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WHEN A SUBJECT IS NOT ADDRESSED IN THESE RULES, IT MUST BE ADDRESSED BY THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE AND THAT COMMITTEE'S INTERPRETATION WILL STAND AS THE RULE UNTIL THE NEXT YEAR WHEN AN APPROPRIATE RULE CHANGE WILL BE SUBMITTED.

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HU100 Eligibility to Compete – Rider or Handler

In order to compete in any Hunter, Hunter Breeding, Pony Hunter Breeding, Junior Hunter, or Pony Hunter 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, classes restricted to breeds with Federation Recognized National Affiliate status, and exceptions listed in GR901.9.

HU101 Eligibility to Compete – Horse & Pony

1. USHJA Horse Registrations.

- a. All horses competing in Federation **licensed and/or USHJA sanctioned** competitions with **Hunter, Hunter Breeding, Jumper and Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation** classes **not restricted by breed** must be properly identified **in accordance with GR1101**, and must **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.
- b. Applications for **USHJA** Registration can be completed online at www.ushja.org or www.usef.org using the **USEF** Horse Registration application form. **This** form is also available from the USHJA or Federation office, **as a** download 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 HU110.11.)

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 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.

4. 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.

5. Pony Hunter Breeding classes are open to ponies.

6. Stallions are prohibited from all Pony Hunter classes except breeding classes.
7. Stallions are prohibited from all Junior and Children's' Hunter classes.
8. 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 HU110. 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. *BOD 1/16/16 Effective 12/1/16, BOD 11/7/16 Effective 12/1/16*)

HU102 Horse Welfare

1. The following acts are prohibited:
 - a. Riding an exhausted horse.
 - b. Excessive pressuring of a tired horse.
 - c. Riding or lungeing an obviously lame horse.
 - d. Excessive use of a whip on any horse in a stall, aisle, schooling area, competition ring or elsewhere on the competition grounds. The use of a whip must be for a good reason, done at the appropriate time, in the proper place and with appropriate restraint. Excessive whipping will not be tolerated.
 - e. Any striking of the horse's head (on the poll or forward of the poll shall be deemed excessive).
 - f. Repeated jerking on the reins and sawing on the bit unless applied to an unruly horse that is jeopardizing his own safety or the safety of his rider.
 - g. Improper use of the bit resulting in bleeding, broken skin or broken mucous membrane.
 - h. Excessive use of the spurs or spurring resulting in broken and bleeding skin.
 - i. Rapping the legs of a horse with the butt end of a riding crop or other implement.
 - j. Use of any substance to induce temporary heat causing hyper-sensitization.
 - k. Poling.
 - l. Use of a wire or chain in conjunction with any schooling jumps.
 - m. Use of electronic shock devices in schooling or showing.
 - n. Use of shackles, hock hobbles and similar devices, with the exception of kicking chains while the horse is in the stall or in transport. This does not prohibit the use of rubber or plastic exercising devices.
 - o. Showing a horse with hypersensitive, raw or bleeding sores around the cornets, pasterns, legs or body.
 - p. Use of laser beam devices anywhere on the competition grounds, except in an exhibition or if required in class specifications. (Exception: Lasers used in a therapeutic manner).
 - q. Withholding of feed or water for prolonged periods.
 - r. Letting blood from a horse for other than diagnostic purposes.
 - s. Inhumane treatment of a horse in a stall, aisle, schooling area, competition ring or elsewhere on the competition grounds, by any person.
2. Regular and local competitions. Competitors found to be in violation of these rules by the Competition Steward or other Federation Official shall be eliminated/disqualified from competing within the upcoming 24-hour period and shall forfeit all entry fees for such competition. In addition after consultation between Competition Management, the Steward, or other official involved, and a Senior Judge in the division, additional penalties including disqualification from the balance of the competition may be imposed. All such violations must be recorded in the Steward's Report and, if cruelty or abusive behavior is evident, it will be reviewed by the Federation for such action as may be deemed appropriate to the particular circumstances.

HU103 Hunter Eligibility and Green **Eligibility** Status for Horses

1. In all cases, the hunter eligibility and green status of the horse **is** the responsibility of the owner.
2. Hunter eligibility for a horse begins when a horse of any age, competes for the first time in any over fences class

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with jumps at three feet (3'0") in height or higher in **any** 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:

3'0" .90 meter

3'3" 1.0 meter

3'6" 1.10 meter

3'9" 1.20 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 Hunters 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" - 3'5", it remains eligible for Green Hunter 3'0" and 3'3" for two competition years (not necessarily consecutive).
 - a. 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.
 - b. A horse may compete in any other hunter or equitation class with fence heights a maximum of 3'6" if otherwise eligible at a maximum of four (4) competitions in one competition year prior to August 1 and remain eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'3". The following competition year in which a 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 is considered the horse's Green Hunter 3'6" year regardless of the number of times it competes.
 - c. A horse that competes over fences 3'6" or higher in any Hunter or Equitation class after August 1st is no longer eligible for the 3'3" section and 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.
 - d. Once a horse competes in hunter or equitation classes at a Federation or Equine Canada licensed competition in North America with fences 3'6" or higher at five (5) or more competitions in one year, it is no longer eligible for the Green Hunter 3'3" section. At this time the horse 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.
- e. For jumper restrictions see HU103.12
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. A horse that has completed his Green Hunter 3'9" year is no longer eligible for any Green Hunter section.
10. 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" (or 1.0m 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" (or 1.10m 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" (or 1.20m when class specifications list fence height in metric).
11. 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.
12. If a competition starts prior to or on November 30th Green status at the start of the competition is maintained throughout the competition. *BOD 11/7/16 Effective 12/1/16 BOD 1/14/17 Effective 2/1/17*

HU104 Young Hunter Eligibility and Status for Horses

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 hunter eligibility system. (see HU104.6-9)
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 for awards in the Young Hunter sections. Age can be verified using only the following documents:
 - a. Registration papers or Certificate of Pedigree from a breed or sport horse registry.
 - b. Passport issued by a World Breed Federation Sport Horse (WBFHS) recognized registry.
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" - 3'5", 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
3'9"	1.20 meter
 - b. 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.
 - c. A horse may compete in any other hunter or equitation class with fence heights of a maximum of 3'6" at a maximum of four (4) competitions in one competition year prior to August 1 and remain eligible to compete in the Young Hunter 3'3". The following competition year in which a 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 is considered the horse's Young Hunter 3'6" year regardless of the number of times it competes.
 - d. A horse that competes over fences 3'6" or higher in any Hunter or Equitation class after August 1st is no longer eligible for the 3'3" section and 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.
 - e. Once a horse competes in hunter or equitation classes at a Federation or Equine Canada licensed competition in North America with fences 3'6" or higher at five (5) or more competitions in one year, it is no longer eligible for

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the Young Hunter 3'3" section. At this time the horse 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.

- f. For jumper restrictions see HU104.11
7. 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.
8. A horse that has completed his Young Hunter 3'6" year is no longer eligible for any Young Hunter section.
9. 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" (or 1.0m 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" (or 1.10m when class specifications list fence height in metric).
10. 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.
11. If a competition starts prior to or on November 30th, Young Hunter status at the start of the competition is maintained throughout the competition. *BOD 11/7/16 Effective 12/1/16 BOD 1/14/17 Effective 2/1/17*

HU 105 Hunter Eligibility and Green Status for Ponies

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:

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. 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. *BOD 1/16/16 Effective 12/1/16*
 - e. The horse or pony is actively recorded with the Federation at the time of the request. If the horse or pony is not actively recorded at the time of request, it must be recorded/renewed at that time. If the horse or pony is not recorded/renewed at the time of application, the reinstatement request will automatically be denied.

HU106 High Performance, Performance and Small Hunter – Definition and Classifications

1. A High Performance or Performance 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 HU148.
 - b. Number of classes and prize money must be offered in accordance with GR312.6.
 - c. Individual classes may be entered. (Exception: Under Saddle classes. See HU140.2)
 - d. In a section with three (3) classes, the under saddle will count half points towards champion and reserve.
 - e. The High Performance section must offer the greatest amount of prize money of all hunter sections at the competition. (Exception: When the High Performance Hunter section is combined with the Performance Hunter or

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the Green Hunter, see HU112) BOD 11/7/16 Effective 12/1/16

3. Performance Hunter 3'6"
 - a. Championships must be offered in accordance with HU148.
 - b. Number of classes and prize money must be offered in accordance with GR312.6.
 - c. Individual classes may be entered. (Exception: Under Saddle classes. See HU140.2)
 - d. In a section with three (3) classes, the under saddle will count half points towards champion and reserve.
4. Performance Hunter 3'3"
 - a. Championship and Reserve must be offered in accordance with HU148.
 - b. Number of classes and prize money must be offered in accordance with GR312.6.
 - c. Individual classes may be entered. (Exception: Under Saddle classes. See HU140.2)
 - d. In a section with three (3) classes, the under saddle will count half points towards champion and reserve.
5. Small Hunter
 - a. Fences set at 3'.
 - b. Championships must be offered in accordance with HU148.
 - c. This section will be C rated for Horse Of The Year Awards as per GR312.6.
 - d. Individual classes may be entered.
 - e. A small hunter is a horse over 14.2 hands and not to exceed 15 hands 2 1/2 inches.
 - b. A measurement card is required for all horses entered as per HU171.
6. Thoroughbred Hunter
 - a. Thoroughbred restricted classes are open only to horses that are registered with USHJA and are in possession of Breed Registry papers. Horses must have been either registered with The Jockey Club or meet one of the criteria below. All horse shows must require riders to verify registration on the day of the horse show 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.
 - b. Fences set at 3'0" spreads not to exceed height of fence. Cross entry into other sections is allowed unless otherwise stated in the prize list.
 - c. Championships must be offered in accordance with HU148.
 - d. This section will be C rated for Zone Horse of the Year Awards as per GR312.6.

