

PROPONENT

National Hunter Committee

INTENT

Intent of Drafts 1-3: To create a qualifying system that stresses horse welfare by limiting the number of points a rider can earn in ASPCA Maclay classes.

Intent of Draft 4: The purpose of this rule change is to provide a compromise between fairness of play, allowing riders enough opportunities to compete, and the ability to fill qualifying classes. The new qualifying system accomplishes this by limiting the number of times a rider can compete in ASPCA Maclay qualifying classes once qualified for the Regional Finals. Additionally it allows classes with 3-5 riders to fill with half points awarded and also addresses horse welfare by not asking horses to have to compete more often to qualify their riders because they are continually showing against riders that are already qualified.

PROPOSED CHANGE

EQ110 Requirements for Specific Classes [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]**8. ASPCA HORSEMANSHIP CLASS.**

Open to Junior members of USEF or Equine Canada who have not reached their 18th birthday. Rider and trainer (or coach when applicable, see GR108) must be current members of the ASPCA/NHSAA. Fees are payable online by credit card to the National Horse Show Association of America by visiting www.nhs.org and clicking the ASPCA Maclay tab at the top of the page. All contestants are required to perform over at least eight fences at 3'6" with or without wings. The course must include at least two changes of direction, a combination including an oxer, and 1/3 of the obstacles must be oxers. The top element of all obstacles must be securely placed so that a slight rub will not cause a knockdown. If breakaway or safety cups are used the top cup must be the deepest standard cup available. A plank may not be used as the top element of a jump. A liverpool or water is prohibited in ASPCA Maclay classes including Regionals and Finals. In addition, all courses must include at least three of the following: bending line, narrow jump (5'6"-8'), rollback turn, fence at the end of the ring, long approach to a single jump. Two cumulative refusals in the ASPCA Maclay Finals will result in elimination, see EQ107.1. A minimum of twelve riders, if available, are required to show at a walk, trot and canter. To be judged on seat, hands, guidance and control of horse. The Under Saddle performance of those riders selected to show under saddle shall count 50%. Only one rider per horse. USEF Tests 1-19. To fill a class ~~three (3) six (6)~~ competitors must complete the course ~~(five in Alaska and Hawaii)~~. If 50 or more entries are received three hours prior to the class, the class must be divided by every other number and run as two separate classes. Certificate of Compliance - National medal classes must be certified by the following: A course plan showing the actual height and spread of all the fences, signed by the judge and steward which must be included in the steward's report to the Federation.

a. For the point and qualifying system, see the Federation website at www.usef.org and the National Horse Show website at www.nhs.org. Point system will be set no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the start of the qualifying period.

~~Once a rider has qualified for his/her Maclay regional final, he/she may continue to ride in the Maclay classes until he/she has acquired 60 points. Any rider who willfully continues to compete after they have acquired 60 points may be ineligible for the regional final.~~ **Riders may compete in a total of twelve (12) ASPCA Maclay classes in a single qualifying period. Any rider who continues to compete after they have competed in twelve (12) qualifying classes will no longer be eligible to compete in the ASPCA Maclay Regional Finals. (Exception: If a rider is not yet qualified for their ASPCA Maclay Regional Final after twelve (12) classes, that rider may continue to compete until qualified. That rider must stop competing in ASPCA Maclay Qualifying classes as soon as he or she is qualified for his or her ASPCA Maclay Regional Final or he/she will no longer be eligible to compete in the ASPCA Maclay Regional Finals.) It is the rider's responsibility to calculate and know their points as well as the number of classes they have competed in.** For complete details on application to offer this class, as well as instructions on submitting results, competition management should contact the National Horse Show at 516-484-1865. Classes held after August 31 will count toward the next year's finals. ~~Any rider who will not be eligible to compete in the next year as a junior should not compete in qualifying classes after August 31.~~ **Any rider in his or her final junior year may not compete in any qualifying classes held at a competition with a start date after August 31 of that competition year.**

GR 120.0 Tracking #481-15 Draft #1 Approved

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

PROPONENT

USHJA

INTENT

To clarify and provide a greater understanding of exhibitions at hunter/jumper competitions.

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR120 Exhibition (Class or Demonstration) [CHAPTER GR 1 A Definitions]

GR120 Exhibition (Class or Demonstration)

1. An Exhibition may be held as a recognized but unrated class or demonstration, as required by division rules. See DR136 for rules pertaining to exhibition classes and demonstrations at Dressage Competitions. **See HJ 500 for rules pertaining to exhibition classes and demonstrations at Hunter, Jumper or Hunter/Jumper licensed competitions.**
2. Exhibition classes must be advertised in the prize list and may be judged and ranked. At any USEF licensed competition, Exhibition classes may not be restricted to Friesians.
 - a. However, results may not be counted for high score awards or championships.
 - b. If published, the rankings report must be clearly separated from competition results and noted as being from an exhibition.
 - c. Judges for breed, hunter, jumper, or Western exhibition classes held at Licensed Competitions are not required to be licensed by USEF.
 - d. Judges for Western Dressage exhibition classes must be licensed as described in WD123.1.
 - e. ~~At Federation licensed Hunter, Jumper or Hunter/Jumper competitions, only one exhibition or demonstration class may be held per licensed competition day and the results of such classes cannot be counted for Federation or Federation affiliate awards.~~
3. Exhibition demonstrations may also be held using horses individually, in groups or in entertainment acts. Such demonstrations cannot be held as a class.
4. Horses used in exhibitions, demonstrations, and retirement ceremonies are subject to the provisions of GR839, but are exempt from the dress and saddlery rules of the competition.

GR 313.6 Tracking #300-15 Draft #4 Approved

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

PROPONENT

USHJA

INTENT

To reorganize the rule and provide a broader and more inclusive menu of rated sections for competitions to choose from that recognizes differences in competitor interest throughout the country.

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR 313 DETERMINE RATINGS [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 3-C LICENSED COMPETITION STANDARDS]

GR312

2. In the Hunter division, the Increment System will determine points for ribbons won in any rated section. The point value for ribbons won in "A", "B" or "C" rated hunter sections is determined according to the Increment System utilizing a combination of the base points for each placing at each level of section

rating and adding one point for each entry shown in the first performance class. ~~Exception: In addition~~ Additionally in the ~~First and Second Year~~ Green Hunter **3'0", 3'3", 3'6" and 3'9"**, High Performance Hunter, Performance Working Hunter 3'3" and 3'6", Green Conformation Hunter **3'6"** and Regular **High Performance** Conformation Hunter, standings for ~~all the~~ National Horse of the Year Awards based on money won will be determined by dollars won in the horses respective sections. See GR1131.

GR313 Determining Ratings

6. The following are rated "C" regardless of the number of classes or amount of prize money offered: Small Hunter, Hunter Breeding, Ladies Side Saddle Hunter, Adult Amateur **Hunter**, Children's Hunter, ~~Pre-Green Hunters~~, **USHJA Hunter 2'0", 2'3", 2'6", 2'9", 3'0"** and Thoroughbred Hunter.

| HUNTER SECTIONS | "A" | "A" | "B" and "C" | "B" |
|---|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| | Required | | Required | |
| | Classes | Money | Classes | Money |
| <u>Open Hunter Sections</u> | - | - | - | - |
| Green Conformation Hunter | 4-6* | 500 | 3-4 | 50 |
| Reg- High Performance Conformation Hunter | 4-6* | 500 | 3-4 | 50 |
| Green Working First Year Hunter | 4-6* | 500 | 3-4 | 100 |
| Green Second Year Hunter | 4-6* | 500 | 3-4 | 100 |
| High Performance Working Hunter | 3-5 | 750** | 3-4 | 200 |
| Performance Hunters 3'3" | 3-5 | 400 | 3-4 | 50 |
| Performance Hunters 3'6" | 3-5 | 500 | 3-4 | 100 |
| Small Hunter | | | 3-4 | 100 |
| - | - | - | - | - |
| <u>Green Hunter Sections</u> | - | - | - | - |
| Green Working First Year Hunter 3'0" | - | - | - | - |
| Green Second Year Hunter 3'3" | - | - | - | - |

| | | | | |
|--|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <i>Green Hunter 3'6"</i> | <i>4-6*</i> | <i>500</i> | <i>3-4</i> | <i>100</i> |
| <i>Green Hunter 3'9"</i> | <i>4-6*</i> | <i>500</i> | <i>3-4</i> | <i>100</i> |
| <u>Young Hunter Sections</u> | | | | |
| <i>Young Hunter 3'0"</i> | - | - | - | - |
| <i>Young Hunter 3'3"</i> | - | - | - | - |
| <i>Young Hunter 3'6"</i> | - | - | - | - |
| <u>Amateur Owner Hunter Sections</u> | | | | |
| <i>Amateur Owner Hunter 3'6" 18-35</i> | <i>4-6*</i> | <i>500</i> | <i>3-4</i> | <i>100</i> |
| <i>Amateur Owner Hunter 3'6" 36 & Over</i> | <i>4-6*</i> | <i>500</i> | <i>3-4</i> | <i>100</i> |
| <i>Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3" 18-35</i> | <i>4-5</i> | <i>500</i> | <i>3-4</i> | <i>100</i> |
| <i>Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3" 36 & Over</i> | <i>4-5</i> | <i>500</i> | <i>3-4</i> | <i>100</i> |
| - | - | - | - | - |
| <u>Junior Hunter Sections</u> | | | | |
| <i>Small Junior Hunter 3'6" 15 & Under</i> | <i>4-5*</i> | <i>500</i> | <i>3-4</i> | <i>100</i> |
| <i>Small Junior Hunter 3'6" 16-17</i> | <i>4-5*</i> | <i>500</i> | <i>3-4</i> | <i>100</i> |
| <i>Large Junior Hunter 3'6" 15 & Under</i> | <i>4-5*</i> | <i>500</i> | <i>3-4</i> | <i>100</i> |
| <i>Small Junior Hunter 3'6" 16-17</i> | <i>4-5*</i> | <i>500</i> | <i>3-4</i> | <i>100</i> |
| <i>Small Junior Hunter 3'3" 15 & Under</i> | <i>4-5*</i> | <i>500</i> | <i>3-4</i> | <i>100</i> |
| <i>Small Junior Hunter 3'3" 16-17</i> | <i>4-5*</i> | <i>500</i> | <i>3-4</i> | <i>100</i> |

| | | | | |
|--|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <i>Large Junior Hunter 3'3" 15 & Under</i> | <i>4-5*</i> | <i>500</i> | <i>3-4</i> | <i>100</i> |
| <i>Large Junior Hunter 3'3" 16-17</i> | <i>4-5*</i> | <i>500</i> | <i>3-4</i> | <i>100</i> |
| - | - | - | - | - |
| <u><i>Hunter & Green Hunter Pony Section</i></u> | - | - | - | - |
| <i>Small Pony Hunter</i> | <i>4-5*</i> | <i>400</i> | <i>3-4</i> | <i>100</i> |
| <i>Medium Pony Hunter</i> | <i>4-5*</i> | <i>400</i> | <i>3-4</i> | <i>100</i> |
| <i>Large Pony Hunter</i> | <i>4-5*</i> | <i>400</i> | <i>3-4</i> | <i>100</i> |
| Green Hunter <i>Small Pony Hunter</i> | <i>4-5*</i> | <i>250</i> | <i>3-4</i> | <i>50</i> |
| <i>Green Medium Pony Hunter</i> | <i>4-5*</i> | <i>250</i> | <i>3-4</i> | <i>50</i> |
| <i>Green Large Pony Hunter</i> | <i>4-5*</i> | <i>250</i> | <i>3-4</i> | <i>50</i> |

Children's Hunter Sections+

Children's Hunter Younger

Children's Hunter Older

Children's Hunter Pony Small/Medium

Children's Hunter Pony Large

Adult Amateur Hunter Sections+

Adult Amateur Hunter Younger

Adult Amateur Hunter Middle

Miscellaneous Hunter Sections

- - - -

Ladies Side Saddle

Hunter Breeding

Small Hunter

Thoroughbred Hunter

USHJA Hunter Sections

- - - -

USHJA Hunter 2'0" 3-5 0 3-4 0

USHJA Hunter 2'3" 3-5 0 3-4 0

USHJA Hunter 2'6" 3-5 0 3-4 0

USHJA Hunter 2'9" 3-5 0 3-4 0

USHJA Hunter 3'0" 3-5 0 3-4 0

(+Denotes sections which may have USHJA Zone Specifications that govern number of classes and prize money)

(*See HU160.3 regarding Model Classes, **and other class requirements**).

(**At Premier competitions, minimum prize money for High Performance Working **Hunter** must be \$1500)
See **HU145.2** for requirements regarding minimum number of classes to award a championship.

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

PROPONENT

USHJA

INTENT

To define the Federation's responsibility for awards, ranking lists, qualifying classes and championships.

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR 1102 HORSE RECORDINGS [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 11-A HORSE IDENTIFICATION AND RECORDING]

1. Using each horse's Unique Horse ID number the Federation maintains the only official record of winnings **for Federation awards, Federation ranking lists, Federation qualifying classes and Federation championships** of horses at all Regular Competitions. To keep these records consistent, a horse should be recorded with the Federation in the same name of horse and owner under which it is exhibited at competitions. The Federation's horse recording records are not a title registry and the Federation does not decide, otherwise resolve, or become involved in ownership disputes.

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

PROPONENT

USHJA

INTENT

To add USHJA Hunter sections to the awards categories, to split the Junior Hunter awards into four categories, and to remove unnecessary language.

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR 1131 HUNTER DIVISIONS [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 11-F AWARD SECTIONS]

GR 1131 Hunter Divisions

3. In the Hunter division, points are calculated according to the Increment system. In "C" and "B" rated sections, points are determined by the number of horses that compete in the section; in "A" rated sections, points are determined by both the rating of the competition (based on scheduling restrictions of HU160) as well as the number of horses that compete. Exception: National awards for First and Second Year Green Hunter, High Performance and Performance Working Hunter, Green Conformation Hunter, and Regular Conformation Hunter will be calculated using two systems towards two separate sets of national awards. The national Money Won Awards will be based on the money won by each horse in their respective section. The national Points Awards will be calculated according to the Increment System. Both money won and points won in hunter classics and the ~~international hunter derby~~ **International Hunter Derby** will be included. The money won and points won in the USHJA International Hunter Derby will only be awarded towards a declared Hunter section for HOTY points if a horse competes in the declared section a minimum of 5 times during the competition year.

[...]

8. Number of entries. The number of entries for the Hunter Division is determined by the number of entries that compete in the first performance class of the section, except in sections where individual classes may be entered in which case the number of entries will be determined by the number of entries that competed in each individual class (see HU106). In the under saddle classes the number of entries will be determined by the number of horses entered. ~~Sections may not be split if there are less than 40 entries. Sections may be split if there are 40 but less than 50 entries. Sections must be split if there are more than 49 entries.~~ Competition management must post within 12 hours of the completion of the class, in a prominent place on the competition grounds, the number of entries that compete in the first performance class of each rated Hunter section, signed by the officiating Judge.

[...]

10. Hunter Division Section Awards

a. Awards are offered from USHJA for the following at the Zone level: Children's Working Hunter Ponies, Children's Working Hunter Horses, Adult Amateur Working Hunter 18-35 Years Old, Adult Amateur Working Hunter Over 35 Years Old, Pre-Green Hunter, Small Hunter ~~and~~ Thoroughbred Hunter, **USHJA Hunter 2'0"**, **USHJA Hunter 2'3"**, **USHJA Hunter 2'6"**, **USHJA Hunter 2'9"** and **USHJA Hunter 3'0"**. BOD 1/12/14 Effective 12/1/14.

b. The USHJA shall determine the Zone and/or Stirrup Cup HOTY points to be awarded for its USHJA Hunter Championships, Finals and Classes. The USHJA shall notify the Federation and publish the point scale to be utilized on the USHJA website a minimum of 120 days prior to the start of each event.

11. Hunter Division Section awards are offered for the following at the Zone from USHJA and National levels from the Federation:

a. Green Conformation Hunter, Green ~~Working~~ Hunter - First and Second Year, Regular Conformation Hunter, High Performance ~~Working~~ Hunter, Performance ~~Working~~ Hunters 3'3", Performance ~~Working~~ Hunters 3'6", Small Green Pony ~~Working~~ Hunter, Medium Green Pony ~~Working~~ Hunter, Large Green Pony ~~Working~~ Hunter, Small Pony ~~Working~~ Hunter, Medium Pony ~~Working~~ Hunter, Large Pony ~~Working~~ Hunter, Small Junior ~~Working~~ Hunter 15 yrs. & under, Small Junior Hunter 16-17 yrs., Large Junior ~~Working~~ Hunter 15 yrs. & under, Large Junior ~~Working~~ Hunter 16-17 yrs., Amateur Owner Hunter - 18-35 Years Old and Over 35 Years Old, Ladies Side Saddle, Amateur Owner 3'3" 18-35 Years Old and Over 35 Years Old, Small Hunter, ~~and~~ **Small Junior Hunter 3'3" 15 yrs. & under, Small Junior Hunter 3'3" 16-17 yrs., Large Junior Hunter 3'3" 15 yrs. and under and Large Junior Hunter 3'3" 16-17 yrs.**

b. The USHJA shall determine the National HOTY points to be awarded for its USHJA Hunter Championships, Finals and Classes. The USHJA shall notify the Federation and publish the point scale to be utilized on the USHJA website a minimum of 120 days prior to the start of each event.

[...]

GR 1131.3 Tracking #305-15 Draft #1 Approved

RULE CHANGE TYPE

EFFECTIVE

PROPONENT

Standard

12/1/2016

USHJA

INTENT

To include the USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake in the existing hunter HOTY bonus point and money won rule.

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR 1131 HUNTER DIVISIONS [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER 11-F AWARD SECTIONS]

GR1131 Hunter and Equitation Divisions

3. In the Hunter division, points are calculated according to the Increment system. In "C" and "B" rated sections, points are determined by the number of horses that compete in the section; in "A" rated sections, points are determined by both the rating of the competition (based on scheduling restrictions of HU160) as well as the number of horses that compete. Exception: National awards for First and Second Year Green Hunter, High Performance and Performance Working Hunter, Green Conformation Hunter, and Regular Conformation Hunter will be calculated using two systems towards two separate sets of national awards. The national Money Won Awards will be based on the money won by each horse in their respective section. The national Points Awards will be calculated according to the Increment System. Both money won and points won in hunter classics, **the USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake** and the international hunter derby will be included. The money won and points won in the USHJA International Hunter Derby **and USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake** will only be awarded towards a declared Hunter section for HOTY points if a horse competes in the declared section a minimum of 5 times during the competition year.

GR 1131.3 Tracking #384-15 Draft #2 Approved

RULE CHANGE TYPE

EFFECTIVE

PROPONENT

Standard

12/1/2016

USHJA

INTENT

Adding the Young Hunter 3', 3'3" and 3'6" section to the rule, and changing the names of the First and Second Year Green Hunter to include Green Hunter 3', 3'3", 3'6" and 3'9", striking the word Working from the rule, adding 3'6" to the name Green Conformation Hunter, and changing the name of Regular Conformation Hunter to High Performance Conformation Hunter.

PROPOSED CHANGE

GR1131 HUNTER AND EQUITATION DIVISIONS [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER GR-11-F AWARD SECTIONS]

GR1131 HUNTER AND EQUITATION DIVISIONS

[...]

3. In the Hunter division, points are calculated according to the Increment system. In "C" and "B" rated sections, points are determined by the number of horses that compete in the **first performance class of the section**; in "A" rated sections, points are determined by both the rating of the competition (based on scheduling restrictions of HU160) as well as the number of horses that compete **in the first performance class of the section**. Exception: National awards for ~~First and Second Year Green Hunter 3'0", 3'3", 3'6" and 3'9"~~, High Performance and Performance Working Hunter **3'3" and 3'6"**, Green Conformation Hunter **3'6"**, and ~~Regular High Performance~~ **High Performance** Conformation Hunter will be calculated using two systems towards two separate sets of national awards. The national Money Won Awards will be based on the money won by each horse in their respective section. The national Points Awards will be calculated according to the Increment System. Both money won and points won in hunter classics and the **USHJA International Hunter Derby** will be included. The money won and points won in the USHJA International Hunter Derby will only be awarded towards a declared Hunter section for HOTY points if a horse competes in the declared section a minimum of **five (5)** times during the competition year.

[...]

6. Points are calculated according to the Hunter Division Increment System utilizing a combination of the base points for each placing at each level of section rating and adding one point for each entry that competes in the first performance class. (**Exception: where individual classes may be entered** except in (High Performance Hunter, 3'6" Performance Hunter 3'6", and 3'3" Performance Hunter 3'3"), where individual classes may be entered in which case the points will be calculated by the number of entries that competed in each individual class (see HU106). In the under saddle classes points will be calculated on the number of horses entered. Points for competitions offering add-backs will be determined in the Federation Office when results and amount of prize money paid are received.

[...]

9. Hunter Division Section champions will be awarded 2.0 times the total 1st place point value of the first class in that section toward any National Horse of the Year point award based on points earned. Section reserve champions will be awarded 1.2 times the total 1st place value of the first class in that section towards any National Horse of the Year award based on points earned. Exception: For National Horse of the Year awards that are based on money won, Section Champions in the ~~First and Second Year Green Hunter 3'0", 3'3", 3'6" and 3'9"~~, High Performance Working Hunter, Green Conformation Hunter 3'6", Performance Working Hunters 3'3", Performance Working Hunters 3'6", and Regular **High Performance** Conformation Hunter will be awarded dollars equal to 10% of the total prize money offered for each respective section towards National Horse of the Year awards. Reserve Champions will be awarded dollars equal to the amount of 5% of the total prize money for each respective section.

10. Hunter Division Section Awards

a. Awards are offered from USHJA for the following at the Zone level: Children's Working Hunter Ponies, Children's Working Hunter Horses, Adult Amateur Working Hunter 18-35 Years Old, Adult Amateur Working Hunter Over 35 Years Old, ~~Pre-Green Hunter and Small Hunter and Thoroughbred Hunter.~~

[...]

11. Hunter Division Section awards are offered for the following at the Zone **level** from USHJJA and National levels from the Federation:

a. Green Conformation Hunter 3'6", Green Working Hunter 3'0", 3'3", 3'6" and 3'9" – ~~First and Second Year, Regular High Performance~~ Conformation Hunter, High Performance Working Hunter, Performance Working Hunters 3'3", Performance Working Hunters 3'6", **Young Hunter 3'0", 3'3" and 3'6"**, Small Green Pony Working Hunter, Medium Green Pony Working Hunter, Large Green Pony Working Hunter, Small Pony Working Hunter, Medium Pony Working Hunter, Large Pony Working Hunter, Small Junior Working Hunter 15 yrs. & under, Small Junior Working Hunter 16-17 yrs., Large Junior Working Hunter 15 yrs. & under, Large Junior Working Hunter 16-17 yrs., Amateur Owner Hunter - 18-35 Years Old and Over 35 Years Old, Ladies Side Saddle, Amateur Owner **Hunter 3'3"** 18-35 Years Old and Over 35 Years Old, Small Hunter, and Junior Hunter 3'3".

[...]

12. Grand Champion Horse of the Year Awards are based on National points and are offered for the following Hunter sections:

a. Amateur Owner Hunter: awarded to the horse with the most points from the rider age sections of Amateur Owner **Hunter 3'6"**

b. Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3": awarded to the horse with the most points from the rider age sections of Amateur Owner **Hunter 3'3"**

c. Junior Hunter 15 Years & Younger: awarded to the horse with the most points in the 15 & Under rider age section of the 3'6" Junior Hunters

d. Junior Hunter 16-17 Years: awarded to the horse with the most points in the 16-17 rider age section of the 3'6" Junior Hunters

e. Pony Hunter: awarded to the pony with the most points from the small, medium and large Regular Hunter Pony sections

f. Green Hunter Pony: awarded to the pony with the most points from the small, medium and large Green Hunter Pony sections

g. Conformation Hunter: awarded to the horse with the most points from the ~~Regular High Performance~~ Conformation **Hunter** and Green Conformation Hunter 3'6" sections

h. Green Working Hunter: awarded to the horse with the most points from the ~~1st year and 2nd year~~ Green Hunter 3'0", 3'3", 3'6" and 3'9", sections.

i. High Performance Working Hunter: awarded to the horse with the most points from the High Performance Working Hunter section.

j. **Young Hunter: awarded to the horse with the most points from the Young Hunter 3'0", 3'3" and 3'6" sections.**

[Renumber as necessary]

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

PROPONENT

USHJA

INTENT

To clarify soundness for hunter/jumping seat equitation classes at Hunter Jumper competitions, and to provide judges with the authority to excuse an unsound horse from the competition ring.

PROPOSED CHANGE

EQ102 Judging [CHAPTER EQ-1 REGULATIONS FOR ALL SEATS]

EQ102 Judging

1. SOUNDNESS. Unsoundness does not penalize a competitor unless it is sufficiently severe to impair the required performance. In such cases, the imposition of a penalty is at the judge's discretion. ***(Exception: Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes held at Hunter Jumper Competitions where, in a case of unsoundness sufficiently severe to impair the required performance, the judge(s) must eliminate the competitor from that class and inform the competition manager, who in conjunction with the Official Veterinarian and the Steward, will evaluate disqualifying the horse from further participation in the competition.)***

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

PROPONENT

USHJA

INTENT

Horse identification is important to both consumer confidence and the future of our sport. This rule provides a structured roll out for implementation of horse identification through initial registration and recordings, transfers and name changes. It also requires verifiable identification for animals that compete in age or breed restricted sections. Owners of animals that are already entered into the system would not be required to identify their animal unless a name change or transfer are requested. Owners may request identification on a voluntary basis.

The rule also offers two different forms of identification through the use of either Iris Scan or implanted microchip.

PROPOSED CHANGE

EQ 103 ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

EQ103 Eligibility to Compete

1. In order to compete in any Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes at licensed competitions as an exhibitor, rider, trainer, or his/her agent(s), a person must be an Active member of the United States Hunter Jumper Association, Inc., or pay a Show Pass fee to the United States Hunter Jumper Association, Inc. Exception: Local Competitions and exceptions listed in GR901.9. Exception: Breed restricted Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes.

2. USHJA Horse Registrations

a. All horses competing in Federation **licensed and/or USHJA sanctioned** non-breed restricted licensed competitions with **Hunter, Hunter Breeding, Jumper and Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes not restricted by breed** (except those activities enumerated in GR901.9, items 1-9) must be properly identified **in accordance with GR1101**, and must obtain a Registration Number from **also be registered with USHJA (see GR1101.1)**. A The USEF/USHJA registration number for each horse must be entered on all entry forms for licensed competitions. Only one Registration Number will be issued per horse, and must remain with the horse throughout its career. Anyone knowingly applying for a duplicate Registration Number for an individual horse may be subject to disciplinary action. The Federation and/or USHJA as applicable must be notified of any change of ownership and/or competition name of the horse. Owners are requested to notify the Federation and/or USHJA as applicable of corrections to previously submitted information, e.g., names, addresses, breed registration, pedigree, or markings.

b. Applications for **USHJA** Registration Numbers can be completed online at www.ushja.org or www.usef.org using the **USEF** Horse Registration application form. ~~The Horse application~~ This form is also available from the USHJA or Federation office, or it can be ~~as a~~ downloaded from the USHJA or Federation website or from competition management. Competition management is responsible for notifying exhibitors of this requirement in their prize list.

3.1 In addition to the provisions of EQ 103.2, on or after December 1, 2017, all horses competing in classes that require USHJA horse registration must provide a microchip number that verifies their animal's identity in order to compete for points, money won or be eligible for Federation and/or USHJA programs and awards where horses are required to be recorded or registered.

3.2 A microchip used to verify identity must be a fifteen digit ISO compliant 11784/11785 chip and be implanted in the nuchal ligament of the animal.

3.3 For classes that require age verification, age can be verified only through the following identification documents:

- a. registration papers or passport issued by a world breed federation sport horse (WBFSH) recognized registry.
- b. registration papers or Certificate of Pedigree from a breed or sport horse registry.

3.4 This rule will have a transition period from December 1, 2017 to November 30, 2018. During this period, animals that are not in compliance with this rule will not receive points or be eligible for Federation and/or USHJA programs and awards. After this period, all horses that are competing in classes which require USHJA registration which are not microchipped will be ineligible to compete in Federation licensed competitions.

Re-number successive:

3. Adults can ride ponies in Adult Hunter Seat Equitation classes, suitability to count; however, these ponies cannot cross enter into the rated Regular and Green Pony Hunter sections at the same competition.

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

PROPONENT

USHJA

INTENT

To clarify that unless the specifications for a particular class specifically allow for it, martingales of any type are not permitted on the flat in any class or phase.

PROPOSED CHANGE

EQ 105 APPOINTMENTS & EQ107 Class Routine [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ 2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

EQ105.5 Tack

[...]

c. Boots and conservative colored bandages are permitted. Type of saddle is optional. Martingales are permitted in classes over obstacles and in the jumping phase of classes requiring both jumping and flat work. ***Martingales are not permitted on the flat in any class or phase unless class specifications allow their use.*** Changing of bits between phases is permissible.

EQ107 Class Routine

[...]

2. Flat Classes and Flat Phases.

a. In Hunter Seat or Jumping Seat Equitation flat classes or phases, judges must work competitors in groups of twenty (20) or less.

b. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required

c. Martingales are not permitted on the flat in any class or phase unless class specifications allow their use.

dc. Competitors shall proceed at least once around the ring at each gait and, on command, reverse and repeat. The order to re-verse can be executed by turning either toward or away from the rail. Entries then line up on command.

ed. All tests must be on the flat.

fe. In addition to the class requirements of EQ110 and EQ112, in Intermediate, Open Equitation classes for riders 12 years of age and older, ASPCA Maclay classes, and all U.S. Hunter Seat Medal classes, riders may be asked to work collectively without stirrups.

gf. In addition to the class requirements of EQ110 and EQ112, in Open Equitation classes for riders 12 years of age and older, ASPCA Maclay classes, and all U.S. Hunter Seat Medal classes, judges may call for more advanced flatwork such as shoulder in, shoulder out, haunches in, haunches out, and changing direction collectively.

EQ 105.6 Tracking #225-15 Draft #2 Approved

RULE CHANGE TYPE

EFFECTIVE

PROPONENT

Standard

12/1/2016

National Hunter Committee

INTENT

This rule change will provide a recommendation for appropriate stirrups for use in the Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation division.

PROPOSED CHANGE

EQ105 Appointments [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

6. When showing in the Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation section it is recommended that riders use traditional stainless steel stirrup irons that promote proper position of the foot in the iron as well as a correct leg position. It is further recommended that riders use stirrup irons that allow judges a clear and unobstructed view of the position of the foot in the stirrup. Judges may not eliminate a rider for using a particular style of stirrup iron. (Exception: see EQ101.4)

6. Stirrups must be silver in color or non-colored stainless steel. Riders entering the ring with stirrups that do not conform will be eliminated. (Exception: quick release safety stirrups and stirrups with jointed branches are permitted when the remaining area of the stirrup branch is silver in color or non-colored stainless steel and does not unduly obscure the judge's view of the rider's foot in the stirrup.)

EQ 106.3 Tracking #280-15 Draft #1 Approved

RULE CHANGE TYPE

EFFECTIVE

PROPONENT

Standard

12/1/2016

National Hunter Committee

INTENT

To add guidelines for when Equitation classes may be divided. This language currently exists in the specifications for the US Hunter Seat Medal and the USEF Talent Search but not for any other hunter/jumping seat equitation classes.

PROPOSED CHANGE

EQ106 Conduct [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

3. DIVISION OF CLASSES.

a. In Hunter/Jumping Seat, if there are 40 or more entries at the beginning of the class, it may be divided and run as two separate sections. All classes with 50 or more entries at the beginning of the class must be divided and run as two separate sections with separate trophies and ribbons; for Hunter/Jumping Seat, a "California split" method, as defined in HU112.5, must be used if the class requires numerical scores. (Exception: Regional and National Equitation Finals and all Equitation Classics)

b. If there are 50 or more entries remaining in a class after a class has been divided, the class must be re-divided by every other number and separate trophies and ribbons must be awarded.

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

PROPONENT

USHJA

INTENT

To bring the age group splits up to date with industry standards of today and make them consistent with the age splits in other areas of the Rule Book, and to clarify maximum fence heights in metric.

PROPOSED CHANGE

EQ 108 COURSE REQUIREMENTS [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ 2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]**EQ108 COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

See EQ110 for course requirements specific to Medal Classes

Classes must be held over at least six obstacles.

1. All obstacles must be at least 5'6" wide across the jumpable portion.
2. In Maiden, Novice, Limit and classes for ~~under~~ **14 years and under**, jumps cannot exceed 3' *(or 0.90 m when class specifications list fence height in metric)*.
3. In Intermediate classes obstacles cannot exceed 3'3" *(or 1.0m when class specifications list fence height in metric)*.
4. In Open Classes and Classes for ~~14 to 18~~ **15-17** years, obstacles cannot exceed 3'6" *(or 1.10m when class specifications list fence height in metric)* and wings are optional.
5. In Novice classes, a change of direction is required.
6. In Limit classes, a change of direction and a combination are required.
7. In Intermediate, ~~14 years and over~~ **15-17** and Open classes, at least one change of direction and a combination are required.

EQ 110 Requirements for Specific Classes

1. The following age limit classes are suggested but may vary according to local conditions:
 - a. For Juniors: ~~10 and under, 11 to 13, 14 to 15, and 16-17~~ **14 and under, and 15-17**; and
 - b. For amateurs: 18-35, 36-49, and 50 and over.
2. Juniors ~~under 14~~ **and under**. Tests 1-8.
3. Juniors ~~14 and over~~ **15-17**. Tests 1-19.

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

PROPONENT

National Hunter Committee

INTENT

When the Equitation chapter was rewritten, it was discovered that the language regarding using planks as the top element of a jump was written in a way to only apply to US Hunter Seat Medal and ASPCA Maclay classes. The intent of the change was for the language to apply to the course requirements for all Equitation classes except the USEF Talent Search.

PROPOSED CHANGE

EQ108 Course Requirements [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SEC]

[...]

12. If an option fence is used, a rider may choose to jump either fence. If the horse stops at one of the options, the rider is scored with a refusal and if the fence is dislodged must wait for the fence to be reset, but may then jump either option.

13. The top element of all obstacles must be securely placed so that a slight rub will not cause a knockdown. If a breakaway or safety cups are used the top cup must be the deepest cup available. A plank may not be used as the top element of a jump.

14 43. FEI approved safety mechanisms must be used in conjunction with a cup that is at least 1 ½ inches deep and at least 3 inches wide for the back rail of all oxers in the competition ring.

15 44. FEI approved safety cups must be made readily available for each equitation schooling area. Breakable pins such as wooden dowels are permitted in an equitation schooling area only when safety cups are not available.

16 45. Schooling Rules for all equitation classes will follow USEF Jumper Schooling Rules (see JP Appendix A) EXCEPT that Swedish Oxers (maximum 12" difference), tarps, coolers and liverpools are acceptable.

EQ 108.15 Tracking #387-15 Draft #1 Approved**RULE CHANGE TYPE**

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

PROPONENT

USHJA

INTENT

To allow ground lines on both sides of a flagged oxer so that the direction the jump can be jumped by simply changing the flags on the jump, rather than changing the entire jump itself. This benefits both horse and rider, in a section designed for education of the horse and rider, by simplifying the process of providing more varied and suitable approaches to the jump.

PROPOSED CHANGE**EQ108 COURSE REQUIREMENTS** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ 2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

EQ108 COURSE REQUIREMENTS

[...]

15. Schooling Rules for all equitation classes will follow USEF Jumper Schooling Rules (see JP Appendix A) EXCEPT that Swedish Oxers (maximum 12" difference), **ground lines on both sides of an oxer**, tarps, coolers and liverpools are acceptable.