HU107 Amateur Owner Hunter

1. To be ridden by Amateur Owners or an amateur member of the owner's family. In either case classes are restricted to riders who are no longer eligible to compete as junior exhibitors. Leased horses are not eligible and multiple ownership is not permitted unless all owners are members of the same family.
2. An amateur who competes for a person outside of his/her family may not compete in a class restricted to Amateur Owners at the same competition. Exceptions:
 - a. Equitation classes,
 - b. Under Saddle classes,
 - c. and a maximum of one (1) horse not owned by the rider, or his/her family, in jumper sections and a maximum of one (1) horse not owned by the rider or his/her family in hunter sections, in classes not restricted to amateur owners. (For Amateur rules please see GR1306)
3. If an Under Saddle class is divided by age and a rider has two or more horses entered, provided at least one horse is ridden by the Amateur Owner or an amateur member of the owner's family, the additional horse(s) entered may

be ridden by another amateur regardless of rider's age.

HU108 Adult Amateur

1. Competitions must offer Adult Amateur Hunter sections in accordance with the specifications of the 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.
 - 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 the Adult Amateur Hunter sections may not compete in the Amateur Owner Hunter section at the same competition. Riders entered in the 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).
 - e. Horses may be entered in Junior Hunter sections at the same competition if ridden by a member of the same family.
 - 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 the 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. *BOD 1/16/16 Effective 12/1/16*

HU109 Non-rated Classes

1. The following classes have no point value for Championships or for Horse of the Year Awards. Judging percentages are left to the discretion of competition management. (Exception: Hunter Hack for Ladies Side Saddle.)
 - a. MAIDEN, NOVICE, LIMIT HUNTERS. Open to horses which have not won a blue ribbon, three blue ribbons, six blue ribbons in hunter over fences classes at Regular Competitions.
 - b. HUNTER HACK. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. At least eight horses, if available, are required to jump two obstacles and gallop one way of the ring. Horses are not to gallop in Green Hunter classes.
 - c. BRIDLE PATH HACK (Hunter type). To be shown at a walk, trot and canter and hand gallop. To back easily and stand quietly. Emphasis is placed on actual suitability to purpose.
 - d. THREE-YEAR-OLD HUNTER. Section must include two or three Over Fences classes and one Under Saddle class with a Championship and Reserve Championship awarded. If possible, this section should be held immediately after the Three-Year-Old Hunter Breeding class. Courses are to be simple. One Over Fences class must be judged on at least 25% conformation.
 - e. Walk-Trot.
 1. Classes that the exhibitor is asked to walk and trot only. These classes are exempted from non-member fees per GR901.9(5).
 2. The horse must give the appearance of being a safe and suitable mount for the class. The safety of all

exhibitors is of primary concern in walk-trot hunter, walk-trot pleasure and walk-trot equitation classes.

HU110 Pony Hunter

1. No junior over 12 years of age may ride in a Regular Small Pony Hunter Section.
2. No junior over 14 years of age may ride in a Regular Medium Pony Hunter Section.
3. Riders under the age of 18 years may ride in any Green Hunter Pony section. The rider age restrictions for the Regular Hunter Pony sections do not apply to the Green Hunter Pony section.
4. Riders under 18 years of age may ride for other exhibitors who have more than one entry in the Under Saddle class and/or exhibit the pony in the model class.
5. Ponies must be handled by junior exhibitors in all phases of a class, except in breeding classes in-hand.
6. 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 HU110.
7. No animal may be shown in a performance class in this division unless the owner possesses a current measurement card or valid measurement form issued by the Federation (see HU168).
 - a. Small ponies are not to exceed 12.2 hands;
 - b. Medium ponies are over 12.2 and do not exceed 13.2 hands;
 - c. Large ponies are over 13.2 and do not exceed 14.2 hands.
8. Regular classes are open to all ponies not exceeding 14.2 hands. Qualifications must follow as nearly as possible those outlined for Hunters.
9. No rider may show more than three ponies in any green pony hunter height section. In the regular pony hunter sections, a rider may ride three ponies in one height section and a maximum of two ponies in each remaining height section at Premier rated competitions. At National, Regional I or Regional II rated competitions, a rider may ride a maximum of 3 ponies in each height section.
10. Junior riders showing ponies cannot compete in any class where fences may be set higher than 3'6" at the same competition (Exception Children's Jumpers, USHJA International Hunter Derby, Junior Hunter Classics, Pony Jumpers and WIHS Equitation Jumper Phase.) Additionally, junior riders competing Green Ponies but not Regular Ponies are exempt from this fence height restriction.
11. Ponies shown by adults at a Licensed Competition cannot compete in any rated Pony Hunter sections at the same competition with a junior rider. (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 the open Pony Hunter section).

HU111 Junior & Children's Hunters

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 HU171 are required for all entries.
3. If the Junior Hunter sections are divided by **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 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 HU118. Management may determine a cutoff

time for entering before redividing any section(s).

5. If the Junior Hunter section is split by **height of animal**, the horse may be shown over fences by different riders as long as they are from the same age group. *BOD 1/16/16 Effective 12/1/16*
6. If an under saddle class is divided by age and a rider has two or more horses entered, all riders must be juniors but need not be eligible by age.
7. Horses cannot be entered in more than one age section of the same class.
8. At Premier, National, Regional I or Regional II rated competitions if there are fewer than three (3) entries in the Amateur Owner 3'3", the Amateur Owner 3'6", the Junior Hunter 3'3" or the Junior Hunter 3'6" sections, competition management **may** choose to combine the sections. The competition management may choose to combine the sections as necessary, based on the sections with the lightest entries. If sections are combined, the horses must jump the respective height of the original section entered. In addition, while the sections can be combined if entries warrant, in order for Horse of the Year points to count they must be offered separately in the prize list.
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.
10. In "A" rated Junior Hunter sections divided by age of rider only, no exhibitor may ride more than **two (2) large and two (2) small Junior Hunters** in any section. *BOD 1/16/16 Effective 12/1/16*
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.
14. Junior Hunter 3'3". Open to junior riders. Riders may not cross enter into any class at 3'6" or higher in the hunter division, higher than 3'9" in the equitation division or higher than 1.20m in the jumper division at the same competition. Horses entered in the Junior Hunter 3'3" section may not cross enter into the Children's Hunter section at the same competition. Horses entered in Junior Hunter 3'3" sections may not cross enter into Junior Hunter 3'6" sections at the same competition. When the Junior Hunter 3'3" is offered as one section, no exhibitor may ride more than three (3) horses in the section.

15. Children's Hunter

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.**
- 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.
- 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).
- 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

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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.

- f. Cross entry into other sections is allowed unless otherwise stated in prize list. *BOD 1/16/16 Effective 12/1/16*

SUBCHAPTER HU-2 DIVISION OF SECTIONS OR CLASSES

HU112 General

1. 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 HU112.3.
2. No section may be divided if there are less than 30 entries. Exception: Green Hunter and Young Hunter, Amateur Owner, Children's and Adult Amateur Hunter sections refer to HU118 and sections governed by USHJA Zone Specifications.
3. 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.
4. In Performance Hunter, High Performance Hunter and any other sections where individual classes may be entered, the sections can be divided after thirty (30) horses have competed in the first over fences class. Subsequent classes may be divided once twelve (12) horses have competed in each class. For Championships, see HU145.
 - 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 may be combined with either the Performance Hunter 3'6" section or with the Green Hunter 3'9" section (or with Green Hunter 3'6"/3'9" if offered combined).
 - c. When the High Performance Hunter section is combined with the Performance Hunter 3'6" section the following applies:
 1. When combining High Performance Hunter with Performance Hunters 3'6", the combined sections must offer the same number of classes offered by the Performance Hunter section(s) with which it is combined.
 2. 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. *BOD 1/16/16 Effective 12/1/16*
 - d. When the High Performance Hunter section is combined with the Green Hunter section the following applies:
 1. If, after combining, there are still fewer than three entries in the combined section, it must be further combined with the Green Hunter 3'6" section
 2. If combined Green Hunter sections have fewer than three entries, they must be combined with High Performance Working Hunter.
 3. A horse that is eligible for more than one section must be declared and compete in only one. Horses will jump the respective height for the entered section.
 4. 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.
 5. When combining a section of High Performance Hunter with either a section of Green Hunter 3'6", Green Hunter 3'9", or both, the combined sections must offer the same number of classes offered by

the Green 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.

6. The High Performance Hunter section may be combined with a combined Green Hunter 3'6"/3'9" section but may not be combined with any Green Hunter 3'3" or 3'0 sections.
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). *BOD 1/16/16 Effective 12/1/16*
6. Definition of Floating Split: A Floating Split allows management to adjust sections offered split by age in the prize list either up or down in one year increments until the minimum number of entries required for each new section has been reached. As long as the minimum requirements for splitting sections are met, management may split the sections using the age split they deem most appropriate for their competition. Rider age must be given on the entry blank.
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 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. *Competition Management may choose to split classes using the California Split after the class has started. BOD 11/7/16 Effective 12/1/16*

Example:

Horse's Placing	Prize 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
16th	8th

- a. 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.
- b. 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).
- c. *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:*

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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. *BOD 1/16/16 Effective 12/1/16*

HU113 Green Hunter Sections

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 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). (Exception; The High Performance Hunter section may be combined with the Green Hunter 3'6" and 3'9" sections, see HU112.4) *BOD 1/16/16 Effective 12/1/16 BOD 11/7/16 Effective 12/1/16*

8. "A" rated Green Hunter 3'6" and 3'9" sections must offer an over fence class as a handy hunter. A handy hunter class may be offered in any Green Hunter 3'0" and 3'3" sections but is not required.

9. If "A" rated Green Hunter 3'0" and/or 3'3" sections are combined with "A" rated Green Hunter 3'6" and/or Green Hunter 3'9" sections a handy hunter class is not required. The combined sections must meet class number requirements for "A" rated Green Hunter 3'6" and Green Hunter 3'9" and use the lower amount for both prize money and entry fees. *BOD 11/7/16 Effective 12/1/16*

HU114 Young Hunter Sections

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. *BOD 1/16/16 Effective 12/1/16*
8. A handy hunter class may be offered in the Young Hunter 3'0", 3'3", and 3'9" sections but is not required. *BOD 11/7/16 Effective 12/1/16*

HU115 Conformation Hunter Sections

1. At Premier competitions, the Conformation sections must be offered separately. At National, Regional I and Regional II competitions, the Conformation sections may be offered as combined. When offered as two sections, if there are fewer than four (4) horses in either Conformation section they must be combined. If there are four (4) or more horses in each Conformation section they must be held separately.
2. In a combined section, if a horse is eligible for more than one section; the exhibitor must declare to the Competition Secretary which height section the points are to count toward.
3. No horse may compete in more than one height section of a combined division.
4. **When combining Green Conformation Hunter with High Performance Conformation Hunter, if different amounts of prize money or entry fees were offered in the original sections, the combined section will use the lower amount for**

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- both prize money and entry fees. No credit will be given in combined sections unless three entries have competed.
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.
 7. All Conformation sections are to be judged 70% on performance, 30% on conformation.
 8. Model classes to count 1/2 points. *BOD 1/16/16 Effective 12/1/16*

HU116 Amateur Owner Sections

1. Amateur Owner 3'6"

- a. When a section is divided, one section must be offered for amateurs 18-35 and one section for amateurs over 35 years of age. If there are six or more entries in each divided section, the divided sections must be held separately. If there are fewer than six entries in either divided section, they must be combined. If there are a minimum of 12 entries once the sections are combined, the newly combined section must be re-divided using either a Floating or California Split. (See HU112 for definition of a Floating and California Split.) Management may determine a cutoff time for entering before redividing any section(s). When using a floating split the age groups must be posted at the competition office. Rider age must be given on the entry blank. When divided as to age of rider no horse may compete in more than one section. These sections may be further divided by age of rider or by every other number.
- b. Sections of Amateur Owner Hunter 3'6" held at National or Premier rated competitions must offer at least two (2) divided sections and may be divided as stipulated in Section 1(a) above.
- c. At Premier, National, Regional I or Regional II rated competitions if there are fewer than three (3) entries in the Amateur Owner 3'3", the Amateur Owner 3'6", the Junior Hunter 3'3" or the Junior Hunter 3'6" sections, competition management may choose to combine the sections. The competition management may choose to combine the sections as necessary, based on the sections with the lightest entries. If sections are combined, the horses must jump the respective height of the original section entered. In addition while the sections can be combined if entries warrant, in order for Horse of the Year points to count they must be offered separately in the prize list.

2. Amateur Owner 3'3"

- a. When a section is divided, one section must be offered for amateurs 18-35 and one section for amateurs over 35 years of age. If there are six or more entries in each divided section, the divided sections must be held separately. If there are fewer than six entries in either divided section, they must be combined. If there are a minimum of 12 entries once the sections are combined, the newly combined section must be re-divided using either a Floating or California Split. (See HU112 for definition of a Floating and California Split.) When using a floating split the age groups must be posted at the competition office. Rider age must be given on entry blank. When divided as to age of rider no horse may compete in more than one section. These sections may be further divided by age of rider or by every other number.
- b. Sections of Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3" held at National or Premier rated competitions must offer at least two divided sections and may be divided as stipulated in Section 2(a) above.
- c. At Premier, National, Regional I or Regional II rated competitions if there are fewer than three (3) entries in the Amateur Owner 3'3", the Amateur Owner 3'6", the Junior Hunter 3'3" or the Junior Hunter 3'6" sections, these sections may be combined. The competition management may choose to combine the classes as necessary, based on the sections with the lightest entries. If sections are combined, the horses must jump the respective height of the original section entered. In addition while the sections can be combined if entries warrant, in order for Horse of the Year points to count they must be offered separately in the prize list.
- d. Riders may cross enter between the Adult Amateur (if Zone Specifications permit), Amateur Owner 3'3" and/or the Amateur Owner 3'6" sections. Horses may not cross enter between the sections.
- e. To be ridden by Amateur Owners or an amateur member of the owner's family. In either case, classes are

restricted to riders who are no longer eligible to compete as junior exhibitors. Leased horses are not eligible and multiple ownership is not permitted unless all owners are members of the same family.

3. Adult Amateur Hunter

- a. Competitions must offer Adult Amateur Hunter sections in accordance with the specifications of each USHJA zone.
- b. Notice of the use of a floating split and the age groups must be posted at the competition office. When divided as to age of rider no horse may compete in more than one section. Age must be given on entry blank. These sections may be further divided by age of rider or by every other number. 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.

HU117 Pony Hunter Sections

1. Classes for Pony Hunters may be divided by height of pony as outlined in HU110.7.
2. If there are 50 or more entries in the division at the beginning of the first class, it must be divided by height of pony and prize money must be doubled.
 - a. If there are 50 entries remaining in a section after the section has been divided by height of pony, the section must be redivided by every other number and the prize money must be doubled.
 - b. Once a section has been redivided it may not be divided further.
 - c. If a pony under saddle class has over 30 entries, the class must be split and held in at least two sections with one set of awards.
3. Required Sections.
 - a. At a National or Premier rated competition, the Regular Pony Hunter section must be offered as three height sections (small, medium, and large) and the prize money must be tripled.
 1. If there are four (4) or more entries in each height section of an "A" rated Regular Pony Hunter section, the height sections must be held separately.
 2. Height sections may be combined if there are three (3) or fewer entries in any height section. Combined height sections should be either small/medium or medium/large but if possible not small/large.
 - b. Competitions may offer the Green Pony Hunter Section as three separate sections (small, medium and large); however an "A" or "AA" or rated Green Pony Hunter Section must be offered as a minimum of two sections (small/medium and large).
 1. National and Premier rated competitions must split (small, medium and large) if there are four (4) or more entries in any height section.
 2. Green Pony Hunter Sections at National and Premier rated competitions may be combined if there are less than four (4) entries in any height section.
4. If there are a minimum of 10 small/medium ponies combined and 10 large ponies in any "B" or "C" rated Regular or Green height Section, the height section must be divided (small/medium and large); prize money need not be doubled. If there is a total of thirty (30) ponies, prize money must be doubled.

HU118 Junior (3'3" and 3'6") & Children's Hunter Sections

1. When divided, sections must be split using one of the following options (Children's Hunter sections must be split in

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accordance with applicable Zone Specifications):

- a. By age of rider (age must be given on entry blank);
 - b. By height of horse;
 - c. Floating Split (See HU112 for definition of Floating Split.);
 - d. California Split (See HU112 for definition of California Split.)
2. If there are 50 or more entries in the section at the beginning of the first class it must be divided by (a-d) above and the prize money must be doubled. A section with less than 30 entries cannot be divided.
 3. If there are 50 or more entries remaining in a section after it has been divided, the section must be redivided and the prize money must be doubled. Once a section has been redivided it may be divided further if management so desires.
 4. It is recommended that when competitions anticipate 50 horses or more this section be divided by (a) or (b) above when prize list is prepared.

HU119 Rated Section Requirements for Junior Hunters

1. "A" Rated 3'6" Junior Hunter Sections. At least two sections must be offered in the prize list. Four (4) or five (5) classes are required in each section with a minimum of \$500 prize money offered in each section. At Premier rated competitions, four 3'6" Junior Hunter sections must be offered in the prize list. (HU111.3).
2. 3'3" Junior Hunter Sections. Junior Hunter 3'3" may not be offered unless Junior Hunter 3'6" is also offered. 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.
3. Management may elect to offer four (4) classes in "A" rated sections. If four (4) classes are offered at a multiple day competition, no more than two (2) classes may be held on one day and no more than 50% of the prize money may be offered on one day.
4. "B" Rated Sections. Three (3) or four (4) classes are required in each section with a minimum of \$100 in each section.
5. "C" rated Sections. No prize money is required.
6. Except for Medal classes, Junior Hunter over fences classes and Equitation classes over fences may be combined and held concurrently if separate judges officiate. Flat classes cannot be combined.