EQ 110.5 Tracking #235-15 Draft #1 Approved**RULE CHANGE TYPE**

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

PROPONENT

National Hunter Committee

INTENT

When the Equitation chapter was rewritten, it was discovered that the language regarding using planks as the top element of a jump was written in a way to only apply to US Hunter Seat Medal and ASPCA Maclay classes. The intent of the change was for the language to apply to the course requirements for all Equitation classes except the USEF Talent Search.

PROPOSED CHANGE**EQ110 Requirements for Specific Classes** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SEC]

5. US HUNTER SEAT MEDAL CLASS

b. To be shown over a course of not less than eight obstacles at 3'6" with spreads to 4' (Exception: triple bar type obstacles, maximum spread of 5') which must include one combination including an oxer and two changes of direction after the first obstacle and 1/3 of the obstacles must be oxers. ~~The top element of all obstacles must be securely placed so that a slight rub will not cause a knockdown. If a breakaway or safety cups are used the top cup must be the deepest standard cup available. A plank may not be used as the top element of a jump.~~ A liverpool or water is prohibited in US Hunter Seat Medal classes including Regionals and Finals. [...]

8. ASPCA HORSEMANSHIP CLASS. Open to Junior members of USEF or Equine Canada who have not reached their 18th birthday. Rider and trainer (or coach when applicable [see USEF GR108]) must be current members of the ASPCA/NHSAA. Fees are payable online by credit card to the National Horse Show Association of America by visiting www.nhs.org and clicking the ASPCA Maclay tab at the top of the page. All contestants are required to perform over at least eight fences at 3'6" with or without wings. The course must include at least two changes of direction, a combination including an oxer, and 1/3 of the obstacles must be oxers. ~~The top element of all obstacles must be securely placed so that a slight rub will not cause a knockdown. If breakaway or safety cups are used the top cup must be the deepest standard cup available. A plank may not be used as the top element of a jump.~~ A liverpool or water is prohibited in ASPCA Maclay classes including Regionals and Finals.

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

PROPONENT

USHJA

INTENT

To mandate in larger medal classes that at least six riders must be called back for further testing. Because the test in a medal class can change the results significantly, and because points in larger classes now go down to eight (8) places, it seems more fair to all exhibitors to mandate testing at least six in these larger classes.

PROPOSED CHANGE

EQ110 REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIFIC CLASSES [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ 2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

EQ110 Requirements for Specific Classes

5. US HUNTER SEAT MEDAL CLASS.

[...]

b. To be shown over a course of not less than eight obstacles at 3'6" with spreads to 4' (Exception: triple bar type obstacles, maximum spread of 5') which must include one combination including an oxer and two changes of direction after the first obstacle and 1/3 of the obstacles must be oxers. The top element of all obstacles must be securely placed so that a slight rub will not cause a knockdown. If a breakaway or safety cups are used the top cup must be the deepest standard cup available. A plank may not be used as the top element of a jump. A liverpool or water is prohibited in US Hunter Seat Medal classes including Regionals and Finals. In addition, all courses must include at least three of the following: Bending line, narrow jump (5'6"-8'), roll-back turn, fence at the end of the ring, long approach to a single jump Two or more tests of at least the top four competitors are required. ***In classes with thirty-one (31) or more entries, at least the top eight (8) competitors must be called back for testing.*** Eight places must be awarded in classes with thirty-one (31) or more entries. Tests 1-19. Any exhibitor who does not participate in the testing is placed last of those exhibitors called back to test. Should more than one exhibitor fail to return for testing they will be placed at the judge's discretion. Only one rider per horse. To fill a class six competitors must complete the course (five in Zones 6, 8, 11 and 12). For purposes of determining the number of entries for the increment system, the number of entries is determined by the number of exhibitors who complete the course in a class or section of the class. (See EQ107.5). If there are 40 or more entries at the beginning of this class, it may be divided by every other number and run as two separate sections. If there are 50 or more entries at the beginning of this class, it must be divided by every other number and run as two or more separate classes. Certificate of Compliance - National medal classes must be certified by the following: A course plan showing the actual height and spread of all the fences, signed by the judge and steward which must be included in the steward's report to the Federation.

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

PROPONENT

USHJA

INTENT

To remove the requirement for the Certificate of Compliance at Premier and National competitions and require course designers to sign the Certificate of Compliance if present on the competition grounds and submit it to the Steward no later than the end of the competition day on which the class was held.

PROPOSED CHANGE

EQ 110 REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIFIC CLASSES [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

EQ 110 Requirements for Specific Classes

5. US HUNTER SEAT MEDAL CLASS

[...]

b.... Certificate of Compliance – **At Regional I, Regional II and Local Member competitions**, National medal classes must be certified by the following: A course plan showing the actual height and spread of all the fences, signed by the judge and ~~steward~~ **the course designer (the steward must sign if the course designer is not present on the competition grounds) which must be provided to the steward no later than the end of the competition day on which the national medal class is held. The signed course plan** which must be included in the steward's report to the Federation.

6. U.S. PONY MEDAL CLASS.

... Certificate of Compliance – **At Regional I, Regional II and Local Member competitions**, National medal classes must be certified by the following: A course plan showing the actual height and spread of all the fences, signed by the judge and ~~steward~~ **the course designer (the steward must sign if the course designer is not present on the competition grounds) which must be provided to the steward no later than the end of the competition day on which the national medal class is held. The signed course plan** which must be included in the steward's report to the Federation.

8. ASPCA HORSEMANSHIP CLASS.

... Certificate of Compliance – **At Regional I, Regional II and Local Member competitions**, National medal classes must be certified by the following: A course plan showing the actual height and spread of all the fences, signed by the judge and ~~steward~~ **the course designer (the steward must sign if the course designer is not present on the competition grounds) which must be provided to the steward no later than the end of the competition day on which the national medal class is held. The signed course plan** which must be included in the steward's report to the Federation.

10. WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW EQUITATION

[...]

g. WIHS Equitation: ... Certificate of Compliance – **At Regional I, Regional II and Local Member competitions**, National medal classes must be certified by the following: A course plan showing the actual height and spread of all the fences, signed by the judge and ~~steward~~ **the course designer (the steward must sign if the course designer is not present on the competition grounds) which must be provided to the steward no later than the end of the competition day on which the national medal class is held. The signed course plan** which must be included in the steward's report to the Federation.

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

PROPONENT

National Hunter Committee

INTENT

To define that the USHJA Hunterdon Cup is a National Championship.

PROPOSED CHANGE

EQ110 Requirements for Specific Classes [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

11. USHJA Hunterdon Equitation Cup Classic. Open to any rider that is an Active USHJA member and has won a US Hunter Seat Medal, ASPCA Maclay, USEF Show Jumping Talent Search, or Overall WIHS Equitation Classic during the qualifying period. The show in which they qualify must have started on or before the final day of the qualifying period. The qualifying period will be posted on the USHJA website in the official class specifications. The USHJA, at its discretion, may choose to conduct an East and/or West **Coast National** Championship for the Hunterdon Cup. Once a rider has won the USHJA Hunterdon Cup he/she will not be allowed to compete again. Class Specifications for the Classic consists of:

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

PROPONENT

USHJA

INTENT

To clarify the approval process of USHJA Zone and Regional Championships.

PROPOSED CHANGE

EQ 111 USHJA ZONE, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

EQ111 USHJA Zone, Regional and National Championships

1. General.

a. The chairman of each USHJA Zone may request permission of the USHJA ~~and the Federation~~ to hold a **USHJA** Zone Championship class for the riders within each Zone who have won a first or second place ribbon or have qualified for the finals in a US Hunter Seat Medal class since the last day to qualify for the **USHJA** Zone Championship the previous year.

b. Two or more USHJA Zone Chairmen may request permission of the USHJA ~~and the Federation~~ to hold a **USHJA** Regional Championship Class for riders from Zones requesting to participate in the **USHJA** Regional Championship who have won a first or second place ribbon or have qualified for the finals in a US Hunter Seat Medal class since the last day to qualify for the **USHJA** Regional Championship the previous year.

c. Application must be made to the USHJA office **by the deadline published by the USHJA (see www.USHJA.org)**, ~~and submitted to the Federation office at least sixty days in advance of holding the class~~

2. **USHJA** Zone or Regional Championship classes must be held prior to December 1.

~~6. 3. Riders who place first or second in a Zone or Regional Championship on or before October 1 shall be automatically qualified to compete at the US Hunter Seat Medal Finals in accordance with EQ110.5. Winning after October 1 does not count toward qualifying for the Finals. Placing other than first or second in a Zone or Regional Championship will have no effect on a rider's eligibility to compete in the Finals but will enable the Medal Class winners to compete against each other on a Zone or Regional basis.~~

~~3. 4. USHJA~~ Zone or Regional Championships are conducted under the same regulations as the US Hunter Seat Medal Finals, except a minimum of 25% of the riders must be called back for a work-off.

~~4. 5.~~ A minimum of five competitors are required to complete the class.

~~5. 6.~~ Judges for a **USHJA** Zone or Regional Championship must hold a valid USEF license and must be approved by USHJA.

~~6. Placing other than first or second in a Zone or Regional Championship will have no effect on a rider's eligibility to compete in the Finals, but will enable the Medal Class winners to compete against each other on a Zone or Regional basis. Riders who place first or second in a Zone or Regional Championship on or before October 1st, if not already qualified prior to the start of each event, shall be automatically qualified to compete at the US Hunter Seat Medal Finals in accordance with EQ11 0.5. Winning after October 1st does not count toward qualifying for the Finals.~~

7. Judges chosen for **USHJA** Regional Medal classes **Championships** are encouraged to design the course. A course designer approved by USHJA must be used to design the course in lieu of the judges. The course must be posted at least one hour prior to the class.

[...]

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

PROPONENT

USHJA

INTENT

To adjust the Horse Entry Standard requirements in consideration of the proposed amendments to HU160.

PROPOSED CHANGE

HJ202 HJS Competition Standards Horse Entry & Renewal [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HJ-2 RATINGS & HORSE ENTRY NUMBER STANDARDS]

1. Number of Horse Entries Required for HJ Competition Rating. No minimum horse entry number is required to achieve the rating for jumper competitions. Prize money is the alternative criteria required for a jumper rating.
2. Competitions restricted to only conducting Breeding classes are exempt from the Horse Entry standard requirement.
3. Two day National Junior/Amateur restricted competitions will have a Horse Entry Number requirement of ~~65~~ **fifty (50)**. Competitions which utilize only one (1) competition ring or which offer only hunter and equitation classes (no jumper classes) will have a Horse Entry Number requirement as follows: Premier – ~~400~~ **seventy-five (75)**, National – ~~60~~ **fifty (50)**, Regional I – ~~40~~ **thirty-five (35)** and Regional II – ~~25~~ **twenty (20)**.
4. Rating and Horse Entry Numbers. (See HJ208 for additional HJS requirements) Required number of Horse Entries for Regular or Local competition Classification rated hunter or hunter/jumper are:
 - a. Number of horse entries required for a Premier rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of two hundred (200).
 - b. Number of horse entries required for a National rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of ~~one hundred (100)~~ **seventy-five (75)**.
 - c. Number of horse entries required for a Regional I rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of fifty (50).
 - d. Number of horse entries required for a Regional II rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of twenty-five (25).
 - e. There is no minimum number of horse entries required for a Local competition. f. For the required number of hunter classes per rating for hunter sections see GR313.6.

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RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

PROPONENT

USHJA

INTENT

To clarify and provide a greater understanding of exhibitions at hunter/jumper competitions.

PROPOSED CHANGE

HJ500 Exhibitions at Hunter, Jumper or Hunter/Jumper Competitions [CHAPTER]

HJ 500 Exhibitions at Hunter, Jumper or Hunter/Jumper Competitions

- 1. For the purposes of this rule, an Exhibition is defined as a recognized, but unrated class or demonstration.*
- 2. At Federation licensed Hunter, Jumper or Hunter/Jumper competitions, only one Exhibition may be held per licensed competition day.*
- 3. An Exhibition must be held on a Federation licensed date, must be conducted in accordance with Division rules and is governed by all other applicable Federation rules.*
- 4. Exhibitions held at competitions operating under a Mileage Exemption or with approved Special Competition status must be approved as part of the Mileage Exemption or Special Competition status request and the specifics of such exhibitions must be included in the competition license.*
- 5. An Exhibition must be advertised in the prize list and may be judged and ranked. However, the following conditions apply:*
 - a. Results will not be counted for any Federation, Federation Alliance Member and/or USHJA high score awards or championships.*
 - b. If published, the Exhibition ranking report must be clearly separated from competition results and noted as being from an Exhibition.*
 - c. Judges for an Exhibition held at Licensed Competitions are not required to be licensed by USEF.*
- 6. An Exhibition may also be held using horses individually, in groups or in entertainment acts. Such Exhibitions cannot be ranked.*
- 7. Horses used in exhibitions, demonstrations, and retirement ceremonies are subject to the provisions of GR839, but are exempt from the dress and saddlery rules of the competition.*

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RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

PROPONENT

USHJA

INTENT

Horse identification is important to both consumer confidence and the future of our sport. This rule provides a structured roll out for implementation of horse identification through initial registration and recordings, transfers and name changes. It also requires verifiable identification for animals that compete in age or breed restricted sections. Owners of animals that are already entered into the system would not be required to identify their animal unless a name change or transfer are requested. Owners may request identification on a voluntary basis. The rule also offers two different forms of identification through the use of either Iris Scan or implanted microchip.

PROPOSED CHANGE

HU 101 ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE - HORSE & PONY [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-1 DEFINITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY]

1. USHJA Horse Registrations.

a. All horses competing in Federation **licensed and/or USHJA sanctioned** non-breed restricted licensed competitions with **Hunter, Hunter Breeding, Jumper and Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation** classes **not restricted by breed** (except those activities enumerated in GR901.9, items 1-9) must be properly identified **in accordance with GR1101**, and must obtain a Registration Number from **also be registered with USHJA (see GR1101.1)**. **The USEF/USHJA registration number for each horse must be entered on all entry forms for licensed competitions. Only one Registration Number will be issued per horse, and must remain with the horse throughout its career. Anyone knowingly applying for a duplicate Registration Number for an individual horse may be subject to disciplinary action. The Federation and/or USHJA as applicable must be notified of any change of ownership and/or competition name of the horse. Owners are requested to notify the Federation and/or USHJA as applicable of corrections to previously submitted information, e.g., names, addresses, breed registration, pedigree, or markings.**

b. Applications for **USHJA** Registration Numbers can be completed online at www.ushja.org or www.usef.org using the **USEF** Horse Registration application form. ~~The Horse application~~ **This** form is also available from the USHJA or Federation office, or it can be ~~as a~~ downloaded from the USHJA or Federation website or from competition management. Competition management is responsible for notifying exhibitors of this requirement in their prize list.

2. The Hunter Division is open to horses, stallions, mares or geldings. (For rules pertaining to exhibitors who are 18 years of age or older riding ponies, see HU108.11[[MB1](#)] .)

3.1 In addition to the provisions of HU 101.1, on or after December 1, 2017, all horses competing in classes that require USHJA horse registration must provide a microchip number that verifies their animal's identity in order to compete for points, money won or be eligible for Federation and/or USHJA programs and awards where horses are required to be recorded or registered.

3.2 A microchip used to verify identity must be a fifteen digit ISO compliant 11784/11785 chip and be implanted in the nuchal ligament of the animal.

3.3 For classes that require age verification, age can be verified only through the following identification documents:

- a. registration papers or passport issued by a world breed federation sport horse (WBFSH) recognized registry.**
- b. registration papers or Certificate of Pedigree from a breed or sport horse registry.**

3.4 This rule will have a transition period from December 1, 2017 to November 30, 2018. During this period, animals that are not in compliance with this rule will not receive points or be eligible for Federation and/or USHJA programs and awards. After this period, all horses that are competing in classes which require USHJA registration which are not microchipped will be ineligible to compete in Federation licensed competitions.

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3. The Hunter Breeding Section is open to horses only.

a. Horses shown as a Thoroughbred must have been either registered with The Jockey Club or meet one of the criteria below. All competitions must require verification of registration on the day of the competition through one of the following methods:

- 1. The Jockey Club Certificate of Foal registration or a copy thereof
- 2. The horse's lip tattoo, the horse's 5-cross pedigree and the successful tattoo lookup result from The Jockey Club's Tattoo Identification Services, (located at www.registry.jockeyclub.com)
- 3. If neither of the above is available, a letter from The Jockey Club verifying the horse's identity. BOD 1/17/15

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- 4. Pony Hunter Breeding classes are open to ponies.
- 5. Stallions are prohibited from all Pony Hunter classes except breeding classes.
- 6. Stallions are prohibited from all Junior and Children's' Hunter classes.

7. Ponies shown by a junior cannot be shown by an adult at the same competition, except in breeding classes in-hand and in accordance with HU108. Ponies shown by an adult at a Licensed Competition cannot compete in any sections or classes at the same competition with a junior rider. (Exception: Breed restricted classes at multi-breed/discipline competitions.)

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| Standard | 12/1/2016 | USHJA | |

INTENT

Adding the Young Hunter 3'0", 3'3", and 3'6" to the rule book. Changing the names of Pre-Green, First Year and Second Year Green Hunter to Green Hunter 3'0", 3'3", 3'6" and 3'9". Adding 3'6" after Green Conformation and changing the name of Regular Conformation to High Performance Conformation Hunter. Striking the word "Working" and adding the word "Hunter" to section names where appropriate to maintain consistency throughout the rule book. Removing the restriction on Pre-Green Hunter to have only a "C" rating and be eligible for Zone Awards only and allowing Green Hunters to have any rating and to be eligible for National Awards. Defines what and how Green Hunter Sections are offered at Premier and Regional horse shows. Further defines how the Green Hunter 3'0", 3'3", 3'6" and 3'9" and Young Hunter 3'0', 3'3" and 3'6" actually work, including jogging and combining and splitting. Changing combining High Performance Hunter with Green Hunters to combining with Performance Working Hunters when necessary.

PROPOSED CHANGE

HU 103 HUNTER ELIGIBILITY, ~~PRE-GREEN~~ AND GREEN HUNTER STATUS FOR HORSES AND PONIES [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-1 DEFINITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY]

HU103 Hunter Eligibility, ~~Pre-Green~~ and Green **Eligibility** Status for Horses and Ponies

1. In all cases, the hunter eligibility and green status of the horse or pony ~~are~~ **is** the responsibility of the owner.
2. ~~Determining Hunter eligibility for horses.~~ Hunter eligibility for a horse begins when a horse of any age, competes for the first time in any over fences class with jumps set at three feet (3'0") in height or higher in **any** Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a USEF **Federation** or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America.
 - a. **For the purposes of eligibility, equivalent heights are:**

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| 3'0" | .90 meter |
| 3'3" | 1.0 meter |
| 3'6" | 1.10 meter |
3. **Once a horse begins its hunter eligibility, competing in jumper classes affects its Green Status and Eligibility according to HU103.12.**
4. **Horses may enter the Green Hunter section in any height section for which they are eligible. Further eligibility in the Green Hunter section is determined by the height section in which they enter the system.**
5. **A horse may compete in only one Green Hunter fence height section at any one competition.**
6. **When a horse begins its hunter eligibility competing in hunter or equitation classes or sections with fence heights of 3'0" or 3'3", it remains eligible for Green Hunter 3'0" and 3'3" for two competition years (not necessarily consecutive).**
7. **A horse that competes in any Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation class at a recognized competition in the United States or Canada with fence heights of 3'6" or higher is no longer eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'0" section but remains eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'3" section. A horse may compete in any other hunter or equitation class with fence heights of a maximum of 3'6" if otherwise eligible a maximum of four (4) times in one competition year prior to August 1 and remain eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'3". For jumper restrictions see HU103.12**
8. **Once a horse competes in a hunter or equitation class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights of 3'6" or higher a fifth time in one competition year, it is no longer eligible for the Green Hunter 3'3" section and it is only eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'6" section for the remainder of the competition year. That competition year will be considered the horse's Green Hunter 3'6" year. If a horse competes in a hunter or equitation class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights of 3'6" or higher after August 1, it is no longer eligible for the Green Hunter 3'3" section and it is only eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'6" section for the remainder of the competition year. That competition year will be considered the horse's Green Hunter 3'6" year. For jumper restrictions see HU103.12**
9. **Once a horse competes in a Federation or USHJA National Championship/Event with fence heights of 3'6" or higher he is no longer eligible for the Green Hunter 3'0" or 3'3" sections.**
10. **Following a horse's Green Hunter 3'6" year, it is eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'9" section for one year. That one year will commence the next competition year that the horse competes in any hunter or equitation class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights of 3'6" or higher. For jumper restrictions see HU103.12**
11. **A horse that has completed his Green Hunter 3'9" year is no longer eligible for any Green Hunter section.**
12. **Once a horse begins its hunter eligibility, the following jumper restrictions apply:**
 - a. **To remain eligible for Green Hunter 3'0 and 3'3", a horse may not compete in a jumper class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed**

competition in North America with fence heights higher than 3'3" when class specifications list fence height in metric.

b. To remain eligible for Green Hunter 3'6", a horse may not compete in a jumper class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights higher than 3'6" when class specifications list fence height in metric.

c. To remain eligible for Green Hunter 3'9", a horse may not compete in a jumper class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights higher than 3'9" when class specifications list fence height in metric.

3. Determining Green or Pre-Green Status for horses. Horses that have not broken their Pre-Green or Green Status must jump less than their regulation height or their Green Status will be broken. The Green or Pre-Green status of a horse is determined by the following factors in competition experience at Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America:

a. The height of fences (determined by the class, section or division specifications) over which a horse or pony has competed.

b. The number of competition years a horse has competed at regulation height. A horse that has competed in such classes for two (2) or more competition years, without receiving a reinstatement, is no longer eligible to compete in the respective Pre-Green or Green section.

4. Determining Hunter eligibility for ponies. Hunter eligibility for a pony begins when a pony of any age, competes for the first time in any over fences class with jumps set at 2'3" or higher for small ponies, 2'6" or higher for medium ponies and 2'9" or higher for large ponies in Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America.

5. Determining Green Status for ponies. Ponies that have not broken their Green Status must jump less than their regulation height or their Green Status will be broken. The Green status of a pony is determined by the following factors in competition experience at Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America:

a. The height of fences (determined by the class, section or division specifications) over which a pony has competed.

b. The number of competition years a pony has competed at regulation height. A pony that has competed in such classes for one (1) or more competition years, without receiving a reinstatement, is not **no** longer eligible to compete in the Green section.

613. In all cases, fence heights will be determined by the specifications of each section regardless of whether or not the fences are actually set at the regulation height.

714. If a competition starts prior to or on November 30th, Pre-Green and Green status at the start of the competition **are is** maintained throughout the competition.

8. Green Status sections are divided into Pre-Green Horse (3', and 3'3"); First Year Green, Second Year Green and Green Conformation; and Green Pony (2'3", 2'6" and 2'9"). Each status is defined below.

9. Pre-Green Horse Status.

a. A Pre-Green Hunter is a horse of any age in his first or second year of showing over fences set at 3'0" or 3'3" in height that has never competed over fences set at 3'6" in height or higher in Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America. Upon receipt by the owner of written notification of a First Year Green Hunter Reinstatement a horse may return to Pre-Green Hunter if it meets all other eligibility requirement of Pre-Green Hunter.

b. A horse is eligible to compete as a Pre-Green Hunter for a maximum of two (2) years regardless of age.

c. Horses may compete in either or both the 3'0" or 3'3" Pre-Green Hunter section during their two (2) years of eligibility. Horses may not cross-enter between 3'0" and 3'3" Pre-Green sections at the same competition. Exception: In USHJA Zone 9, horses may cross-enter between 3'0" and 3'3" Pre-Green sections at the same competition.

d. Once a horse begins competing in a class that restricts Pre-Green status, it may no longer compete in any Jumper class at 1.05 meters or above held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America or it will lose its pre-green status.

e. Pre-Green Reinstatement. A Pre-Green reinstatement may be granted one time. A horse is not eligible for a Pre-Green reinstatement if it has competed over fences set at 3'7" in height or higher in Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America. Horses that have competed in a USHJA International Hunter Derby are not eligible for reinstatement of Pre-Green status.

f. No jogging is required.

10. Green Hunter Horse Status for First Year Second Year and Green Conformation.

a. A Green Hunter is a horse of any age that is eligible to compete in the Green Hunter Section. A horse's Green Hunter eligibility, regardless of age, begins the first time the horse competes in any over fences class with jumps set at 3'6" in height or higher in Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America.

b. A horse in its first year of showing in the Green Hunter section over fences 3'6" or higher must be shown as a First Year horse when it is shown in Green Hunters or Green Conformation Hunters.

c. A horse in its second year of showing in the Green Hunter section over fences 3'6" or higher must be shown as a Second Year horse when being shown in the Green Hunters.

d. Once a horse begins competing in a class that restricts Green status, it may no longer compete in any Jumper or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation class at 1.20 meters or above held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America or it will lose its Green status.

e. A First Year Green reinstatement may be granted one time. A horse is not eligible for a First Year Green reinstatement if it has competed in any over fences class with jumps set at 3'7" in height or higher in Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America. A horse is not eligible for a First Year Green reinstatement if it has competed in the US Junior Hunter Championship.

f. A Second Year Green reinstatement may be granted one time.

11. Green Pony Status.

a. A green pony is a pony not exceeding 14.2 hands of any age, which is eligible to compete in the Green Pony section. A pony's Green Hunter eligibility, regardless of age, begins the first time the pony competes in any over fences class with jumps set at 2'3" or higher for small ponies, 2'6" or higher for medium ponies and 2'9" or higher for large ponies in Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America.

b. A pony is eligible to compete as a Green Pony for a maximum of one (1) year regardless of age or change to measurement status. A pony that has changed height sections in its green year may complete the green year at its new height.

c. In its first year of showing at regulation height or higher, a green pony may also compete in the Regular Pony Hunter section at its respective height.

d. Once a pony begins competing in any class that restricts Green status, it may no longer compete in any Jumper class held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America or it will lose its Green status.

e. A Pony Hunter Green reinstatement may be granted one time. A pony is not eligible for a green reinstatement if it has competed in the US Hunter and/or Jumper Pony Championship.

12. Green Reinstatement.

A horse or pony cannot return to compete in the section for which the reinstatement application was made until written notification has been received from the Federation that the reinstatement has been granted. A horse or pony's eligibility to compete in sections that are restricted by experience may be reinstated for a future competition year provided that:

a. The horse or pony was not shown at the regulation height or higher at more than four (4) competitions prior to September 1st of the current competition year.

b. The horse or pony was not shown at the regulation height or higher on or after September 1st of the current competition year.

c. The horse or pony does no longer competes at the regulation height or higher immediately upon application for reinstatement.

d. The horse or pony is otherwise eligible for a reinstatement under Federation rules.

HU104 Young Hunter Eligibility and Status for Horses (New Rule)

1. Young Hunter age restrictions are defined as:

a. **Young Hunter 3'0" – horses five years of age and under**

b. **Young Hunter 3'3" – horses six years of age and under**

c. **Young Hunter 3'6" – horses seven years of age and under**

2. Horses eligible for the Young Hunters may begin competing in any Young Hunter height section for which they are eligible. Further eligibility in the Young Hunter section is determined by the height section in which they enter the system.

3. A horse is eligible to compete in an age-restricted hunter class from December 1 of the competition year in which they reach the applicable age at any time during that same competition year.

4. Age of horse must be verified in accordance with Federation policies and procedures prior to competing in the Young Hunter sections.

5. A horse may compete in only one Young Hunter height section at any one competition.

6. When a horse begins its hunter eligibility competing in any Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation class or section with fence heights of 3'0" or 3'3", it remains eligible for Young Hunter 3'0" and 3'3" for two competition years provided it is eligible by age.

a. For the purposes of eligibility, equivalent heights are:

3'0" .90 meter

3'3" 1.0 meter

3'6" 1.10 meter

7. A horse that competes in any hunter or equitation class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights of 3'6" or higher is no longer eligible to compete in the Young Hunter 3'0" section but remains eligible to compete in the Young Hunter 3'3" section if otherwise eligible. A horse may compete in any other hunter or equitation class with fence heights of a maximum of 3'6" a maximum of four (4) times in one competition year prior to August 1 and remain eligible to compete in the Young Hunter 3'3". For jumper restrictions see HU104.11

8. Once a horse competes in a hunter or equitation class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights of 3'6" or higher a fifth time in one competition year, it is no longer eligible for the Young Hunter 3'3" section and it is only eligible to compete in the Young Hunter 3'6" section for the remainder of the competition year. That competition year will be considered the horse's Young Hunter 3'6" year. If a horse competes in a hunter or equitation class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights of 3'6" or higher after August 1, it is no longer eligible for the Young Hunter 3'3" section and it is only eligible to compete in the Young Hunter 3'6" section for the remainder of the competition year. That competition year will be considered the horse's Young Hunter 3'6" year. For jumper restrictions see HU104.11

9. Once a horse competes in a Federation or USHJA National Championship/Event with fence heights of 3'6" or higher, it is no longer eligible for the Young Hunter 3'3" section.

10. A horse that has completed his Young Hunter 3'6" year is no longer eligible for any Young Hunter section.

11. Once a horse begins its hunter eligibility, the following jumper restrictions apply:

- a. To remain eligible for Young Hunter 3'0 and 3'3", a horse may not compete in a jumper class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights higher than 3'3" when class specifications list fence height in metric.
- b. To remain eligible for Young Hunter 3'6", a horse may not compete in a jumper class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights higher than 3'6" when class specifications list fence height in metric.

12. In all cases, fence heights will be determined by the specifications of each section regardless of whether or not the fences are actually set at the regulation height.

13. If a competition starts prior to or on November 30th, Young Hunter status at the start of the competition is maintained throughout the competition.

HU 105 Hunter Eligibility and Green Status for Ponies (New Rule – moved from HU104)

1. In all cases, the hunter eligibility and green status of the pony is the responsibility of the owner.

2. Determining Hunter eligibility for ponies. Hunter eligibility for a pony begins when a pony of any age, competes for the first time in any over fences class with jumps at 2'3" or higher for small ponies, 2'6" or higher for medium ponies and 2'9" or higher for large ponies in Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America.

a. For the purposes of eligibility, equivalent heights are:

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|------|-----------|
| 2'3" | .70 meter |
| 2'6" | .80 meter |
| 2'9" | .85 meter |
| 3'0" | .90 meter |

3. Determining Green Status for ponies. Ponies that have not broken their Green Status must jump less than their regulation height or their Green Status will be broken. The Green status of a pony is determined by the following factors in competition experience at Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America:

- a. The height of fences (determined by the class, section or division specifications) over which a pony has competed.
- b. The number of competition years a pony has competed at regulation height. A pony that has competed in such classes for one (1) or more competition years, without receiving a reinstatement, is no longer eligible to compete in the Green section.
4. In all cases, fence heights will be determined by the specifications of each section regardless of whether or not the fences are actually set at the regulation height.

5. If a competition starts prior to or on November 30th, Green status at the start of the competition is maintained throughout the competition.

6. Green Pony Status.

a. A green pony is a pony not exceeding 14.2 hands of any age, which is eligible to compete in the Green Pony section. A pony's Green Hunter eligibility, regardless of age, begins the first time the pony competes in any over fences class with jumps at 2'3" or higher for small ponies, 2'6" or higher for medium ponies and 2'9" or higher for large ponies in Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America.

b. A pony is eligible to compete as a Green Pony for a maximum of one (1) year regardless of age or change to measurement status. A pony that has changed height sections in its green year may complete the green year at its new height.

c. In its first year of showing at regulation height or higher, a green pony may also compete in the Regular Pony Hunter section at its respective height.

d. Once a pony begins competing in any class that restricts Green status, it may no longer compete in any Jumper class held at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America or it will lose its Green status.

e. A Pony Hunter Green reinstatement may be granted one time. A pony is not eligible for a green reinstatement if it has competed in the US Hunter and/or Jumper Pony Championship.

7. Green Pony Reinstatement. A pony cannot return to compete in the section for which the reinstatement application was made until written notification has been received from the Federation that the reinstatement has been granted. A pony's eligibility to compete in restricted sections may be reinstated for a future competition year provided that:

a. The pony was not shown at the regulation height or higher at more than four (4) competitions prior to September 1st of the current competition year.

b. The pony was not shown at the regulation height or higher on or after September 1st of the current competition year.

c. The pony no longer competes at the regulation height or higher immediately upon application for reinstatement.

d. The pony is otherwise eligible for a reinstatement under Federation rules.

HU104 ~~HU106~~ High Performance, Performance ~~Working~~ and Small Hunter – Definition and Classifications

1. A High Performance or Performance ~~Working~~ Hunter is a horse of any age and is not restricted by previous showing.

2. High Performance Hunter

a. Championships must be offered in accordance with HU145.

1. Number of classes and prize money must be offered in accordance with GR313.6.

2. Individual classes may be entered. (Exception: Under Saddle classes. See HU137.2)

3. In a section with three (3) classes, the under saddle will count half points towards champion and reserve.

b. The High Performance section must offer the greatest amount of prize money of all hunter sections at the competition.

3. Performance ~~Working~~ Hunter 3'6"

a. Championships must be offered in accordance with HU145.

b. Number of classes and prize money must be offered in accordance with GR313.6.

c. Individual classes may be entered. (Exception: Under Saddle classes. See HU137.2)

d. In a section with three (3) classes, the under saddle will count half points towards champion and reserve.

4. Performance ~~Working~~ Hunter 3'3"

a. Championship and Reserve must be offered in accordance with HU145.

b. Number of classes and prize money must be offered in accordance with GR313.6.

c. Individual classes may be entered. (Exception: Under Saddle classes. See HU137.2)

1. In a section with three (3) classes, the under saddle will count half points towards champion and reserve.

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SUBCHAPTER HU-2 DIVISION OF SECTIONS OR CLASSES

HU110 General

1. Sections may not be divided if there are less than 30 entries. (Exception: Green ~~Working~~**Hunter and Young Hunter**, Amateur Owner and Adult Amateur Hunter sections refer to HU113.)

[...]

4. In Performance Working Hunter and High Performance Hunter sections where individual classes may be entered, the sections can be divided after the first over fences class if there are 30 or more entries in subsequent classes. The number of Championship and Reserve Championships that are awarded will be determined by the number of sections created from dividing the first over fences class only.

- a. *At all licensed competitions, if there are fewer than six entries in either the Performance Hunter 3'3" or Performance Hunter 3'6" they must be combined, but they cannot be combined with any other hunter sections, except High Performance Hunter. If there are six or more entries in each Performance Hunter section, they must be held separately.*
- b. *At all licensed competitions, if the High Performance Hunter section has fewer than three entries, it must be combined with the Performance Hunter 3'6" section. If, after combining, there are still fewer than three entries in the combined section, it must be further combined with the Performance Hunter 3'3" section.*
- c. *When combining High Performance Hunter with Performance Hunters 3'6" and/or 3'3", the combined sections must offer the same number of classes offered by the Performance Hunter section(s) with which it is combined.*
- d. *When combining High Performance Hunter with another section, if different amounts of prize money or entry fees were offered in the original sections, the combined sections will use the lower amount for both prize money and entry fees.*

11. ~~At all licensed competitions, if the High Performance Working Hunter section has fewer than three entries, it must be combined with the Second Year Green Hunter (or with Green Working Hunter if combined or not originally offered split).~~

- a. ~~If, after combining, there are still fewer than three entries in the combined section, it must be further combined with the First Year Green Hunter section.~~
 - b. ~~If combined Green Working sections have fewer than three entries, then they must be combined with High Performance Working Hunter.~~
 - c. ~~A horse that is eligible for more than one section must be declared and compete in only one.~~
 - d. ~~Horses will jump the respective height for the entered section.~~
 - e. ~~When combining High Performance Working Hunter with another section, if different amounts of prize money or entry fees were offered in the original sections, the combined sections will use the lower amount for both prize money and entry fees.~~
 - f. ~~When combining a section of High Performance Working Hunter with either a section of First Year Green Working Hunters, Second Year Green Working Hunters or both, the combined sections must offer the same number of classes offered by the Green Working Hunter section(s) with which it is combined. In addition, a section entry fee will be required and individual classes may no longer be entered for the combined section.~~
12. ~~At all licensed competitions, if there are fewer than six entries in either the Performance Hunter 3'3" or Performance Hunter 3'6" they must be combined, but they cannot be combined with any other hunter sections. If there are six or more entries in each Performance Hunter section, they must be held separately.~~

[...]