SUBCHAPTER HU-3 COURSES

HU120 General

1. All obstacles, except those noted below, must be set at required height. The required height may have a variance of no more than 2" over or under. Exceptions:
 - a. Walk fences may not exceed 2' in height and spread.
 - b. Trot fences may not exceed 3' in height and spread for horses and 2' in height for ponies in classes restricted to ponies.
 - c. Brush obstacles, hedges, split-rail fences, simulated rock or stone walls, ditches, banks and other specialty jumps designed to simulate natural obstacles found in the hunt field.
 - d. The first fence of any hunter course.
2. Except in case of inclement weather, broken equipment or similar emergency a course must not be altered except by written permission of all exhibitors. If one or more original obstacles are rendered unusable during a class and no duplicate exists, management may substitute obstacles which approximate as nearly as possible the originals.
3. In classes where Federation course requirements have not been met and the violation has not been observed and corrected prior to the third competitor's performance, the class must be completed without altering the course and the results will stand for the purposes of the Championship.
 - a. With the exception of a course set at an improper height, competitors who have gone over the course with the

violation have the option of re-jumping the course.

- b. Classes conducted over improper courses are ineligible for Federation Horse of the Year Award points.
4. Horses must be shown over a minimum of eight obstacles the required height in all "A", "B" or "C" rated sections.
5. In all rated hunter sections, at least two different courses are required. At least one change of direction (change of lead) is required in every course. All "A" rated sections at National and Premier rated shows, except for Green Hunter Pony sections, must offer an over fence class as a handy hunter. This handy hunter class may not be the first class of a section nor can it be the designated first round of a classic when using one round of a section as the first round of a classic.
6. No course may have exhibitors trotting or cantering through the in-gate or out-gate; any exhibitor choosing to trot or canter through the in-gate or out-gate will be eliminated.
7. In over fences classes, riders shall not be required to hand gallop the first fence of a line consisting of a measured distance.
8. A track is established once a horse has landed from a fence or completes a required test and follows the horse until the consecutive fence is jumped or the next test is executed. Upon completion of each consecutive fence or performance of the next test, the track is erased. Crossing a track between obstacles and/or required tests shall constitute a disobedience and will be penalized by the judge(s). Exceptions:
 - a. A course diagram that requires a rider to cross his track.
 - b. Snake or multiple panel jumps that are jumped consecutively.

HU121 Course Diagrams

1. Course diagrams must be posted at least one half-hour before scheduled time of class unless they have been illustrated in the prize list. The plan or diagram of the course must show the obstacles which must be taken in the order indicated by numbers but apart from this the rider is not bound to follow a compulsory track. An arrow is used on the diagram to indicate the direction in which each obstacle is to be taken. When distances between related fences in all classes, rated or unrated, are 100' or less, the distance must be included on the posted course diagram.
2. If the area of the courtesy circle is to be restricted by a mandatory line, the line must be indicated on the diagram and a corresponding barrier must be erected on the course. As this becomes part of the judging specifications, this policy must be clearly stated in the prize list (see GR901.10) and announced at least one hour prior to the class.
3. All posted courses at Federation-licensed competitions must include the numbers of fences to be jumped (i.e. Fences 1-8).

HU122 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:
 - 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"

3. High Performance Hunter: 4' minimum in "A" rated sections at Premier rated competitions; 3'9" minimum in "A"

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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. 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 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. Adult Amateur Hunter Sections: Obstacles will be 2’9” to 3’3”. Spreads must not exceed the height of the obstacle. No minimum height required at Local Competitions.

10. Local Competitions: No minimum in any section.

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

12. Ladies Side Saddle Sections: 3’.

13. 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. Children’s Hunter Sections: Obstacles will be 2’ for small ponies 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.

15. Green Pony Hunter: 2’3” for small, 2’6” for medium and 2’9” for large. (See HU125 regarding spread of fences).

16. Regular Pony Hunter: 2’3” for small, 2’6” for medium and 2’9” - 3’0” for large (See HU125 regarding spread of fences).

17. Three-Year-Old Hunter: Not to exceed 2’9”.

18. Small Hunter Sections: 3’

19. Thoroughbred Hunter: 3’0” *BOD 1/16/16 Effective 12/1/16*

HU123 Type

1. Obstacles must simulate those found in the hunting field such as natural post and rail, brush, stone wall, white board fence or gate, chicken coop, aiken, hedge, oxer, etc.
2. Chicken coops hinged at the top and free at the bottom; triple bars and hogs back; striped rails; targets; any spread over 4’ and square oxers are prohibited.
3. Every course must have at least four different type obstacles. (Exception: see HU146.10). The jumpable portion of all obstacles must be a minimum width of eight feet wide.
4. A minimum 2” difference is required for the back element of an obstacle. A ground line is required for all obstacles except in Handy Hunter classes.
5. The top element of all obstacles must be securely placed with cups at least 1 1/2 inches deep and 3 inches wide so that a slight rub will not cause a knockdown and must be equally secure for different heights in the same class. At all Federation approved competitions, 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. Logs, caps on walls and

gates with a separate plank style top element that can be knocked down are permitted.

6. In Handy classes obstacles must simulate those found in trappy hunting country. The course must have at least two changes of direction and at least one in and out as well as three of the following: hand gallop a jump, bending line, rollback turn, fence at the end of the ring or open a gate while mounted or trot over one obstacle (exception: in and outs are optional for Pony Handy courses). Judges must place emphasis on promptness and tight turns with precedence being given in that order. Handiness is defined as time and ground saving movement without adversely affecting performance or style. Brilliance of pace is defined as a faster pace than ordinary, without sacrificing performance or style. Hand Gallop is defined as a significant increase in pace without sacrificing performance or style. Exception: Ins and outs are optional for Pony Handy Hunter classes.
7. For all hunter classes restricted to Ponies, the first obstacle of all courses must be a vertical. For pony hunter handy courses, leading over one obstacle as well as opening a gate are prohibited.

HU124 In and Outs

1. An in and out is considered as two obstacles in the required number of obstacles. It must never be used at the start of a course.
2. An in and out is two jumps set for one or two strides. The distance may be adjusted during a class requiring different fence heights. Exception: The distance must be adjusted in Pony Hunter classes, see HU125.

HU125 Pony Hunter

In the event that any or all of the Pony Hunter sections (Small, Medium, Large) are combined, the course designer may add or remove fill as necessary to meet the requirements of HU125 (spread of a jump). Every effort should be made to make the jump look as similar as possible at each height. Any removed fill should not be left next to the jump, and should be placed within an island or decoration, or removed completely from the ring.

1. Heights and Spreads.
 - a. Fences may be a maximum of 3" lower in Zones 11 and 12.
 - b. No minimum height required at Local Competitions.
 - c. Spread of jump may not exceed height and must be measured including flowers, brush and ground lines.
 - d. If a competition offers a team or pairs class or a pony hunter classic in which ponies of mixed heights are permitted, the prize list must state the height of the fences and stipulate all judging requirements.
2. Distances.
 - a. If the distance between related fences is less than 100' (including in and outs), the distance must be adjusted for each height section.
 - b. In "B", "C" and Local rated sections, there must not be any other fences in the same line as an in and out.

SUBCHAPTER HU-4 ATTIRE, TACK AND EQUIPMENT**HU126 Tack**

1. Snaffles, pelhams and full bridles, all with cavesson nose bands, are required.
 - a. Judges may penalize, but may not eliminate, a horse or pony that competes in a snaffle, pelham, or full bridle that is unconventional. Unconventional snaffles, pelhams, or full bridles include, but are not limited to, hunter gags, kimberwickes, etc.
 - b. Judges must eliminate a horse or pony that competes in illegal bits or nosebands. Illegal bits include, but are not limited to, three rings, gags (other than the hunter gag), et cetera... Illegal nosebands include, but are not limited to, drop, flash and figure eight nosebands.
2. Horses must return to the ring for conformation or soundness wearing a snaffle, pelham or full bridle with a cavesson noseband.
3. Martingales of any type are prohibited in Under Saddle, hack and tie-breaking classes. Standing and running martingales used in the conventional manner are allowed for all over fences classes. All other martingales are considered illegal. A judge must eliminate a horse or pony that competes in a martingale other than a standing or running martingale used in the conventional manner.

HU127 Equipment

1. Light pads and bar shoes are permissible, however, bar shoes indicate a weakness and in Conformation classes a judge may penalize accordingly. All artificial appliances, including but not limited to nasal strips, boots, wraps and bandages are prohibited. In the case of inclement weather competition management may permit the use of bell boots.
2. Electronic Communication Devices
 - a. No mounted exhibitor may wear or carry an electronic communication device (i.e., cellular telephone, pager, walkie talkie, iPod, etc.) while in the competition ring. The penalty for wearing or carrying a forbidden device if observed by the judge may be elimination from the class during which the device was worn or carried.
 - b. Electronic communication devices used for purposes of coaching, etc., between competitors and individuals outside the ring shall be prohibited in all classes.
 - c. Exhibitors who have a chronic condition may apply for a Presidential Modification exempting them from the provisions of this rule in accordance with GR152. Riders may not use these devices in over fences classes.
 - d. An exhibitor who has a chronic condition and has previously been granted at least one annual presidential modification related to the condition, may submit an application for approval of a special three-year presidential modification related to the same condition. The application must be accompanied by sufficient supporting documentation that the condition is unlikely to improve during the three-year period.
3. Any rider competing and or riding anywhere on the competition grounds with their stirrup, stirrup leather, or foot tied and/or secured in any manner, will automatically be eliminated from the entire competition. The steward will note the trainer name(s) on the stewards report and further disciplinary actions may be taken by the Federation.
4. Whips. Competitors are prohibited from carrying a whip that is longer than 30" (75cm) while jumping or schooling over fences. A rider may not carry more than one whip. Whips that are weighted at the end are prohibited. (Exception: Ladies Side Saddle and appointments classes. See HU130.)
5. No exhibitor may carry a whip longer than 30" while competing.