HU111 Green **Hunter** Sections

1. If there are at least six first year green horses, and there are at least six second year green horses, the Green Section must be divided.

1. Premier competitions offering Green Hunter must offer all four sections separately:

- a. *Green Hunter 3'0"*
- b. *Green Hunter 3'3"*
- c. *Green Hunter 3'6"*
- d. *Green Hunter 3'9"*

2. National, Regional I and Regional II competitions offering Green Hunter I must offer all four sections. These sections may be offered either separately or combined as follows:

- a. *Green Hunter 3'0"*
- b. *Green Hunter 3'3"*
- c. *Green Hunter 3'6"*
- d. *Green Hunter 3'9"*
- e. *Green Hunter 3'0"/3'3" and Green Hunter 3'6"/3'9"*

3. A horse may compete in only one Green Hunter fence height section at any one competition.

4. Green Hunters are required to jog for soundness.

5. Regardless of competition rating, each Green Hunter section that is offered separately must be held separately when there is a minimum of three entries. If there are fewer than three entries in a Green Hunter section, that section must be combined with a contiguous fence height section of the Green Hunter. If, after combining, there are still fewer than three (3) entries in the combined section, it must be further combined with the next contiguous fence height section of the Green Hunter. In the case where there are no entries in the fence height section that bridges the gap between the two non-contiguous fence height sections those two non-contiguous fence height sections may be combined.

6. Regardless of competition rating, any Green Hunter section that is offered combined must be split by fence height, and sections held separately when there is a minimum of three entries in any one fence height section provided at least three (3) entries remain in each of the other two sections, which would also be held separately, or as one other combined section. Contiguous fence height sections should be combined before combining non-contiguous fence height sections.

7. Green Hunter section(s) may not be combined with any other hunter section(s).

2. When entries warrant, competitions are encouraged to offer separate sections for first and second year horses. Separate championships may be offered

only when all classes are divided and each section offers the required number of classes and prize money for an undivided section.

HU112 Young Hunter Sections (New Rule)

1. Premier competitions offering Young Hunter must offer all three sections separately:

- a. Young Hunter 3'0"
- b. Young Hunter 3'3"
- c. Young Hunter 3'6"

2. National, Regional I and Regional II competitions offering Young Hunter must offer all three sections. These sections may be offered either separately or combined as follows:

- a. Young Hunter 3'0"
- b. Young Hunter 3'3"
- c. Young Hunter 3'6"
- d. Young Hunter 3'0"/3'3" and Young Hunter 3'6"
- e. Young Hunter 3'0" and Young Hunter 3'3"/3'6"

3. A horse may compete in only one Young Hunter fence height section at any one competition.

4. Young Hunters are not required to jog for soundness.

5. Regardless of competition rating, each Young Hunter section that is offered separately must be held separately when there is a minimum of three entries. If there are fewer than three (3) entries in a Young Hunter section that section must be combined with a contiguous fence height section of the Young Hunter. If, after combining, there are still fewer than three (3) entries in the combined section, it must be further combined with the next contiguous fence height section of the Young Hunter. In the case where there are no entries in the fence height section that bridges the gap between the two non-contiguous fence height sections those two non-contiguous fence height sections may be combined.

6. Regardless of competition rating, any Young Hunter section that is offered as a combined section must be split by fence height, and sections held separately when there is a minimum of three entries in any one fence height section provided at least three (3) entries remain in each of the other two sections, which would also be held separately, or one other combined section. Contiguous fence height sections should be combined before combining non-contiguous fence height sections.

7. Young Hunter section(s) may not be combined with any other hunter section.

[renumber successive as necessary]

HU112 Conformation Hunter Sections

[...]

~~5. Green Conformation fences to be at 3'6" and open only to horses in their first year of showing at 3'6". Regular Conformation fences to be at 3'9" and open to all horses.~~

5. A horse must be eligible for the Green Hunter 3'6" in order to be eligible for Green Conformation Hunter 3'6".

6. High Performance Conformation Hunter fences to be 3'9" and open to all horses.

6 7. All Conformation sections are to be judged 70% on performance, 30% on conformation.

7-8. Model classes to count ½ points.

[...]

SUBCHAPTER HU-3 COURSES

HU119 Height of Obstacles

When a range of fence heights is allowed in a class or section, the minimum height must be used unless a higher height is specified in the prize list.

1. Green **Hunter** Sections: 3'6" required for first year horses; 3'9" required for second year horses.

- a. **Green Hunter 3'0"**
- b. **Green Hunter 3'3"**
- c. **Green Hunter 3'6"**
- d. **Green Hunter 3'9"**

(Exception: Fences may be a maximum of 3" lower in Zones 11 and 12)

2. **Young Hunter** Sections:

- a. **Young Hunter 3'0"**
- b. **Young Hunter 3'3"**
- c. **Young Hunter 3'6"**

(Exception: Fences may be a maximum of 3" lower in Zones 11 and 12)

23. High Performance **Hunter** Sections: 4' minimum in "A" rated sections at Premier rated competitions; 3'9" minimum in "A" rated sections at National rated competitions, and "B" and "C" sections. Obstacles may not exceed 4'6". (Exception: Fences may be a maximum of 3" lower in Zones 11 and 12)

4. **Performance Hunter 3'3"**

5. **Performance Hunter 3'6"**

6. **Green Conformation Hunter 3'6"**

7. **High Performance Conformation Hunter: 3'9"**

8. ~~3.~~ Amateur Owner **Hunter** Sections:

a. Obstacles at National and Premier rated competitions must be 3'6".

b. Obstacles at competitions in Zones 11 and 12 may be 3'3" or 3'6".

c. If a 3'3" Amateur Owner Hunter Section is offered, obstacles are to be ~~set at~~ 3'3".

d. If a competition offers both 3'3" and 3'6" Amateur Owner Hunter sections, regardless of the competition's rating, the obstacles must be ~~set at~~ 3'3" and 3'6" respectively.

e. No minimum height required at Local Competitions.

9. ~~4.~~ Adult Amateur **Hunter** Sections: Per USHJA Zone Rules.

10. ~~5.~~ Local Competitions: No minimum in any section.

11. ~~6.~~ Non-rated sections: Heights determined by competition management unless otherwise specified.

12. ~~7.~~ Ladies Side Saddle Sections: 3'.

13. ~~8.~~ Junior Hunter Sections:

a. Obstacles must be 3'6" in all classes. (Exception: Fences may be 3" lower in Zones 11 and 12 and in the Junior Hunter 3'3" section.)

b. No minimum height required at Local Competitions.

14. ~~9.~~ Children's Hunter Sections: Obstacles will be 2' for small ponies; 2'3" for medium ponies; 2'6" for large ponies and 2'9" to 3' for horses. Spreads must not exceed the height of obstacle. No minimum height required at Local Competitions.

10. ~~Pre-Green. Fences not to exceed 3' or 3'3". (See HU103.9)~~

15. ~~11.~~ Green Pony Hunter: 2'3" for small, 2'6" for medium and 2'9" for large. (See HU122 regarding spread of fences).

16. ~~12.~~ Regular Pony Hunter: 2'3" for small, 2'6" for medium and 2'9" - 3'0" for large (See HU122 regarding spread of fences).

13. ~~Performance Working Hunter 3'3".~~

14. ~~Performance Working Hunter 3'6".~~

17. ~~13.~~ Three-Year-Old Hunter: Not to exceed 2'9".

18. ~~14.~~ Small Hunter Sections: 3'

17. ~~Green Conformation: 3'6".~~

18. ~~Regular Conformation: 3'9".~~

19. Thoroughbred Hunter: 3'0"

SUBCHAPTER HU-5 JUDGING

HU129 General

[...]

5. After all competitors have had an opportunity to compete over a course in the High Performance **Hunter** and Performance **Working Hunter** section, competitors with faults which would eliminate the competitor from the ribbons, may be excused **by the judge** at management's discretion, provided four (4) more competitors than the number of ribbons awarded have completed the course. In Green **Working Hunter** classes riders are encouraged to withdraw after a major fault.

[...]

SUBCHAPTER HU-6 CLASS SPECIFICATIONS

[...]

HU138 **Model Classes for Green Conformation Hunter 3'6"** and **Regular High Performance Conformation Hunter Model Classes**

To be shown at a walk and trot. To be judged on conformation, way of moving and soundness. All horses being considered for an award must be serviceably sound.

HU139 Green Hunter, **Young Hunter**, High Performance and Performance **Working Hunter** Classes

To be judged on performance, **way of moving** and soundness. All horses being considered for an award must be serviceably sound.

[...]

~~HU143 Hunter Classics~~

~~1. The following Hunter Classics may be offered: Adult Amateur Hunter Classic, Children's Hunter Pony Classic, Children's Hunter Horse Classic, Pre-Green Hunter 3'0" and/or 3'3" Classic, **Young Hunter Classic**, Small Hunter Classic, Pony Hunter Classic, Green Pony Hunter Classic, Open Hunter Classic, 3'3" Junior Hunter Classic, 3'6" Junior Hunter Classic, 3'3" Junior Hunter Classic, 3'6" Amateur Owner Hunter Classic, 3'3" Amateur Owner Hunter Classic. Six (6) entries are required to conduct a Hunter Classic. If there are less **fewer** than six (6) entries in any one Hunter Classic, it may combine with other sections of the same rating. If Hunter Classics are combined and a horse is shown in more than one section qualifying for the Hunter Classic, the exhibitor must declare to the Competition Secretary which section bonus points are to count toward. Hunter Classics cannot be divided in any manner and held by section if there are less **fewer** than six (6) entries in each divided section. Exception: "A" rated sections must have twelve (12) entries to divide.~~

[...]

SUBCHAPTER HU-7 CHAMPIONSHIPS

HU146 Eligibility

1. General.

The Champion and Reserve Champion titles are awarded to the top two of the four horses that acquired the most points performing over a regulation course with obstacles at the full height required in the section in which shown, except under the provisions of HU110. In addition to these points, only these four horses receive half points for ribbons won in Model classes and full points for ribbons won in one Under Saddle class. Exception: High Performance and Performance **Working Hunter** sections with three classes receive half points for the under saddle class, see HU104.

[...]

HU147 Ties

1. In case of a tie score the Championship and/or Reserve is awarded to the horse that accumulated the most points over fences. If horses have an equal number of points over fences and no points under saddle, the tied horses will be asked to compete in a hack off, or independent under saddle class, to be judged on soundness and performance at the walk, trot and canter. Competitors may be asked to hand gallop at the discretion of the judge. (Exception: Green Hunters **and Young Hunters**). Any competitor may concede to the other if they choose not to hack off, or if both competitors agree, they may choose to break the tie with a coin toss. If horses have an equal number of points over fences, under saddle, and model (i.e. **Regular or Green Conformation Hunter 3'6" or High Performance Conformation Hunter**) the tie will stand as is and both horses will receive Horse of the Year Points in their respective Champion and/or Reserve position.

2. If all tied horses are declared unsound, selection of the winner among such tied competitors is left to the discretion of the judges.

HU148 Combination Hunter Championship

All competitions with a limited number of Hunter classes, including events in more than one section (i.e., ~~Regular~~ **High Performance Conformation** or Green Conformation **Hunter 3'6"**, Green ~~Working~~, High Performance or Performance Hunter), may count points won in such classes toward a Combination Hunter Championship. A Combination Hunter Championship and Reserve are awarded to two of the four horses which have acquired the most points performing over a regulation Hunter course with fences the height required in the section in which shown. In addition to these points, only these horses receive half points for ribbons won in Model, Maiden, Novice, Limit and Green classes and full points for ribbons won in one Under Saddle class or, if not held, in one Hunter Hack class, if otherwise qualified. The prize list must specify which classes count. This Championship does not count toward a Federation Horse of the Year Award except for Amateur Owner **Hunters**.

[...]

SUBCHAPTER HU-8 CONDUCT

HU157 Entry Fees

[...]

~~2. When entries require that High Performance Working Hunters are combined with Green Working sections, a section entry fee will be required for the High Performance Working Hunter section and individual classes will not be able to be entered.~~

[...]

HU158 Scheduling

[...]

4. No more than three (3) classes in any "A" rated hunter section at a National or Premier rated competition may be held in one day if the section is held over two days. (Exception: Model classes in Green **Conformation Hunter 3'6"** and ~~Regular~~ **High Performance Conformation Hunter** sections may be held as a fourth class. High Performance ~~Working~~ Hunter, Performance Hunter 3'6" and Performance Hunter 3'3" at National and Premier rated competitions and Pony Hunter sections at National rated competitions may be held on one day.)

a. At National and Premier rated competitions, classes in recognized sections must be run on consecutive days. (**Exception: hunter classics**).
(~~Exception, classics~~)

5. At all Regular Competitions, an Under Saddle class cannot be the first performance class held in a section. (Exception: Ladies Hunter Side Saddle and un-rated ~~divisions~~ **sections**).

[...]

SUBCHAPTER HU-9 SPECIAL RATING REQUIREMENTS

See also GR901.21b, GR901.24 and Chapter GR3.

HU164 Sections Required for National Rating

1. At least five (5) "A" rated Hunter sections must be offered. One (1) Amateur Owner or Junior Jumper section offering 3 classes and at least \$800 or \$600 respectively or one (1) \$5,000. Jumper section or class at 1.20m or higher may be substituted for one (1) required "A" rated Hunter section. A High Performance Working Hunter section must be offered.

2. Divided sections count as a single section.

3. Competitions that restrict entries in the rated Hunter sections to Juniors and Amateurs may count divided sections individually, but must offer at least six (6) "A" rated hunter sections. One Amateur Owner or Junior Jumper section offering **three (3)** classes and at least \$800 or \$600 respectively, may be substituted for one required Hunter section. If no classes for ponies are offered they **Jumper sections** may be used for two of the required sections.

4. "A" rated sections must offer an over fence class as a handy hunter. Exception Green Pony Hunter, **Green Hunter 3'0" and 3'3"** (**unless combined with Green Hunter 3'6" and/or 3'9"**). **A handy hunter class may be offered in the Young Hunter section and Green Hunter 3'0" and 3'3" sections, but is not required.**

HU165 Sections Required for Regional I Rating

Except at National rated competitions, at **At** least three (3) "B" rated Hunter sections (Green **Conformation Hunter 3'6"** or Regular **High Performance Conformation Hunter**, Green **Working Hunter**, **Young Hunter**, High Performance **Working Hunter**, Amateur Owner, Junior, Pony, or Green Pony Hunter) must be offered. One Children's Hunter or one Adult Amateur Hunter section or for any Zone whose Pre-Green Hunters are rated, one Pre-Green Hunter section may be substituted for two required "B" sections. Divided sections count as a single section.

HU166 Sections Required for Regional II Rating

Except at competitions offering "A" or "B" rated Hunter sections, at **At** least two (2) "C" rated sections (Green **Conformation Hunter 3'6"** or Regular **High Performance Conformation Hunter**, Green **Working Hunter**, **Young Hunter**, High Performance **Working Hunter**, Amateur Owner **Hunter**, Junior **Hunter**, Pony **Hunter**, or Green Pony Hunter, Children's Hunter, Adult Amateur Hunter, ~~Pre-Green Hunter~~, or Thoroughbred Hunter) must be offered. Divided sections count as a single section. Competitions restricted to side saddle may offer a Ladies Hunter Side Saddle Section as the only "C" rated Hunter section.

SUBCHAPTER HU-13 USHJA INTERNATIONAL HUNTER DERBY AND USHJA NATIONAL HUNTER DERBY

HU188 USHJA National Hunter Derby

[...]

5. Zone bonus points will be awarded to each horse's respective hunter section as declared at time of entry. A horse may be declared in only one of the following sections at the competition: ~~Pre-Green Hunter 3'0" or 3'3"~~, Performance Hunter 3'3", Children's **Hunter**, Pony **Hunter**, Small Hunter, Junior Hunter 3'3", Adult Amateur **Hunter** or Amateur Owner **Hunter** 3'3". Only Juniors or Amateurs may declare for the applicable Children's **Hunter**, Pony **Hunter**, Adult Amateur **Hunter** or Amateur Owner **Hunter** 3'3" section. National bonus points will not be awarded. At Premier or National rated competitions zone bonus points will be awarded as follows, 1st - 75, 2nd - 60, 3rd - 54, 4th - 45, 5th - 38, 6th - 30, 7th - 23 and 8th - 15, 9th - 10, 10th - 7, 11th - 5, 12th - 3. At Regional I or Regional II rated competitions, Zone bonus points will be awarded as follows: 1st - 50, 2nd - 40, 3rd - 35, 4th - 30, 5th - 25, 6th - 20, 7th - 15, 8th - 10, 9th - 7, 10th - 5, 11th - 3, 12th - 2.

[...]

HU189 USHJA PRE-GREEN **HUNTER** CHALLENGE

USHJA ~~Pre-Green Hunter~~ Challenge may be offered at USEF **Federation** Licensed Premier, National, Regional I or Regional II Competitions and at Competitions approved for a Special Competition Status.

1. USHJA ~~Pre-Green Hunter~~ Challenge is open to horses of any age in their first or second year of competing over fences set at **eligible under Federation rules to compete in the Green Hunter 3' or 3'3"**.

2. ~~A horse which has received a pre-green reinstatement in accordance with USEF rules is allowed to compete in a USHJA Pre-Green Challenge.~~

23. Horses are not required to jog for soundness.

34. All USHJA ~~Pre-Green Hunter~~ Challenge classes must meet the requirements set forth by USHJA. Information on class procedures, class requirements, judging system and course requirements is available from the Programs Department in the USHJA office and on the website at www.ushja.org.

a. The USHJA ~~Pre-Green Hunter~~ Challenge may be held as a separate two (2) round class or competitions may utilize the last class of a ~~Pre-Green~~ section as the first (1st) round of the ~~Pre-Green Hunter~~ Challenge. At least twelve (12) horses, if available, must return for the second (2nd) round. Prize lists must specify if more than twelve (12) horses will be invited to return for the second (2nd) round.

45. Competition management will collect and remit to USHJA the per horse entrant fee along with the class results within ten (10) days of the competition. The USHJA ~~Pre-Green Hunter~~ Challenge entry fee is capped at ten percent (10%) of prize money offered. The per horse entrant fee will be \$15 at Premier, National and Special competitions and \$10 at Regional I and Regional II competitions. The per horse entrant fee may be added to the entry fee.

56. This per horse entrant fee is not included in calculating the ten percent (10%) entry fee maximum.

67. **National and** Zone bonus points will be awarded to the horse in the ~~Pre-Green Hunter 3'0" or 3'3"~~ section. However, horses may be ridden by Professionals, Juniors, or Amateurs.

78. **National and** Zone bonus points will be awarded for a USHJA ~~Pre-Green Hunter~~ Challenge as follows:

a. For a USHJA ~~Pre-Green Hunter~~ Challenge in which the first round is the last class of the ~~Pre-Green Hunter 3'0"/3'3"~~ Section, **National and** Zone bonus points will be awarded as follows: 1st-40, 2nd-32, 3rd-28, 4th-24, 5th-20, 6th-16, 7th-12, 8th-10, 9th-8, 10th-6, 11th-4 and 12th-2.

b. For a USHJA ~~Pre-Green Hunter~~ Challenge which is held as separate two round class, **National and** Zone bonus points will be awarded for a as follows:

1st-80, 2nd-64, 3rd-56, 4th- 48, 5th- 40, 6th-32, 7th-24, 8th-20, 9th-16, 10th-12, 11th-8 and 12th-4.

89. A minimum of \$750 must be offered when a USHJA ~~Pre-Green~~**Hunter** Challenge is held at a Premier rated competition or a competition that has been approved for a Special Competition status, a minimum of \$500 when held at a National rated competition and a minimum of \$250 must be offered when held at a Regional I or Regional II rated competition. If the 10% cap is less than \$50, management may charge an entry fee up to the maximum of \$50.

[...]

12. Riders, owners and trainers must be current Active members of USEF ~~the Federation~~ and USHJA to participate in this class. (See GR202). Horses must be registered with the USHJA to participate in this class. Exception: Foreign residents and horses in good standing with their National Federation are eligible to compete in this class.

a. USHJA **National and** Zone Horse of the Year bonus points will only be awarded for placing in a USHJA ~~Pre-Green~~**Hunter** Challenge if the owner is a current Active member of the Federation and USHJA, the horse is recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA. For additional information and Zone residency requirements see GR1110 and GR1111.

13. No more than one ~~Pre-Green~~**Hunter** Challenge may be held during a given competition and competitions have the option of offering only one (1) fence height, or both fence heights within the class. If offering only one height, it must be the 3'0" height that is offered.

[...]

SUBCHAPTER HU-14 LIMITING ENTRIES

HU190 Limiting Entries

Hunter sections restricting entries based on winnings must use the Federation National Horse of the Year points or prize money won, whichever is applicable, as a means of qualification for the specified time period or, alternatively, must use the greatest number of Federation National Horse of the Year points won at a specified number of competitions within a specified time period. (Exception: ~~First Year Green, Second Year Green~~ **Hunter 3'0", 3'3", 3'6" and 3'9"**, Green Conformation **Hunter 3'6"**, ~~Regular-~~ **High Performance** Conformation **Hunter**, High Performance Hunter, Performance ~~Working~~ Hunter 3'6" and Performance ~~Working~~ Hunter 3'3" sections restricting entries based on winnings must accept 50% of the entries from the Federation National Horse of the Year points list and 50% of the entries from the Federation National Horse of the Year prize money won list. If an odd number of entries will be accepted, the Federation National Horse of the Year prize money won list will take precedence. The procedure for determining horses that qualify and their ranking will begin with the top placed horse on the Money Won standings list, then go to the top placed horse on the Points standings list, back to the second placed horse on the Money Won standings list, then on to the second placed horse on the Money Won standings list, continuing down both lists in that order until all available slots have been filled. If during this process a horse appears on either list that has already qualified, skip that horse and go instead to the next horse on the same list. Continue using this process until all slots are filled)...

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

PROPONENT

USHJA

INTENT

To clarify specifications for Adult Amateur Hunters

PROPOSED CHANGE

HU 108 ADULT AMATEUR (NEW HU106) [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-1 DEFINITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY]

HU 108 ADULT AMATEUR

(New HU106)

1. **Competitions must offer Adult Amateur Hunter sections in accordance with the specifications of applicable USHJA Zone.** Unless the USHJA submits their Zone specifications to the Federation by August 1 of the previous year, the following specifications will apply for the Adult Amateur Hunter section:

a. To be ridden by exhibitors who have reached their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year and who hold a current Federation Amateur status. ~~To be ridden by amateurs who are no longer eligible to compete as junior exhibitors. Horses and riders entered in Adult Amateur Hunter sections may not compete in the Amateur Owner Hunter section at the same competition. Riders entered in Adult Amateur Hunter sections may not compete in any other class in which obstacles are required to exceed 3'9" (1.15m) at the same competition. (Exception: USHJA National Hunter Derby).~~

b. Heights for Adult Amateur Hunter may range between 2'9" – 3'3" with spreads not to exceed fence height.

c. If there are fewer than six (6) entries in any divided section, the sections must be combined. If there are six (6) or more entries in each divided section, the divided sections must be held separately.

d. Horses and riders entered in Adult Amateur Hunter sections may not compete in the Amateur Owner Hunter section at the same competition. Riders entered in Adult Amateur Hunter sections may not compete in any other class in which obstacles are required to exceed 3'9" (1.15m) at the same competition. (Exception: USHJA National Hunter Derby).

~~b. e.~~ **e. Horses may be entered in Junior Hunter sections at the same competition if ridden by a member of the same family.**

~~c. f.~~ **f. Ponies may be ridden by adults, however ponies shown by adults at a Licensed Competition cannot be shown by juniors at the same competition. (Exception: when competing at a multi-breed/discipline competition, a pony may be shown in the breed restricted hunter section by an adult and then also shown by a junior rider in hunter classes restricted to ponies).**

g. Cross entry into other sections is allowed unless otherwise stated in prize list.

2. If an under saddle class is divided by age and a rider has two or more horses entered, all riders must be amateurs but need not be eligible by age.

3. When a section is divided by age of rider no horse may compete in more than one section.

4. ~~All USHJA zone specifications submitted by August 1st and approved by USHJA and USEF shall be enforced by USEF if not followed.~~

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RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

PROPONENT

National Hunter Committee

INTENT

This change will bring point 10 in line with point 11 which allows a rider to compete two (2) Small Junior Hunter horses and two (2) Large Junior Hunter horses (for a total of 4) at the same competition. Currently, point 10 does not allow a rider compete all four horses if the section is divided by age of rider only.

PROPOSED CHANGE

HU109 Junior & Children's Hunters [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-1 DEFINITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY]

10. In "A" rated Junior Hunter sections divided by age of rider only, no exhibitor may ride more than ~~three (3)~~ **two (2) large and two (2) small Junior Hunters** horses in any section.

11. In "A" rated Junior Hunter sections offered by the height of horse, an exhibitor may not ride more than two (2) horses in any section. If sections offered by height of horse are combined, an exhibitor may not ride more than two (2) large and two (2) small junior hunters in the combined section.

12. In "A" rated Junior Hunter sections divided by height of horse and age of rider an exhibitor may not ride more than two (2) horses in each section.

13. In "B" and "C" rated and Local Junior Hunter sections, no exhibitor may ride more than three (3) horses in a class.

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RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

PROPONENT

USHJA

INTENT

To clarify and reorganize existing language and remove unnecessary language from the rule.

PROPOSED CHANGE

HU 110 GENERAL [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-2 DIVISIONS OF SECTIONS OR CLASSES]

HU110 General

7. Definition of a California Split:

a. The California Split is used to divide large classes. The judge keeps track of twice the number of placings required for either ribbons or the jog order. At the completion of the **class jog**, the judge creates two separate orders using alternating numbers in the following manner: the highest score is first in Section A, the second highest score is first in Section B, the third highest score is second in Section A, the fourth highest score is second in Section B and so on until all placings are awarded or the jog order is complete. The result is two sections of the same class being pinned separately.

Example:

HORSE'S

PRIZE

| PLACING | AWARDED |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1st | 1st |
| 2nd | 1st |
| 3rd | 2nd |
| 4th | 2nd |
| 5th | 3rd |
| 6th | 3rd |
| 7th | 4th |
| 8th | 4th |
| 9th | 5th |
| 10th | 5th |
| 11th | 6th |
| 12th | 6th |
| 13th | 7th |
| 14th | 7th |
| 15th | 8th |
| 16 th | 8th |

b. Jog. The judge will call one jog order of up to twenty (20) horses. Once the horses have jogged for soundness and the jog has been made official, the A and B sections will be pinned using the California Split.

c. Under Saddle. **A Section with twelve (12) or less must be judged as one class using the California Split.** Sections that are judged under the California Split must have results for Section A and B. A random split will be used for under saddle classes of more than twelve (12).

d. In reckoning Championship points, the top eight horses that receive the most points in the Over Fences classes are awarded points for the Under Saddle and/or Model class(es). The Championship is awarded as follows: Horse with most points—Champion Number 1. Horse with second highest points—Champion Number 2. Horse with third highest points—Reserve Champion Number 1. Horse with fourth highest points—Reserve Champion Number 2.

8. Prize money in all rated classes at all licensed competitions must be distributed as follows: a minimum of 30% for 1st, 22% for 2nd, 15% for 3rd, with the balance to be distributed at competition management's discretion.

9. Prize money must be doubled whenever a section is divided.

1. ~~Option to dividing classes by every other number:~~

~~a. As an option to dividing classes by every other number, all entries may be judged as a single class and awarded prizes as follows; however, points will be awarded based on the number of entries in each section after it has been divided.~~

| _____ HORSE'S _____ | _____ PRIZE _____ |
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| _____ PLACING _____ | _____ AWARDED _____ |
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~~16th 8th (if offered)~~

~~b. In reckoning Championship points, the top eight horses that receive the most points in the Over Fences classes are awarded points for the Under Saddle and/or Model class(es). The Championship is awarded as follows:~~

- ~~— Horse with most points—Champion Number 1.~~
- ~~— Horse with second highest points—Champion Number 2.~~
- ~~— Horse with third highest points—Reserve Champion Number 1.~~
- ~~— Horse with fourth highest points—Reserve Champion Number 2.~~

~~11. At all licensed competitions, if the High Performance Working Hunter section has fewer than three entries, it must be combined with the Second Year Green Hunter (or with Green Working Hunter if combined or not originally offered split).~~

~~a. If, after combining, there are still fewer than three entries in the combined section, it must be further combined with the First Year Green Hunter section.~~

~~b. If combined Green Working sections have fewer than three entries, then they must be combined with High Performance Working Hunter.~~

~~c. A horse that is eligible for more than one section must be declared and compete in only one.~~

~~d. Horses will jump the respective height for the entered section.~~

~~e. When combining High Performance Working Hunter with another section, if different amounts of prize money or entry fees were offered in the original sections, the combined sections will use the lower amount for both prize money and entry fees.~~

~~f. When combining a section of High Performance Working Hunter with either a section of First Year Green Working Hunters, Second Year Green Working Hunters or both, the combined sections must offer the same number of classes offered by the Green Working Hunter section(s) with which it is combined. In addition, a section entry fee will be required and individual classes may no longer be entered for the combined section.~~

~~12. At all licensed competitions, if there are fewer than six entries in either the Performance Hunter 3'3" or Performance Hunter 3'6" they must be combined, but they cannot be combined with any other hunter sections. If there are six or more entries in each Performance Hunter section, they must be held separately.~~

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

PROPONENT

USHJA

INTENT

To remove confusing and no longer relevant language.

PROPOSED CHANGE

HU 111 JUNIOR AND CHILDREN'S HUNTER (NEW HU115) [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-2 DIVISIONS OF SECTIONS OR CLASSES]

HU111 Junior & Children's Hunters **(New HU115)**

1. Riders must not have reached their 18th birthday (See GR127).
 2. Ponies may not be entered in Junior Hunter classes if Pony Hunter classes are offered at the same competition. If fence heights are changed to accommodate ponies in Children's Hunter classes, measurement cards in accordance with HU170 are required for all entries.
 3. If the Junior Hunter sections are divided by size, they must be divided into Large and Small. "A" rated Junior Hunter 3'6" sections at Premier rated competitions must be offered as four sections (large/younger, large/older, small/younger, small/older). Junior Hunter 3'3" may be offered as one section or may be offered as divided by size of horse and/or age of rider. Junior Hunter 3'3" may not be offered unless Junior Hunter 3'6" is also offered.
 4. If there are six (6) or more entries in each divided section, the divided sections must be held separately. If there are fewer than six (6) entries in any sections divided by age and/or height, those sections must be combined with other sections. If there are a minimum of twelve (12) entries once any sections have been combined, the newly combined section must be re-divided using one of the options listed in HU117. Management may determine a cutoff time for entering before redividing any section(s).
 5. If the Junior Hunter section is split by size, the horse may be shown over fences by different riders as long as they are from the same age group.
- [...]
9. All horses showing in the Junior Hunter Section at Regular Competitions must have a Federation measurement card.
 - a. A large Junior Hunter is over 16 hands.
 - b. A small Junior Hunter is 16.0 hands and under.
 1. ~~Beginning, December 1, 2014, and ending November 30, 2015, an application may be made for a one time re-measurement from the Large Junior Hunter section to the Small Junior Hunter section.~~
 2. ~~No penalties will be associated with this re-measurement and the horse may immediately begin competing in its new section.~~
 10. In "A" rated Junior Hunter sections divided by age of rider only, no exhibitor may ride more than three (3) horses in any section.

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

PROPONENT

USHJA

INTENT

To define sections being combined or split by height of the animal versus fence height.

PROPOSED CHANGE

HU111 Junior & Children's Hunters (New HU115) [CHAPTER HU 111 JUNIOR AND CHILDREN'S HUNTER]

HU111 Junior & Children's Hunters (New HU115)

1. Riders must not have reached their 18th birthday (See GR127).
2. Ponies may not be entered in Junior Hunter classes if Pony Hunter classes are offered at the same competition. If fence heights are changed to accommodate ponies in Children's Hunter classes, measurement cards in accordance with HU170 are required for all entries.
3. If the Junior Hunter sections are divided by *size height of animal*, they must be divided into Large and Small. "A" rated Junior Hunter 3'6" sections at Premier rated competitions must be offered as four sections (large/younger, large/older, small/younger, small/older). Junior Hunter 3'3" may be offered as one section or may be offered as divided by size of horse and/or age of rider. Junior Hunter 3'3" may not be offered unless Junior Hunter 3'6" is also offered.
4. If there are six (6) or more entries in each divided section, the divided sections must be held separately. If there are fewer than six (6) entries in any sections divided by age and/or height *of animal*, those sections must be combined with other sections. If there ~~are~~ *is* a minimum of twelve (12) entries once any sections have been combined, the newly combined section must be re-divided using one of the options listed in HU117. Management may determine a cutoff time for entering before redividing any section(s).
5. If the Junior Hunter section is split by *size height of animal*, the horse may be shown over fences by different riders as long as they are from the same age group.

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

PROPONENT

USHJA

INTENT

To define the default specifications if a USHJA Zone does not submit their annual specifications for this section.

PROPOSED CHANGE

HU 111 JUNIOR AND CHILDREN'S HUNTER (New HU115) [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-2 DIVISIONS OF SECTIONS OR CLASSES]

HU111 Junior and Children's Hunter (**New HU115**)

15. Children's Hunter

a. Competitions must offer Children's Hunter sections in accordance with the specifications of applicable USHJA Zone. **Unless the USHJA submits their Zone specifications to the Federation by August 1 of the previous year, the following specifications will apply for the Children's Hunter section:**

a. To be ridden by exhibitors who have not reached their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year.

b. Heights for Children's Hunter Horse may range between 2'9" – 3'3" with spreads not to exceed fence height. Fence heights for Children's Hunter Pony will be 2' for small and medium ponies and 2'6" for large ponies with spreads not to exceed fence height. b.

c. If there are fewer than six entries in any divided section, the sections must be combined. If there are six or more entries in each divided section, the divided sections must be held separately.

~~16. Unless the USHJA submits their Zone specifications to the Federation by Aug. 1 of the previous year, the following specifications will apply for the Children's Hunter section:~~

~~a. d. Riders entered in Children's Hunter sections may not compete over fences in any other class at the same competition in which obstacles are required to exceed 3'3". (Exception: USHJA National Hunter Derby).~~

~~b. e. Horses and ponies entered in Children's Hunter classes may not cross enter into Junior Hunter 3'6" sections or Pony Hunter sections at the same competition. Ponies shown in Children's Hunter Pony sections may not be shown by an adult at the same competition, except in breeding classes in-hand. Horses entered in Children's Hunter classes may be shown in the Amateur Owner Hunter section at the same competition if ridden by a member of the child's family.~~

~~e. f. Cross entry into other divisions sections is allowed unless otherwise stated in prize list.~~

RULE CHANGE TYPE

EFFECTIVE

PROPONENT

Standard

12/1/2016

USHJA

INTENT

To clarify the rules regarding combining and splitting hunter sections.