HU128 Attire

1. Protective headgear. All riders must wear protective headgear. See GR801.2. While competing in a jumping class, if a rider's chin strap becomes unfastened, the rider may stop, re-fasten the chin strap and continue his/her round without penalty or elimination. A judge may, but is not required, to stop a rider and ask them to refasten a chin strap

which has become unfastened, again without penalty to the rider.

2. Attire. Riders are required to wear conservatively colored coats (black, blue, green, grey or brown) which are free from adornment which in the judge's opinion is overly distracting. Shirts must have a choker, similar collar or tie. Breeches may be buff, canary, tan, rust or white.
3. Formal Attire. Riders are required to wear scarlet or dark coats; white shirts with white stock; white, buff or canary breeches. Members of the Armed Services or the Police may wear the Service Dress Uniform.
4. Inappropriate attire. When management permits Hunter or Hunter Seat Equitation riders to ride without jackets, riders must wear traditional, short, or long-sleeved riding shirts with chokers or ties. Polo shirts and full chaps are not permitted except in unjudged warm-up classes. Management or Judge may eliminate an exhibitor who is inappropriately attired.

HU129 Hunt Colors

In classes restricted to members, subscribers or staff of a Hunt recognized by the Masters of Foxhounds Association, all riders who wear colors must carry a letter dated within the current year signifying that they are eligible. This letter must include the name of the Hunt and the color of the collar and must be signed by the Master or Honorary Secretary of that Hunt. The show committee must appoint a competent person to check these letters before riders compete in classes. If a rider holds a current letter but does not have it in his immediate possession or is entitled to receive one, the show committee may accept a signed statement to that effect which must be submitted to the Federation. In classes restricted to junior exhibitors, rules concerning hunt colors will be strictly enforced. Unless a junior wears scarlet, brown boot tops are prohibited.

HU130 Ladies Side Saddle Attire

1. Hat: See GR801.2
2. Neckwear: Plain white hunting stock neatly tied and fastened with a plain gold safety pin. Latter should be horizontal.
3. Habit: Melton or other cloth of black or dark blue color, unless bona fide member of a recognized hunt whose livery color is different; then hunt livery color with hunt colors is permissible. Lining must match.
4. Breeches: Same color as habit.
5. Collar: Same material and color as coat unless bona fida member of a recognized hunt has been invited to wear the hunt colors in which case, the collar should conform to the livery of the hunt and be worn only on coats of the hunt livery color.
6. Vest: Of plain white, buff or yellow material, unless bona fida member of a recognized hunt has been invited to wear the hunt's livery in which case, the vest should conform to the livery of the hunt and be worn only with habits of the hunt livery color.
7. Buttons: Must conform to hunt livery. Usual specifications are: Brass or bone on vest. Black bone on black or dark blue coat. If bona fida member of a recognized hunt has been invited to wear the hunt button, it should be engraved with the hunt emblem, otherwise it should be plain.
8. Boots: Black, without tops: of plain black calf without tabs. Boot garters, if worn, plain black. Zippers and laces are not permitted.
9. Spur: Optional. If worn, must be regular hunting spur, without rowels—worn high on the heel.
10. Whip: Light hunting whip with thong required.
11. Gloves: Plain; heavy wash leather or brown leather gloves.
12. Rain Gloves: White or light colored rain gloves. Should be carried on off (right) side under billets and just showing

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in front of saddle flap.—Fingers forward, thumbs in.

13. Jewelry: Except for finger rings and small plain stud earrings for pierced ears, jewelry is not permitted.
14. Hair: With hair net, preferably in bun. Must be neat and unobtrusive.
15. Boutonniere not permitted.
16. Mane and Tail: Must be braided. (Exception: roached mane and pulled tails).

HU131 Ladies Side Saddle Tack and Equipment

1. Sandwich Case: Required for appointments. Must be combined sandwich case and flask. Sandwich case must contain a plain white-meat sandwich, crusts removed, cut on the diagonal, wrapped in wax paper; a linen handkerchief or napkin is optional and flask must contain sherry or tea.
2. Bridle: Must be either double or pelham. First definitely preferable. All leather must be flat. A cavesson noseband must be used. Rubber, laced, and plaited reins are not permissible. Stitched in leather preferred.
3. Breastplate: Optional, but preferred. All leather must be flat.
4. Martingales: Not permitted on the flat or in Hunter Hack, permitted in over fences classes.
5. Saddles: Must be plain English type. May have doeskin or suede seat and pommel. Lining may be leather or linen. Numnahs and saddle cloth not permitted.
6. Girths: Triple fold leather. No elastic permitted. Cannot be shaped. Balance girth, either separate or stitched to triple fold girth, is necessary. First definitely preferable. Girth cover not permitted.
7. Irons: Should be regular side saddle iron with oval eye or safety stirrup. Should be large, workmanlike and polished, without pads.

SUBCHAPTER HU-5 JUDGING

HU132 General

1. All classes must be judged on performance and soundness and when indicated, conformation, suitability or manners.
 - a. When a horse makes two faults at one obstacle only the major fault will be counted. (Exception: refusals count in addition.)
 - b. When an obstacle is composed of several elements in the same vertical plane, a fault at the top element is the only one penalized
 - c. At an in and out, the faults committed at each obstacle are considered separately. In case of a refusal or runout at the 2nd obstacle of an in and out, the competitor may rejump both obstacles of the in and out.
 - d. Judges must penalize unsafe jumping and bad form over fences, whether touched or untouched.
 - e. Teams, pairs and unicorns (abreast and tandem) should be judged as a single unit, scoring only major faults at each obstacle. (Exception: in cases where two or more horses have knockdowns or refusals, they are scored cumulatively.) In tandem formation, faults for horses not keeping proper hunting distance apart and in abreast formation, faults for horses not keeping abreast will be calculated at the rate of 1/2 fault for each 1/2 horse's length and are cumulative at each obstacle, as well as at each end of the ring; or on an outside course, at each obstacle and between each obstacle. No additional penalty for finishing out of original order.
 - f. In classics and when a class is held on an outside course, brilliance should be emphasized.
2. Circling once upon entering the ring and once upon leaving is permissible.
3. In all classes over obstacles, all horses being considered for an award must jog for soundness in the judge's order of preference prior to being judged for conformation. Two more entries than the number of ribbons must jog if there are sufficient entries. 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, 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.

4. In classes over obstacles, competitors cannot be requested to show at a walk, trot and canter or to re-jump the course unless eliminations are held. If eliminations are held, the finals are judged as an independent class.
5. After all competitors have had an opportunity to compete over a course in the High Performance **Hunter** and Performance **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 **Hunter** classes riders are encouraged to withdraw after a major fault. *BOD 1/16/16 Effective 12/1/16*
6. In cases of broken equipment or loss of shoe while competing, the rider or handler may choose to continue without penalty. If they decide to stop to address the situation that rider/handler will be eliminated. In the case of the jump(s) falling over due to weather or act of God, the rider must remain in the ring until receiving instructions from the judge(s) or be eliminated. In this instance, the decision of the judge(s) is final.
7. In the event of elimination, the horse must exit the ring immediately.
8. Obstacle Not Properly Set. If a competitor jumps an obstacle that has not been reset, or has been reset improperly, due to it being downed by a previous competitor, the weather, or some other factor, the competitor receives no penalty. However, if the competitor knocks down the obstacle he will be penalized accordingly.

HU133 Definition of Competed

A horse has competed in an over fences class when the horse's entry number and a score for at least the first jump are recorded on the judges card. A horse failing to complete the entire course is not eligible to receive points, awards, or prize money. A horse has competed in an under saddle class when the horse has entered the ring. When three or fewer horses compete in an under saddle class, all horses' numbers must be listed on the judges card regardless of whether they receive an award.

HU134 Soundness

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.** Horses that are not serviceably sound are ineligible for an award, including under saddle classes. *BOD 1/16/16 Effective 12/1/16*

HU135 Conformation

Quality, substance and soundness. Judges must penalize but not necessarily eliminate horses with structural faults, defects and blemishes (such as pinfiring) in areas which might impair their activity and durability. Horses must be stripped for conformation judging in any class. (Exception: Under Saddle classes.)

HU136 Performance

1. An even hunting pace, manners, jumping style together with faults and way of moving over the course. Manners to be emphasized in Ladies and Amateur classes; brilliance in Corinthian and Formal Hunting Attire classes.
2. When the class is held in a ring, the performance starts as the competitor enters and ends when he leaves. When the class is held outside, the performance starts at any spot designated by competition management and ends at

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any spot so designated. If the start and finish are not clearly set forth, it is suggested that a judge consider the start approximately 50' before the first obstacle and the finish approximately 50' after the last.