PROPOSED CHANGE

HU 112 GENERAL (NEW HU110) [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-2 DIVISIONS OF SECTIONS OR CLASSES]

HU 112 General (New HU110)

- ~~1. 3. Sections must be divided or combined based on the number of entries in the first over fences class and may not be combined or divided after the first class. Exception: Performance/High Performance Working Hunter, see HU112.4.~~
- ~~2. 4. No section may be divided if there are less than 30 entries. Exception: Green, Amateur Owner, Children's and Adult Amateur Hunter sections refer to HU115 and sections governed by USHJA Zone Specifications. Sections may not be divided if there are less than 30 entries. (Exception: Green Working, Amateur Owner and Adult Amateur Hunter sections refer to HU115.)~~
3. 2. Any section with 50 or more entries at the beginning of the first class must be divided. If there are 50 or more entries remaining in a section after it has been divided, the section must be redivided by every other number. Once a section has been redivided it may not be divided further.
- ~~3. Sections must be divided or combined based on the number of entries in the first over fences class and may not be combined or divided after the first class. Exception: Performance/High Performance Working Hunter, see HU112.4.~~
4. In Performance Working Hunter and High Performance Hunter sections where individual classes may be entered, the sections can be divided after **thirty (30) horses have competed in** the first over fences class. ~~if there are 30 or more entries in subsequent classes.~~ **Subsequent classes may be divided once twelve (12) horses have competed in each class.** The number of Championship and Reserve Championships that are awarded will be determined by the number of sections created from dividing the first over fences class ~~only.~~ **Multiple Championships and Reserve Championships will only be awarded if a minimum of two (2) over fences and one (1) under saddle classes have been held per section.**
5. Any combined **Junior Hunter and/or Amateur Owner Hunter** section with a total of **twelve (12)** or more entries must be divided in a manner that guarantees a minimum of six **(6)** in each section. Management may determine a cutoff time for entering before redividing any section(s).

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

PROPONENT

USHJA

INTENT

To redefine how model classes count toward HOTY awards and show championships. To create consistency in entry fees and prize money when combining open hunter sections.

PROPOSED CHANGE

HU 114 CONFORMATION SECTIONS [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-2 DIVISIONS OF SECTIONS OR CLASSES]

HU114 Conformation *Hunter* Sections **(New HU112)**

4. **When combining Green Conformation Hunter with High Performance Conformation Hunter**, ~~if~~ **if** different amounts of prize money **or entry fees** ~~are~~ **were** offered in each divided **the original** sections, ~~the largest amount must be offered to the combined section~~ **will use the lower amount for both prize money and entry fees.** ~~and the entry fee for that section applied.~~ No credit will be given in combined sections unless three entries have competed.

[...]

6. All conformation sections are to be judged 70% on performance, 30% on conformation.

7. Model classes to count ½ points.

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

PROPONENT

USHJA

INTENT

To define the height range for Adult Amateur hunters

PROPOSED CHANGE

HU121 HEIGHT OF OBSTACLES (NEW HU119) [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-3 COURSES]

HU121 HEIGHT OF OBSTACLES (New HU119)

When a range of fence heights is allowed in a class or section, the minimum height must be used unless a higher height is specified in the prize list.

[...]

4. Adult Amateur Sections: ~~Per USHJA Zone Rules.~~ **Obstacles will be 2'9" to 3'3". Spreads must not exceed the height of obstacle. No minimum height required at Local Competitions.**

5. Local Competitions: No minimum in any section.

6. Non-rated sections: Heights determined by competition management unless otherwise specified.

7. Ladies Side Saddle Sections: 3'.

8. Junior Hunter Sections:

a. Obstacles must be 3'6" in all classes. (Exception: Fences may be 3" lower in Zones 11 and 12 and in the Junior Hunter 3'3" section.)

b. No minimum height required at Local Competitions.

9. Children's Hunter Sections: Obstacles will be 2' for small ponies; ~~2'3" for~~ **and** medium ponies; 2'6" for large ponies and 2'9" to 3'3" for horses. Spreads must not exceed the height of obstacle. No minimum height required at Local Competitions.

[...]

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

PROPONENT

USHJA

INTENT

To allow a person of any age to jog a junior hunter. This will assist in classes that are being held under the California split.

PROPOSED CHANGE

HU 133 SOUNDNESS (NEW HU131) [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-5 JUDGING]

HU133 Soundness (**New HU131**)

All horses must be serviceably sound. All horses being considered for an award must jog for soundness with rider dismounted. (Exception: Under Saddle classes, classes with specifications that do not require horses to jog, unrated classes, and classes at Local Competitions). Horses may not leave the ring until the jog is declared official by the judge. A horse that leaves the ring prior to the jog being declared official will be eliminated. A horse that is unruly, one that breaks away from the handler or one whose actions threaten to endanger the rider, handler, or other exhibitors or their entries will be eliminated. (Exception: Hunter Breeding and Pony Breeding). A horse may not be eliminated for receiving outside assistance in the jog. ***In classes restricted to ponies a junior must jog the horse for soundness.*** ~~In classes restricted to junior riders, a junior must jog the animal for soundness.~~ Horses that are not serviceably sound are ineligible for an award, including under saddle classes.

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

PROPONENT

USHJA

INTENT

To define an Open Hunter Classic.

PROPOSED CHANGE

HU 145 HUNTER CLASSICS (NEW HU143) [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-6 CLASS SPECIFICATIONS]

HU145 Hunter Classics **(New HU143)**

1. ~~The following Hunter Classics may be offered: Adult Amateur Hunter Classic, Children's Hunter Pony Classic, Children's Hunter Horse Classic, Pre-Green Hunter Classic, Small Hunter Classic, Pony Hunter Classic, Green Pony Hunter Classic, Open Hunter Classic, 3'3" Junior Hunter Classic, 3'6" Junior Hunter Classic, 3'3" Junior Hunter Classic, 3'6" Amateur Owner Hunter Classic, 3'3" Amateur Owner Hunter Classic.~~ **Hunter Classics may be offered for any rated sections offered and held at the same competition. An Open Hunter Classic is a classic that is open to entries from multiple hunter sections of the same rating. It is permitted for Open Hunter Classics to encompass several fence heights to correspond with the respective hunter sections being offered. It is not permitted for an Open Hunter Classic to encompass multiple ratings. The prize list must state the specific hunter sections that are invited to compete in the Open Hunter Classic. If a horse competes in more than one hunter section qualifying for the Open Hunter Classic, the exhibitor must declare their point section to the Competition Secretary. All other provisions of HU 145 apply to Open Hunter Classics.**

a. Six (6) entries are required to conduct a Hunter Classic.

b. If there are ~~less~~ **fewer** than six (6) entries in any one Hunter Classic, it may combine with other sections of the same rating. If Hunter Classics are combined and a horse is shown in more than one section qualifying for the Hunter Classic, the exhibitor must declare **their point section** to the Competition Secretary, ~~which section bonus points are to count toward.~~

c. Hunter Classics cannot be divided in any manner and held by section if there are ~~less~~ **fewer** than six (6) entries in each divided section. Exception: "A" rated sections must have twelve (12) entries to divide.

HU 145.1 Tracking #361-15 Draft #1 Approved

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

PROPONENT

USHJA

INTENT

To allow the individual Zone specifications to define the number of exhibitors necessary to fill Adult Amateur, Children's Pony and Children's Hunter classics.

PROPOSED CHANGE

HU145 HUNTER CLASSICS (NEW HU143) [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-6 CLASS SPECIFICATIONS]

HU145 Hunter Classics (New HU143)

1. The following Hunter Classics may be offered: Adult Amateur Hunter Classic, Children's Hunter Pony Classic, Children's Hunter Horse Classic, Pre-Green Hunter Classic, Small Hunter Classic, Pony Hunter Classic, Green Pony Hunter Classic, Open Hunter Classic, 3'3" Junior Hunter Classic, 3'6" Junior Hunter Classic, 3'3" Junior Hunter Classic, 3'6" Amateur Owner Hunter Classic, 3'3" Amateur Owner Hunter Classic. Six (6) entries are required to conduct a Hunter Classic. If there are less than six (6) entries in any one Hunter Classic, it may combine with other sections of the same rating. **Exception: The Adult Amateur Hunter Classic, Children's Pony Hunter Classic and Children's Hunter Classic may be held with the number of entries indicated in the Zone specifications.** If Hunter Classics are combined and a horse is shown in more than one section qualifying for the Hunter Classic, the exhibitor must declare to the Competition Secretary which section bonus points are to count toward. Hunter Classics cannot be divided in any manner and held by section if there are less than six (6) entries in each divided section. Exception: "A" rated sections must have twelve (12) entries to divide.

HU 145.4 Tracking #403-15 Draft #1 Approved

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

PROPONENT

USHJA

INTENT

To clarify that prize money is not required when Children's Horse and Children's Pony Classics are combined.

PROPOSED CHANGE

HU 145 HUNTER CLASSICS (NEW HU 143) [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-6 CLASS SPECIFICATIONS]

HU145 Hunter Classics (New HU 143)

4. At National and Premier competitions, in sections with an "A" rating, Hunter Classics conducted using either a designated hunter class as the first round or a separate two round class must offer at least \$1000 in prize money and sections with a "B" or "C" rating must offer at least \$500 in prize money. (Exception: Pony Hunter Classics in sections with an "A" or "B" rating must offer at least \$500 in prize money; Children's Hunter Pony is not required to offer prize money). At Regional I and Regional II competitions, in sections with a "B" or "C" rating, Hunter Classics conducted using either a designated hunter class as the first round or a separate two round class must offer at least \$250 in prize money (Exception: Children's Hunter Pony is not required to offer prize money **and if a Children's Hunter Horse and Children's Hunter Pony Classics are combined, the competition is not required to offer prize money in the combined Classic**). At Premier, National, Regional I and Regional II competitions, when a Hunter Classic is conducted as a separate two round class, the minimum prize money offered as stated above.

Standard

12/1/2016

USHJA

INTENT

To clarify the number of rated sections which must be offered and held/judged at hunter rated National and Premier competitions and to permit open sections to be held on one day at National competitions providing only four classes are offered. To create prize money requirement for Junior/Amateur competitions.

PROPOSED CHANGE

HU 160 SCHEDULING (NEW HU158) [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-8 CONDUCT]

HU160 Scheduling (New HU158)

1. "A" rated Hunter sections may be held and judged on one or more days. If held on one day, "A" sections ~~would be~~ **are** limited to a maximum of four classes per section (3 over fences and 1 under saddle). If held on two or more days, three to five performance classes must be offered (Exception: Pony Hunter and Junior Hunter sections).

a. At National and Premier rated competitions ~~a~~ **the** High Performance Working Hunter section must be offered. Exception: competitions restricted to Juniors and Amateurs.

b. National rated competitions must be held and judged over a minimum of three (3) days on the same competition grounds. A minimum of ~~five ten~~ **ten** "A" rated hunter sections **listed in GR 313.6** must be offered. ~~and~~ **Additionally, a minimum of five "A" and/or "C" rated hunter sections listed in GR 313.6 must be held and judged. Ladies Side Saddle does not count towards these requirements.** ~~a~~ A minimum of two performance classes from two different "A" rated Hunter sections must be scheduled and judged on each of the three days. ~~"A" rated Hunter sections must be held and judged over two or more days.~~ (Exception: High Performance Working Hunter, Performance Hunter 3'6", Performance Hunter 3'3" and pony hunter sections). A minimum of \$5,000 in prize money, must be paid in the rated Hunter sections of a National competition. A maximum of \$2,000 of Hunter Classic ~~and/or~~ USHJA National Hunter Derby, **USHJA Pre-Green Incentive, and/or USHJA Pre-Green Challenge** prize money can be used towards calculating the \$5,000 of required prize money for a National rated competition. **Exception: A minimum of \$3,000 in prize money, must be paid in the rated Hunter sections of a National competition restricted to Juniors and/or Amateurs. A maximum of \$1,000 of Hunter Classic USHJA National Hunter Derby, USHJA Pre-Green Incentive, and/or USHJA Pre-Green Challenge prize money can be used towards calculating the \$3,000 of required prize money for a National rated competition restricted to Juniors and/or Amateurs.**

c. Premier rated competitions must be held and judged over a minimum of five (5) days on the same competition grounds. A minimum of ~~five~~ **fifteen** "A" rated Hunter sections **listed in GR 313.6** must be offered ~~and~~. **Additionally, a minimum of ten "A" and/or "C" rated hunter sections listed in GR 313.6 must be held and judged, a maximum of four of which can be "C" rated sections. Ladies Side Saddle does not count towards these requirements.** ~~a~~ **A** minimum of two performance classes from two different "A" rated Hunter sections must be scheduled and judged on four of the five days. **At Premier rated competitions,** "A" rated Hunter sections must be held on two or more days. (Exception: High Performance Working Hunter, Performance Hunter 3'6" and Performance Hunter 3'3"). A minimum of \$24,000 in prize money, including add-back money if any, must be paid in the rated Hunter sections of a Premier competition. A maximum of \$5,000 of Hunter Classic, USHJA International Hunter Derby ~~and/or~~ USHJA National Hunter Derby, **USHJA Pre-Green Incentive, and/or USHJA Pre-Green Challenge** prize money can be used towards calculating the \$24,000 of prize money, including add-back money if any, which must be paid for a Premier rated competition. If an add-back is offered, the minimum required prize money for that section must be guaranteed, and the add-backs must be clearly indicated in the prize list. Exception: If sections are canceled or entries are insufficient to award all prize money, then additional money not awarded must be pooled and redistributed 60% to the champions, and 40% to the reserve champions of the remaining "A" rated hunter sections.

d. Rated competitions which restrict entries in the rated Hunter sections to juniors and amateurs must be held on a minimum of two consecutive non-school days within the public school system, at the location of the competition, on the same competition grounds. **A minimum of six "A" rated Hunter sections listed in GR 313.6 must be offered. Additionally, a minimum of three "A" and/or "C" rated hunter sections listed in GR 313.6 must be held. Ladies Side Saddle does not count towards these requirements.**

e. At Federation licensed Junior/Amateur competitions, the only rated Hunter sections that may be held are those which are restricted by definition to the participation of juniors and amateurs (example: Junior, Amateur, Children's, Adult and Pony). Exception: Pony Hunter Breeding and Hunter Breeding classes.

[...]

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

PROPONENT

USHJA

INTENT

To define duties of a handler in the Hunter Breeding section.

PROPOSED CHANGE

HU 185 GENERAL (NEW HU184) [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-12 HUNTER & PONY HUNTER BREEDING]

HU185 General **(New HU184)**

1. Classes will only accumulate Federation Horse of the Year Points from January 1 to November 30 of the current show year (see GR1115). (Exception: Pony Hunter Breeding will accumulate Zone Horse of the Year points.)
2. Classes must be offered as printed in the prize list. Classes may not be combined however they may be split if the number of entries warrant.
3. Ribbons in all classes must be presented to the winners while in the ring.
4. ***Each entry will have only one handler per class. The same handler will present the horse in all phases of the class including the jog.*** ~~No more than one person may present a horse or pony at any one time to the judge or judges.~~

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

PROPONENT

USHJA

INTENT

To promote quality pony hunter breeding by providing a means of national recognition through a USHJA Championship event.

PROPOSED CHANGE

HU 187 PONY HUNTER BREEDING (NEW HU186) [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-12 HUNTER AND PONY HUNTER BREEDING]

HU 187 PONY HUNTER BREEDING **AND USHJA PONY BREEDING CHAMPIONSHIP** (new HU186)

[...]

6. USHJA at its discretion may choose to conduct an East and/or West Coast Pony Hunter Breeding Championship(s).

a. The USHJA Pony Hunter Breeding Championship(s) must be run in accordance with official championship specifications located at www.ushja.org.

b. Handlers, riders, owners, and trainers must be current Active members of the Federation and USHJA on or before the first day of the competition.

c. Ponies must be recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA on or before the first day of the competition.

d. Zone HOTY bonus points will be awarded for the USHJA Pony Hunter Breeding Championship(s) as determined by USHJA.

HU 189.8 Tracking #363-15 Draft #2 Approved

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

PROPONENT

USHJA

INTENT

To allow competitions to host more than one section of the USHJA National Hunter Derby when entries warrant

PROPOSED CHANGE

HU189 USHJA NATIONAL HUNTER DERBY (NEW HU188) [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-13 USHJA INTERNATIONAL HUNTER DERBY AND USHJA NATIONAL HUNTER DERBY]

HU189 USHJA NATIONAL HUNTER DERBY (New HU188)

[...]

8. No more than one National Hunter Derby may be held during a given competition. *(Exception: If there are forty (40) or more entries in the National Hunter Derby, the class may be split into two (2) separate classes. Management must refer to specifications to determine the split of the class). Management may determine a cutoff time for entering before splitting the National Hunter Derby into two classes. The cutoff time will be no earlier than 24 hours prior to the proposed start time of the National Hunter Derby. See www.ushja.org for more specific information.*

[...]

HU 191.0 Tracking #372-15 Draft #2 Approved

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

PROPONENT

USHJA

INTENT

To create a Derby program specifically for ponies that will develop the skills and ability of both ponies and riders and provide a place for younger riders to gain Derby experience at an introductory level. To encourage participation in the Derby program from a broader group of animals, riders, owners and trainers as well as encourage the continued development of an upcoming group of Derby riders that can eventually graduate to the bigger IHD classes and grow the hunter division and hunter/jumper industry as a whole. This proposed rule change also intends to include the USHJA Pony Hunter derby in the existing rule regarding green pony reinstatement eligibility as well as include the USHJA Pony Hunter Derby as Derby money in the \$5,000/\$2,000 maximum applied toward a competition rating.

PROPOSED CHANGE

NEW - HU 191 USHJA PONY HUNTER DERBY [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-13 USHJA INTERNATIONAL HUNTER DERBY, USHJA NATIONAL HUNTER DERBY AND USHJA PRE-GREEN CHALLENGE]

SUBCHAPTER HU-13 USHJA INTERNATIONAL HUNTER DERBY, USHJA NATIONAL HUNTER DERBY AND USHJA PRE-GREEN CHALLENGE
CHAMPIONSHIPS AND SPECIAL CLASSES

HU 191 USHJA PONY HUNTER DERBY

1. A USHJA Pony Hunter Derby may be offered at Federation licensed Premier, National, Regional I and Regional II rated competitions or competitions that have been approved for a Special Competition classification.