HU137 Faults

1. The following faults are scored according to the judges opinion and depending on severity or division, may be considered minor or major faults.
 - a. Rubbing the jump
 - b. Swapping leads in a line or in front of a jump
 - c. Late lead changes
 - d. Spooking
 - e. Kicking up or out
 - f. Jumping out of form
 - g. Jumping off the center line of jump
 - h. Bucking and/or playing
 - i. Adding a stride in a line with a related distance
 - j. Eliminating a stride in a line with a related distance
 - k. Striking off on a wrong lead on the courtesy circle. (May be corrected with either a simple or flying change of lead)
2. The following are considered major faults.
 - a. Knockdown
 - b. Refusal
 - c. Refusal or stopping while on course
 - d. Crossing the track. A track is established once a horse has landed from a fence or completes a required test and follows the horse until the consecutive fence is jumped or the next test is executed. Upon completion of each consecutive fence or performance of the next test, the track is erased. Crossing a track between obstacles and/or required tests shall constitute a disobedience and will be penalized by the judge(s). Exceptions
 1. A course diagram that requires a rider to cross his track.
 2. Snake or multiple panel jumps that are jumped consecutively.
 - e. Dangerous jumping
 - f. Addressing a jump - coming to a stop in front of a jump in order to show the jump to the horse.
 - g. Completely missing a lead change
 - h. Adding or eliminating a stride in an in and out.
 - i. Breaking stride, or Trotting while on course. (Exceptions-Where posted on the course diagram i.e. trot jumps, steep banks, etc, and also as outlined above in HU137.1k. Striking off on a wrong lead on the courtesy circle.)
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.

HU138 Pony Hunter

Manners of the pony and suitability of the pony to the rider must be emphasized in all classes. Extreme speed must be penalized. Suitability of a pony for a rider is determined by height of rider as related to the height of the pony. Judges must penalize but not necessarily eliminate an entry not having such suitability and manners.

HU139 Junior & Children's Hunter

1. Junior Hunter. In all classes manners will be emphasized and extreme speed will be penalized.
2. Conformation is not to exceed 25% in any class except a Model class. In Junior Working Hunter sections no more than 50% of the classes may be judged on conformation.
3. Children's Hunter. 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: Open to horses and ponies to be ridden by a junior exhibitor. See also HU101.6 and HU109.

SUBCHAPTER HU-6 CLASS SPECIFICATIONS

HU140 Under Saddle and Hack Classes

1. In Under Saddle and Hunter Hack classes, horses are shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. They should not be eliminated for slight errors. Judges may ask horses to hand gallop collectively, one way of the ring. (Exception: green classes.) No more than eight will be asked to hand gallop at one time. (Exception: Hunter National Championships see Championship Specifications) All horses being considered for an award must be serviceably sound.
2. To be eligible for a Model or Under Saddle class counting toward a Championship in any "A" or "B" rated section, horses must be entered in at least one full point class over obstacles in the same section during the competition. To maintain awards or points won in the aforementioned classes the competitor must complete the course in at least one class.

HU141 Model Classes for Green Conformation Hunter 3'6" and High Performance Conformation Hunter

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.

HU142 Green Hunter, Young Hunter, High Performance and Performance Hunter Classes

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

HU143 Amateur Owner Classes

To be judged on performance and soundness. If conformation is to be judged, it may not count more than 25%. All horses being considered for an award must be serviceably sound.

HU144 Adult Amateur Classes

To be judged on performance and soundness, suitability to count. All horses being considered for an award must be serviceably sound.

HU145 Ladies Side Saddle Classes

(See also EQ104.1) To be ridden by ladies who are no longer eligible to compete as junior exhibitors. Stallions not permitted. Three classes must be offered: Over Fences, Under Saddle and Hunter Hack. All three classes will count

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equally for the Championship. In cases of ties, horses are to hack off for Champion and Reserve. HOTY points will be awarded in the Over Fences classes to entries that place, provided that there are at least three horses entered and shown in the Over Fences class. At least three entries must compete in the Under Saddle class and the Hunter Hack class for HOTY points to count. All horses being considered for an award must be serviceably sound.

1. Over Fences: To be shown over a course of at least eight fences 3' in height. No in and out to be used.
2. Under Saddle: To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring in formal hunting attire with appointments. See HU130-HU131. If the Under Saddle class is not scheduled as the first class of the section, the schedule must allow at least two hours to prepare before the start. To be judged on performance and soundness with emphasis on manners 75%; formal hunting attire, appointments and general overall appearance of horse and rider 25%. Judges should give particular consideration to quality, condition and cleanliness of tack. Mane and tail must be braided, (Exception: roached manes or pulled tails). Judges must line up exhibitors in order of preference before checking appointments.
3. Hunter Hack: To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Judges may ask for a hand gallop but no more than eight to hand gallop at one time. To jump two fences at 2'6". To be judged on performance and soundness with an emphasis on manners. Under Saddle performance to count 50%, Over Fences performance to count 50%.

HU146 Hunter Classics

1. Any Premier, National, Regional I or Regional II rated competition may offer a Hunter Classic.
2. 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 fewer 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 their point section to the Competition Secretary.
 - c. Hunter Classics cannot be divided in any manner and held by section if there are fewer than six (6) entries in each divided section. Exception: "A" rated sections must have twelve (12) entries to divide.
3. All Hunter Classics must be conducted as a two round class. A handy hunter round may not be used as part of a Hunter Classic. A Hunter Classic may be conducted as a separate two round class or a designated hunter class of the specified Hunter section may be counted as the first round of the Hunter Classic. However, the second round may not be another designated class in the Hunter section, but must be held as a separate round. If a designated class is used as a first round, each round shall count 50%.
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.

5. The entry fee may not exceed 10% of the prize money offered in the Hunter Classic.
6. To be eligible, horses must have entered, shown and completed the course in at least two classes in the Hunter section. All horses being considered for an award must be serviceably sound and may be jogged if so stated in the prize list.
7. A minimum of the top 12 entries, if available, or 50% of the entries in the first round, whichever is greater, will return for the second round. If a horse or pony is eliminated in the first round of competition, they may not return for the second round. If a horse/rider combination does not return for the second round or is eliminated during the second round of a classic, a score of zero will be combined with the first round score and the horse/rider combination will be placed accordingly. If possible, twelve places are to be awarded.
8. The Hunter Classic does not count toward the minimum number of classes required for the section's rating.
9. Bonus points will be awarded toward Horse of the Year Awards in the horse's respective section and are based on the number of horses that compete in the classic. In a Hunter Classic using a designated class of the hunter section as the first round, the number of horses that compete in the classic is determined by the number of horses who have entered and competed in the first round of the classic, not the designated class used as the first round. In a Hunter Classic held as a separate two round class, the number of horses that compete in the classic is determined by the number of horses who compete in the first round of the classic.

The bonus points are as follows:

- a. In a Hunter Classic using a designated class as the first round, the bonus points for Zone HOTY are determined by adding one point for each entry that competes in the first round of a classic to the applicable increment in GR1131.5 and multiplying the result by 1.25.
 - b. In a Hunter Classic held as a separate two round class, the bonus points for Zone HOTY are determined by adding one point for each entry that competes in the first round of a classic to the applicable increment in GR1131.5 and multiplying the result by 1.5.
 - c. In a Hunter Classic using a designated class as the first round, the bonus points for National HOTY are determined by adding one point for each entry that competes in the classic to the applicable increment in GR1131.5 and multiplying the result by 1.75.
 - d. In a Hunter Classic held as a separate two round class, the bonus points for National HOTY are determined by adding one point for each entry that competes in the classic to the applicable increment in GR1131.5 and multiplying the result by 2.
10. The first round of all hunter classics must consist of eight (8) to ten (10) obstacles in accordance with HU117. In the second round of all hunter classics the course must consist of a minimum of ten (10) obstacles of at least six different types.
 11. An open numerical judging system must be used. If there are multiple judging panels, one judging panel must be appointed as the tie breaker.
 12. Attire: riders are required to comply with HU128.
 13. There is no limit to the number of horses a rider may compete on in a Hunter Classic. Exception: Competitors in a Regular or Green Hunter Pony Classic may only ride two ponies per height section.
 14. The same horse/rider combination must compete in both rounds of a Hunter Classic.
 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"

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for the purposes of this rule. (Exception: Leagues approved by the Federation in accordance with GR915.2c).

16. The same pony may not compete in the USHJA Pony Hunter Derby and the USHJA National Hunter Derby at the same competition.
17. If more than 30 horses are entered in a Junior Hunter Classic, the classic must be split in accordance with HU118.
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HU147 Pony Hunter

1. Class Specifications.
 - a. Classes are the same as those listed for Hunters. Maiden, Novice, Limit and Green Ponies are not to gallop.
 - b. Conformation must not exceed 25% in any class except a Model class.
 - c. Appointment classes are prohibited in all competitions. Uniformity and similarity may count 15% in Team and Pair classes.
 - d. Model and Conformation classes should occur on the same day.

SUBCHAPTER HU-7 CHAMPIONSHIPS

HU148 General

1. Championships must be offered in "A" and "B" rated sections.
2. A Championship may not be offered in a section unless a minimum of two over fences classes and one Under Saddle class are held. A Championship will not count for points unless a minimum of three entries compete in at least two over fences classes and one under saddle class (Exception: Ladies Side Saddle, see HU145; **Performance Hunter, High Performance Hunter, and any other sections where individual classes may be entered, see HU148.3**). If a competition offers more than one Under Saddle class in any one section, only one will count towards the Championship. (Exception: classes divided as to weight, height, age or breeding.) The prize list must specify the class to count.
3. **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. In order to award a section Championship in the Performance Hunter, High Performance Hunter, and any other sections where individual classes may be entered at least two (2) over fences classes per section and one (1) under saddle class must be held in which a minimum of three (3) entries compete. When multiple Championships are awarded when using the California Split method, under saddle classes with fewer than thirty (30) entries are not required to be split. When multiple Championships are awarded and only one under saddle class is held the points from the one under saddle class will be used to calculate the Championship for both sections. When a random split is used, multiple Championships may only be awarded if a minimum of two (2) over fences and one (1) under saddle class are held per section. BOD 11/7/16 Effective 12/1/16**
 - a. When a Championship is offered, management must keep a score card or chart of winnings throughout the competition, which must be prominently displayed so that exhibitors may inspect it at all times. Only the first six ribbons count towards Championships regardless of the number offered.
 - b. Ribbons won in classes with specifications restricting horses in any manner, will not count toward any Championship unless such classes are complementary and over the same course, affording equal opportunity to all horses competing. If, however, competition management, having reserved the right to do so in the prize list, combines two or more complementary classes because of insufficient entries, thus making one open class, ribbons won in such a class count toward the Championship.

HU149 Eligibility

1. General.
 - a. 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 Hunter sections with three classes receive half points for the under saddle class, see HU106.
 - b. The prize list must state the numbers of the full point and half point classes counting towards the Championship in each section.
2. The following classes do not count towards nor make a horse eligible for Championships: Appointment, Breeding, Local, Junior, Consolation, Maiden, Novice, Limit, Owners, Hunter Hack, Pairs, Teams and any class restricted unless complementary classes are offered. Points won in one section do not count towards nor make a horse eligible for the Championship in another section.

HU150 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. 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. *BOD 1/16/16 Effective 12/1/16*

HU151 Combination Hunter Championship

All competitions with a limited number of Hunter classes, including events in more than one section (i.e. High Performance Conformation or Green Conformation Hunter 3'6", Green, 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 Owners Hunters. *BOD 1/16/16 Effective 12/1/16*

HU152 Pony Hunter

1. Separate Championships must be offered when all classes are divided into height sections but cannot be offered unless they are divided. See HU148 – HU151 for all requirements.
2. Championships. Show Champions and Reserve Champions are selected as outlined in GR808.

HU153 Junior & Children's Hunter

1. Separate Championships must be offered when all classes are divided but cannot be offered unless they are

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divided.

2. The Champion and Reserve titles are awarded to the top two of the four horses which have acquired the most points performing over a regulation course in the Junior Hunter section. In addition to these points only these horses will receive half points for ribbons won in Model classes and full points for ribbons won in Under Saddle classes if otherwise qualified. The prize list must specify which classes will count.

SUBCHAPTER HU-8 CONDUCT

HU154 Veterinarian

In reference to GR1211.4.a., every competition must have a qualified veterinarian present throughout the competition if the previous year's competition's entry number was 200 horses or greater.

HU155 Judges

(See HU129)

1. In "A" rated sections, at least one judge of Registered status must officiate. Recorded judges with Special judge's card may not officiate alone.
2. All judges who are assigned to a Conformation section must judge the Model class.
3. In "A" rated Hunter sections at Premier rated competitions, a minimum of two judges must officiate. They may officiate independently or together. If judging independently, no more than 60% of the classes in the section may be officiated by the same judge. (Exception: High Performance Working Hunter, Performance Hunter 3'6, Performance Hunter 3'3" and Pony Hunter sections held on one day).

HU156 Course Designers

1. The licensed Hunter Course Designer, or his designated representative, must be present during all Hunter and Hunter Seat Equitation classes for which he has responsibility and over sees the courses are properly set for the competition. Course Designer should be available to report to the judge at any time. (Exception: breed restricted competitions and open competitions with 50% or more breed restricted classes.)
2. A minimum of an "r" license is required to officiate alone at a National or Premier rated competition with a Hunter class offering up to \$4,999 in prize money.
3. An "R" license is required to officiate in any class offering \$5,000 or more in prize money.

HU157 Schooling

1. Schooling is permitted in accordance with GR834, GR835, GR837 and HU Appendix A.
2. Schooling areas for hunters must contain adequate standards, jump cups and rail and hunter-type rails to make a minimum of a trotting fence, a vertical and an oxer.
3. FEI approved safety cups must be made readily available for each hunter schooling area. Breakable pins such as wooden dowels are permitted only when safety cups are not available.

HU158 Back to Back Classes

No more than two rounds may be ridden back to back. In sections where three classes over fences are held on one day and the section has eight or fewer exhibitors, all three over fences classes may be held using back to back rounds with the judge's consent. Classes using this format must be jogged, if required, and pinned separately, following the last class. Management may not require back to back rounds in rated classes. Management may not require a judge to score more than three classes concurrently. Classes run back to back must be in the same division (i.e. Hunter or Equitation). Exception: USEF Pony Medal and WIHS Equitation Hunter Phase.

HU159 Jumping Order

1. If a jumping order is established it must be posted in a conspicuous place at least one-half hour before the class. The jumping order must be legible to a mounted rider. If a jumping order is used throughout the section, a systematic rotation of the starting list must be employed so that a complete cycle is made during the competition. Failure to enter the ring within one minute after an audible signal to proceed is given incurs elimination. The time limit for entering the ring must be enforced by competition management. Management may permit a rider to compete out of order to minimize delays and in case of class conflicts.
2. Establishing the Order. (Either manually or via computer) The jumping order for the first round must be established by one of the following procedures:
 - a. The horses' names are drawn individually, starting with the first position and then working down. The horses' names are listed and their positions drawn.
 - b. The horses' names and the positions are both drawn.
 - c. The horses' names are listed (with multiple rides pre-spaced) with the first name drawn becoming the first horse to compete in the first round, the remaining horses following from that point (i.e., the horses' name after the one drawn first is second, the next one third, etc.).

HU160 Entry Fees

1. No competition may require a combined entry fee in any "B" or "C" rated section. A horse that is entered in a section that requires a combined entry fee may be entered in individual classes in another section for which he is qualified. (Exception: the horse may not be entered in the stake class unless it has met all qualifications.) A horse that is exhibited in the first performance class of an "A" rated section must pay a combined entry fee. After the first performance class exhibitors may enter individual classes at management's discretion.
2. A Model class may not be included in a combined entry fee. It must always be offered separately as an optional class.

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HU161 Scheduling

1. "A" rated Hunter sections may be held and judged on one or more days. If held on one day "A" sections **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 **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 **ten** "A" rated hunter sections **listed in GR313.6** must be offered. **Additionally, a minimum of five (5) "A" and/or "C" rated hunter sections listed in GR313.6 must be held and judged. Ladies Side Saddle does not count towards these requirements.** 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 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, USHJA National Hunter Derby, USHJA Green Hunter Incentive, and/or USHJA Green Hunter 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 Green Hunter Incentive, and/or USHJA Green Hunter 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 **fifteen** "A" rated Hunter sections **listed in GR312.6** must be offered. **Additionally, a**

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- minimum of ten “A” and/or “C” rated hunter sections listed in GR 312.6 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 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, USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake, USHJA Pony Hunter Derby, USHJA National Hunter Derby, USHJA Green Hunter Incentive, and/or USHJA Green Hunter 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 312.6 must be offered. Additionally, a minimum of three “A” and/or “C” rated hunter sections listed in GR 312.6 must be held. Ladies Side Saddle does not count towards these requirements. *BOD 1/16/16 Effective 12/1/16*
 - 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.
2. National rated competitions must state their National or Premier rating clearly on the cover of the prize list.
 3. Competitions cannot offer more than the required amount of classes for an “A” or “B” section rating. Model classes and Classics do not count toward the number of classes required, (Model classes must be offered in “A” rated Conformation sections in addition to the four or five required classes), therefore, they can be offered as additional classes. In addition, Model and Classics do not count towards the number of required classes to meet the rating requirement, therefore the prize money offered in Model and/or Classic classes cannot be used to determine the amount of required prize money to calculate the Premier rating. (Exception: see HU158.1c).
 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 High Performance Conformation Hunter sections may be held as a fourth class. High Performance 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.
 - b. (Exception: hunter 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 sections). *BOD 1/16/16 Effective 12/1/16*
 6. A Model class must be offered as the first class in an “A” rated Conformation Section.
 7. All Amateur Owner classes should be scheduled in as short a period of time as possible.

HU162 Cancellations

“A” or “B” rated sections with four (4) or more entries cannot be canceled.

HU163 Prize Money

1. Prize money offered in the open sections must be awarded on an escalating scale related to the height of fences.
2. No more than 60% of the prize money in the required classes for an “A” rated section may be offered on any one day when the division is held on two or more days, exception: “A” rated sections in which all required classes are held on one day. Prize money offered in Model classes and Classics at Premier rated competitions including add-back money, if any, in rated Hunter sections, does not count toward the minimum prize money required for a section’s rating nor is it considered for purposes of determining 60% to be offered.

HU164 Challenge Trophies

If a Challenge Trophy for a Championship is being offered in a section that has not previously been divided it must be awarded to the horse which has obtained the most points towards the Championship in its respective section. If a Challenge Trophy for a class is being offered in a class that has not previously been divided it shall be awarded to the first place winner with the best performance.