2. USHJA Pony Hunter Derby must be offered and run in accordance with official class specifications located at www.ushja.org, including but not limited to:

a. *Remitting the per pony entrant fee*

b. *Distribution of prize money*

3. *Riders, owners, and trainers must be current Active members of the Federation and USHJA to participate in this class. Ponies must be registered with USHJA to participate in this class. Exception: Foreign residents and ponies in good standing with their National Federation are eligible to compete in this class.*

a. *Points earned in a USHJA Pony Hunter Derby will only count for any USHJA Pony Hunter Derby program standings or awards if the rider, owner and trainer are current Active members of the Federation and USHJA, and the horse is registered with USHJA.*

b. *National and Zone HOTA bonus points will only be awarded for placing in a USHJA Pony Hunter Derby if the owner is a current Active member of the Federation and USHJA and the horse is recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA.*

c. *National and Zone HOTA bonus points will only be awarded for placing in a USHJA Pony Hunter Derby if:*

i. *A minimum of 12 ponies compete in the first round at a Premier or National rated competition or a competition that has been approved for a Special Competition classification.*

ii. *A minimum of six ponies compete in the first round at a Regional I or II rated competition.*

4. *National and Zone HOTA bonus points will be awarded for a USHJA Pony Hunter Derby as determined by USHJA.*

SUBCHAPTER HU-1 DEFINITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY

HU 103 HUNTER ELIGIBILITY, PRE-GREEN AND GREEN STATUS FOR HORSES AND PONIES

[...]

SUBCHAPTER HU-6 CLASS SPECIFICATIONS

HU143 Hunter Classics

[...]

15. A horse may not compete in more than one classic per section but may compete in an open classic, a USHJA National Hunter Derby, or a USHJA International Hunter Derby at the same competition. A horse is limited to competing in a maximum of two classics or derbies or combination of classics and derbies per competition. (Exception: Leagues approved by the Federation in accordance with GR915.3b).

16. *The same pony may not compete in the USHJA Pony Hunter Derby and the USHJA National Hunter Derby at the same competition.*

Renumber successive as necessary

SUBCHAPTER HU-8 CONDUCT

HU158 Scheduling

1. [...]

b. National rated competitions must be held and judged over a minimum of three days on the same competition grounds. A minimum of five "A" rated hunter sections must be offered and a minimum of two performance classes from two different "A" rated Hunter sections must be scheduled and judged on each of the three days. "A" rated Hunter sections must be held and judged over two or more days. (Exception: High Performance Working Hunter, Performance Hunter 3'6", Performance Hunter 3'3" and pony hunter sections). A minimum of \$5,000 in prize money, must be paid in the rated Hunter sections of a National competition. A maximum of \$2,000 of Hunter Classic, **USHJA Pony Hunter Derby** and/or USHJA National Hunter Derby prize money can be used towards calculating the \$5,000 of required prize money for a National rated competition.

c. Premier rated competitions must be held and judged over a minimum of five (5) days on the same competition grounds. A minimum of five "A" rated Hunter sections must be offered and a minimum of two performance classes from two different "A" rated Hunter sections must be scheduled and judged on four of the five days. "A" rated Hunter sections must be held on two or more days. (Exception: High Performance Working Hunter, Performance Hunter 3'6" and Performance Hunter 3'3"). A minimum of \$24,000 in prize money, including add-back money if any, must be paid in the rated Hunter sections of a Premier competition. A maximum of \$5,000 of Hunter Classic, USHJA International Hunter Derby, **USHJA Pony Hunter Derby** and/or USHJA National Hunter Derby prize money can be used towards calculating the \$24,000 of prize money, including add-back money if any, which must be paid for a Premier rated competition. If an add-back is offered, the minimum required prize money for that section must be guaranteed, and the add-backs must be clearly indicated in the prize list. Exception: If sections are canceled or entries are insufficient to award all prize money, then additional money not awarded must be pooled and redistributed 60% to the champions, and 40% to the reserve champions of the remaining "A" rated hunter sections.

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HU188 USHJA National Hunter Derby

USHJA National Hunter Derby may be offered at USEF Licensed Premier, National, Regional I or Regional II Competitions and at Competitions approved for a Special Competition Status.

1. Competing in the USHJA National Hunter Derby does not qualify a horse or rider for the USHJA International Hunter Derby Finals.

2. USHJA National Hunter Derby are open to all horses and ponies; however, distances will not be adjusted for ponies.

3. The same pony may not compete in the USHJA Pony Hunter Derby and the USHJA National Hunter Derby at the same competition.

3. 4. All USHJA National Hunter Derby classes must meet the requirements set forth by USHJA. Information on class procedures, class requirements, judging system and course requirements is available from the Programs Department in the USHJA office.

4. 5. Competition management will collect and remit to USHJA the per horse entrant fee within 14 days of the competition. This fee must be included in the 10% entry fee maximum. The per horse entrant fee is \$25 at Premier, National and Special Competitions and is \$15 at Regional I and Regional II Competitions.?

~~5. 6. Zone bonus points will be awarded to each horse's respective hunter section as declared at time of entry. A horse may be declared in only one of the following sections at the competition: Pre-Green, Performance Hunter 3'3", Children's, Pony, Small Hunter, Junior Hunter 3'3", Adult Amateur or Amateur Owner 3'3". Only Juniors or Amateurs may declare for the applicable Children's, Pony, Adult Amateur or Amateur Owner 3'3" section. National bonus points will not be awarded. At Premier or National rated competitions zone bonus points will be awarded as follows, 1st - 75, 2nd - 60, 3rd - 54, 4th - 45, 5th - 38, 6th - 30, 7th - 23 and 8th - 15, 9th - 10, 10th - 7, 11th - 5, 12th - 3. At Regional I or Regional II rated competitions, Zone bonus points will be awarded as follows: 1st - 50, 2nd - 40, 3rd - 35, 4th - 30, 5th - 25, 6th - 20, 7th - 15, 8th - 10, 9th - 7, 10th - 5, 11th - 3, 12th - 2. **Zone bonus points will be awarded as per a specifications which are found on the USHJA website.**~~

6. 7. Prize Money must be distributed in accordance with the official USHJA Class Specifications at www.ushja.org.

7. 8. Riders, owners and trainers must be current active members of USEF and USHJA to participate in this class. (See GR202). Horses and ponies must be registered with the USHJA to participate in this class. Exception: Foreign residents and horses and ponies in good standing with their National Federation are eligible to compete in this class.

a. Money won in a USHJA National Hunter Derby will only count for any USHJA National Hunter Derby program standings or awards if the rider, owner and trainer are current Active member of the Federation and USHJA and the horse is registered with USHJA.

b. USHJA Zone Horse of the Year bonus points will only be awarded for placing in a USHJA National Hunter Derby if the owner is a current Active member of the Federation and USHJA and the horse is recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA. For additional information and Zone residency requirements see GR1110 and GR1111.

8. 9. No more than one National Hunter Derby may be held during a given competition.

9. 10. The same horse may not compete in the USHJA National Hunter Derby and International Hunter Derby at the same competition.

10. 11. Each class must have a minimum of two judges. All judges will sit together and provide one score.

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INTENT

To provide a stepping stone between the National Hunter Derby and International Hunter Derby. Geared toward younger or greener horses whose riders and owners find themselves without a place to gain IHD experience as the difficulty level of IHD classes increases along with participation. To provide an accessible class that encourages participation in the IHD program from a broader group of horses, riders, owners and trainers, as well as attracting and encouraging the continued development of an upcoming group of Derby horses that can eventually graduate to the bigger IHD classes and grow the hunter division and hunter/jumper industry as a whole.

To bring participation in a USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake into line with the existing rule regarding Pre-Green reinstatement eligibility.
 To include the USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake as a Derby option in the existing hunter classics rule.
 To include the USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake as Derby money in the \$5,000/\$2,000 maximum applied toward a competition rating.

PROPOSED CHANGE

HU 192 USHJA INTERNATIONAL HUNTER DERBY WELCOME STAKE [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-13 USHJA INTERNATIONAL HUNTER DERBY, USHJA NATIONAL HUNTER DERBY AND USHJA PRE-GREEN CHALLENGE]

~~SUBCHAPTER HU-13 USHJA INTERNATIONAL HUNTER DERBY, USHJA NATIONAL HUNTER DERBY AND USHJA PRE-GREEN CHALLENGE~~
CHAMPIONSHIPS AND SPECIAL CLASSES

HU 192 International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake

1. A USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake may only be offered at Federation licensed competitions that have been approved for a Special Competition classification and have also been approved to host a USHJA International Hunter Derby.

2. Classes included in the member event series to be determined annually by USHJA.

3. USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake must be offered and run in accordance with official class specifications located at www.ushja.org, including but not limited to:

- a) Remitting the per horse entrant fee**
- b) Distribution of prize money**

4. Riders, owners, and trainers must be current Active members of the Federation and USHJA to participate in this class. Horses must be recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA to participate in this class. Exception: Foreign residents and horses in good standing with their National Federation are eligible to compete in this class.

a) Money won in a USHJA IHD Welcome Stake will only count for any USHJA International Hunter Derby program standings or awards if the rider, owner and trainer are current Active members of the Federation and USHJA, and the horse is recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA.

b) National HOTY bonus points and money won will only be awarded for placing in a USHJA IHD Welcome Stake if the owner is a current Active member of the Federation and USHJA and the horse is recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA.

5. National HOTY bonus points and money won will be awarded for a USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake as determined by USHJA.

SUBCHAPTER HU-1 DEFINITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY

HU103 Hunter Eligibility, Pre-Green and Green Status for Horses and Ponies

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9. Pre-Green Horse Status.

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e. Pre-Green Reinstatement. A Pre-Green reinstatement may be granted one time. A horse is not eligible for a Pre-Green reinstatement if it has competed over fences set at 3'7" in height or higher in Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America. Horses that have competed in a USHJA International Hunter Derby **and/or a USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake** are not eligible for reinstatement of Pre-Green status.

SUBCHAPTER HU-6 CLASS SPECIFICATIONS

HU143 Hunter Classics

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15. A horse may not compete in more than one classic per section but may compete in an open classic, a USHJA National Hunter Derby, a **USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake** or a USHJA International Hunter Derby at the same competition. A horse is limited to competing in a maximum of two classics or derbies or combination of classics and derbies per competition. **The USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake is considered a "Derby" for the purposes of this rule.** (Exception: Leagues approved by the Federation in accordance with GR915.3b).

SUBCHAPTER HU-8 CONDUCT

HU158 Scheduling

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c. Premier rated competitions must be held and judged over a minimum of five (5) days on the same competition grounds. A minimum of five "A" rated Hunter sections must be offered and a minimum of two performance classes from two different "A" rated Hunter sections must be scheduled and judged on four of the five days. "A" rated Hunter sections must be held on two or more days. (Exception: High Performance Working Hunter, Performance Hunter 3'6" and Performance Hunter 3'3"). A minimum of \$24,000 in prize money, including addback money if any, must be paid in the rated Hunter sections of a Premier competition. A maximum of \$5,000 of Hunter Classic, USHJA International Hunter Derby, **USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake** and/or USHJA National Hunter Derby prize money can be used towards calculating the \$24,000 of prize money, including add-back money if any, which must be paid for a Premier rated competition. If an add-back is offered, the minimum required prize money for that section must be guaranteed, and the add-backs must be clearly indicated in the prize list. Exception: If sections are canceled or entries are insufficient to award all prize money, then additional money not awarded must be pooled and redistributed 60% to the champions, and 40% to the reserve champions of the remaining "A" rated hunter sections.

Standard

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INTENT

Horse identification is important to both consumer confidence and the future of our sport. This rule provides a structured roll out for implementation of horse identification through initial registration and recordings, transfers and name changes. It also requires verifiable identification for animals that compete in age or breed restricted sections. Owners of animals that are already entered into the system would not be required to identify their animal unless a name change or transfer are requested. Owners may request identification on a voluntary basis. The rule also offers two different forms of identification through the use of either Iris Scan or implanted microchip.

PROPOSED CHANGE

JP 100 ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER JP-1 GENERAL]

JP 100 Eligibility to Compete

1. In order to compete in any Jumper classes at licensed competitions as an exhibitor, rider, trainer, or his/her agent(s), a person must be an Active member of the United States Hunter Jumper Association, Inc., or pay a Show Pass fee to the United States Hunter Jumper Association, Inc. Exception: Local Competitions, competitions restricted to a particular breed, and exceptions listed in GR901.9.

2. USHJA Horse Registrations

a. All horses competing in Federation ~~licensed and/or USHJA sanctioned non-breed restricted licensed~~ competitions with ~~Hunter, Hunter Breeding, Jumper and Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes not restricted by breed (except those activities enumerated in GR901.9, items 1-9)~~ must be properly identified ~~in accordance with GR1101, and must obtain a Registration Number from~~ **also be registered with USHJA (see GR1101.1)**. ~~A The USEF/USHJA registration number for each horse must be entered on all entry forms for licensed competitions. Only one Registration Number will be issued per horse, and must remain with the horse throughout its career. Anyone knowingly applying for a duplicate Registration Number for an individual horse may be subject to disciplinary action. The Federation and/or USHJA as applicable must be notified of any change of ownership and/or competition name of the horse. Owners are requested to notify the Federation and/or USHJA as applicable of corrections to previously submitted information, e.g., names, addresses, breed registration, pedigree, or markings.~~

b. Applications for ~~USHJA Registration Numbers~~ can be completed online at www.ushja.org or www.usef.org using the ~~USEF~~ **USEF** Horse Registration application form. ~~The Horse application This form is also available from the USHJA or Federation office, or it can be as a downloaded from the USHJA or Federation website or from competition management. Competition management is responsible for notifying exhibitors of this requirement in their prize list.~~

3.1 In addition to the provisions of JP 100.2, on or after December 1, 2017, all horses competing in classes that require USHJA horse registration must provide a microchip number that verifies their animal's identity in order to compete for points, money won or be eligible for Federation and/or USHJA programs and awards where horses are required to be recorded or registered.

3.2 A microchip used to verify identity must be a fifteen digit ISO compliant 11784/11785 chip and be implanted in the nuchal ligament of the animal.

3.3 For classes that require age verification, age can be verified only through the following identification documents:

- a. **registration papers or passport issued by a world breed federation sport horse (WBFSH) recognized registry.**
- b. **registration papers or Certificate of Pedigree from a breed or sport horse registry.**

3.4 This rule will have a transition period from December 1, 2017 to November 30, 2018. During this period, animals that are not in compliance with this rule will not receive points or be eligible for Federation and/or USHJA programs and awards. After this period, all horses that are competing in classes which require USHJA registration which are not microchipped will be ineligible to compete in Federation licensed competitions.

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RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

PROPONENT

Jumper

INTENT

This proposal removes the cross entry restriction because we want riders to be jumping higher not only in other classes but in pony jumper classes as well. Also, point .e conflicts with JP 121.1.c

PROPOSED CHANGE

JP118 Sections/Classes Restricted to Children, Adult Amateur Riders, or Ponies [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER JP-3 SECTION SPECIFICATIONS]

4. Pony Jumper: A pony, 14.2 hands and under in height, that is ridden by an individual who has not reached his/her 18th birthday. Stallions are prohibited in Pony Jumpers

a. Riders. Pony Jumpers may not be ridden by an adult in any section at the same competition.

b. Measurement. A measurement card is required as per Chapter HU, Subchapter HU-10.

c. Style Award. A Rider Style Award is recommended at any competition offering three or more classes. The Style Award is to be decided by the Pony Jumper Judge(s) based on the following criteria: To be presented to the Pony Jumper Rider who exhibits the best classical jumper style of riding throughout the Pony Jumper classes. This award will not necessarily be given to the rider accumulating the most points in the Pony Jumper division.

~~d. Cross Entries. Riders competing in any Pony Jumper section cannot compete in any other sections at the same competition in which they are required to jump fences higher than 1.10 m (3'7") (Exception: Children's Jumpers).~~

e. Course Requirements. ~~All entrants will compete over same heights, spreads and distances.~~ Only the initial element of combinations may be a spread.

f. Level of Difficulty. 1.05 (3'5") or above as specified in Prize List. Local Competitions- no minimum height or spread, but fence dimensions must be stated in the Prize List. (Note: see USEF web site, www.usef.org, for U.S. Pony Jumper Championships Selections Procedures).

g. In Pony Jumper sections, to avoid over-emphasis on speed jump-offs, it is recommended that management write sections with initial class(es) scored under Table IV (Optimum Time) or as "clear round" events (all entrants without jumping or time faults remain equal); Final class(es) only to have a jump-off against the clock to determine show championship.

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RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

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PROPONENT

USHJA

INTENT

To mandate that the course plan for any \$25,000 or higher prize money jumper class is signed and submitted to the Senior Steward no later than the end of competition on the same day the class is held.

PROPOSED CHANGE

JP121 Fence Dimensions [CHAPTER JP-4 LEVELS OF DIFFICULTY]

JP121 Fence Dimensions

7. Certifying the Level of Difficulty. Classes of \$25,000 or more must be certified by the following: A course plan showing the actual heights and spreads of all the fences, signed by the Course Designer and the Senior Judge, must be given to the Senior Steward **no later than the conclusion of competition on the same day the class is held** to include with his report to the Federation. If the class is held at a different standard than that listed in the prize list, the Steward must certify in his report that the requisite rules and procedures of JP121.6 were correctly followed.

JP 149.9 Tracking #371-15 Draft #2 Approved

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

12/1/2016

PROPONENT

USHJA

INTENT

To mandate that the Official Competition Steward perform the required horse check-in process 24 hours prior to the start of any \$25,000 or higher prize money jumper class.

PROPOSED CHANGE

JP149 Classes Offering \$25,000 or more in prize money [CHAPTER JP-7 JUMPING FAULTS AND SCORING TABLES]

JP149 Classes Offering \$25,000 or more in prize money

9. Schooling.

a. All horses competing must be **presented for check-in to the Competition Steward or their designee and must be present** on the grounds for the twenty-four hour period prior to the scheduled start of the class.