HU165 Pony Hunter

If a Model class is held it must be the first class held in any section.

HU166 Junior & Children’s Hunter

1. If a Model class is offered, it must be in addition to the minimum number of classes required for a section rating.
2. If two or more sections are offered, horses cannot be entered in more than one section.

SUBCHAPTER HU-9 SPECIAL RATING REQUIREMENTS

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

HU167 Sections Required for National Rating

1. “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. BOD 1/16/16 Effective 12/1/16 BOD 11/7/16 Effective 12/1/16**

HU168 Sections Required for Regional I Rating

At least three (3) “B” rated Hunter sections (Green **Conformation Hunter 3’6”** or **High Performance Conformation Hunter**, **Green 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 may be substituted for two required “B” sections. Divided sections count as a single section. **BOD 1/16/16 Effective 12/1/16**

HU169 Sections Required for Regional II Rating

At least two (2) “C” rated sections (Green **Conformation Hunter 3’6”** or **High Performance Conformation Hunter**, **Green Hunter**, **Young Hunter**, **High Performance Hunter**, **Amateur Owner Hunter**, **Junior Hunter**, **Pony Hunter**, or **Green Pony Hunter**, **Children’s Hunter**, **Adult Amateur 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. **BOD 1/16/16 Effective 12/1/16**

HU170 Pony Hunter

1. Competitions cannot offer more than the required amount of classes for an National or Regional I section rating. If a Model class is offered it must be in addition to the minimum number of classes required for a section rating and

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must be held as the first class in any section.

2. "A" Rated Sections.

- a. "A" rated Regular and Green Pony Hunter sections may be held on one or more days. "A" rated Regular and Green pony Hunter sections at Premier rated competitions must be held over two or more days. If held in one day, four (4) performance classes must be offered. If held over two or more days, four (4) or five (5) performance classes must be offered.
- b. A minimum of \$400 prize money must be offered in any Regular Pony Hunter section. A minimum of \$250 prize money must be offered in any Green Pony Hunter section.
- c. An "A" rated Green Pony Hunter section may only be offered in conjunction with an "A" rated Regular Pony Hunter section.
- d. National and Premier rated competitions must and all other rated competitions may, run an over fence class as a Handy Hunter. Exception: Green Hunter Pony sections may not offer Handy Hunter classes. Obstacles in this round should simulate those found in hunt country. The course must have two changes of direction and at least one combination. Ponies may be required to trot over one lowered fence on the course. Emphasis should be placed on turns and promptness. This class may not be used as a conformation class or offered as the first class of the section. Exception Green Hunter Pony Section may not have a Handy Hunter class.

3. "B" and "C" Rated Sections.

- a. Three (3) or four (4) classes must be offered in any "B" or "C" rated Regular or Green Pony Hunter section.
- b. "B" rated Regular Pony Hunter sections must offer a minimum of \$100. "B" rated Green Pony Hunter sections must offer a minimum of \$50.
- c. No prize money is required for "C" rated sections.

4. Conformation Classes.

In "A" rated sections, one over fence class must be judged 25% conformation; in "B" rated sections, one over fence class may include conformation at management's discretion. The conformation class must be clearly stipulated in the prize list. A Model class may be offered in addition to the conformation class. If a model class is held, it is recommended that all conformation classes offered in the section will be held on the same day as the model class.

SUBCHAPTER HU-10 MEASUREMENT

HU171 General

1. Horses or ponies competing in any division, section or class where height is a requirement must be measured. Measurements will be conducted in accordance with HU172.1 below.
2. Competition Management is required to check measurement cards for horses or ponies showing in divisions, sections, or classes where height is a requirement. Management shall not provide a back number to an animal entered in such sections unless the exhibitor or his agent is in possession of:
 - a. the original or a copy of a measurement card issued by the Federation. Equine Canada measurement cards are not acceptable proof of height.
 - b. a copy of a valid measurement form.
3. It is the responsibility of each owner to possess a valid measurement card for horses and ponies showing in divisions, sections or classes where height is a requirement.
4. Failure to comply with this rule by the owner, trainer or competition will result in a charge pursuant to GR6 and GR7.
5. Competition management may, at its discretion, confirm any of the foregoing information electronically with the Federation office.
6. If an exhibitor, owner, or trainer requests a reprint of a measurement card from the Federation office after the

original measurement card has been issued, there will be a \$10.00 fee for service charged to the requestor.

7. All horses and ponies that are presented for measurement of any kind are subject to drug testing.
8. Measurements must be performed by a steward and the official competition veterinarian. The official competition veterinarian must confirm the age of the horse or pony and that it was jogged and is serviceably sound. Upon the official competition veterinarian's verification of soundness, the steward's measurement is final. The steward and the official competition veterinarian shall sign the measurement form. A steward may not measure a horse or pony that is owned by a member of his family or by any of his or his family member's clients. (See GR1038.4)
 - a. Written reports of every measurement or attempt to measure must be sent to the Federation's Lexington, KY office together with the Steward's Report, or the steward will be subject to charges and penalties per Chapters GR6 and GR7.
 - b. The steward shall be either a steward officiating at the competition or a steward authorized in writing to conduct the measurement by the Federation CEO or his designee. If the official competition veterinarian is not present at the competition, or not available when on call (see GR1210.3) the measurement may be conducted by a steward and a judge officiating at the competition, or another steward officiating at the competition; however, the measurement will be for the purposes of that competition only and no measurement card will be issued. Measurement forms will be sent to the Federation, but will not be given to the owner. (Exception: Exhibitors will not be penalized by having points withheld for measurement forms that are incorrectly filled out by USEF stewards and /or competition management and/or competition veterinarians.
9. Stewards who perform measurements and other competition officials present who measure horses or ponies at a competition are responsible for their true measurement and must use the Federation approved measurement stick (See HU175). The names of the measuring stewards will be printed on the measurement card and they and other measuring officials will be subject to charges of rule violations for hearing and determination pursuant to Chapters GR6 and GR7 if it is subsequently determined that a measurement is incorrect.
10. Measurements are solely for the internal use of the Federation, its Licensed Competitions and its licensed officials in connection with competing for prizes, and do not constitute any representation or warranty regarding measurement information; accordingly, the Federation, its Licensed Competitions and its licensed officials make no representation and shall have no liability whatsoever for measurement errors.
11. Measurements must take place at a Licensed Competition in which the horse or pony is entered to compete. Once the pony or horse has been measured the measurement is effective whether or not the pony or horse does in fact compete; whether or not the pony or horse competes, it is also subject to drug testing.
12. Measurement forms received by the Federation that have inconsistencies or errors may be denied a measurement card at the discretion of the Federation. If the horse or pony is denied a measurement card, The Federation will notify the owner of the horse or pony and they must be measured before they are eligible to show.

HU172 Required Measurements

1. A horse or pony must be measured each competition year until it reaches the age of eight. Horses and ponies that are seven years and under will be issued a Temporary Measurement card designating the year measured. Horses and ponies that are eight years of age and over will be issued a Standard Measurement card which does not need to be renewed. Horses and ponies may not be measured by the same steward for their Standard Measurement Card and the card preceding the Standard Measurement card. The Federation will invalidate a Standard Measurement card that does not comply with this rule.
 - a. Those horses and ponies that are measured (and for which a valid measurement form is received by the Federation office) in the month of December immediately preceding the calendar year in which they turn eight years of age will be issued a Standard Measurement card that does not have to be renewed.
 - b. For ponies, with the exception of ponies under eight years old, once a pony is issued a Standard Measurement

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card, a new card will not be issued unless the height of the pony is protested and upheld, or unless an appeal is made and the remeasurement results in the pony moving to a section other than that indicated on its current measurement card.

- c. For horses, with the exception of horses under eight years old, once a horse is issued a Standard Measurement card, a new card will not be issued unless the height of the horse is protested and upheld, or unless an appeal is made and the remeasurement results in the horse moving to a section other than that indicated on its current measurement card.
2. All horses and ponies issued a Standard Measurement card prior to December 1, 2014 are not required to be re-measured for a Standard Measurement card.
 3. If an owner fails to present a valid measurement card or form or if Management cannot confirm the measurement electronically with the Federation at more than one (1) competition during the competition year an additional measurement fee of \$250 will be charged by the Federation for each subsequent remeasurement necessary.

HU173 Membership Requirements and Fees

Before any animal is measured the person presenting the animal must have in his possession the owner's membership number, a signed statement signifying that membership has been applied for or proof of Equine Canada membership.

HU174 Completing the Measurement Form

1. The measurement form must be filled out completely in triplicate before measurement takes place. Measurement cards will not be issued if the form is not completely filled out and legible. Exhibitors are cautioned to make sure their measurement forms are filled out accurately and completely.
 - a. It must include the name and date of the competition, the height of the animal, name, color and markings or absence thereof, sex, year foaled which must be verified by the official competition veterinarian at time of measurement.
 - b. It must include the name and address of the owner and his/her Federation membership number, if applicable, must be given. The form must be signed by the trainer furnishing the above information immediately before the animal is measured and then signed by the competition officials appointed to measure.
 - c. The trainer who signs the entry blank at the competition must provide the information that appears on the measurement form. The trainer must be 18 years or older and is responsible for the accuracy of such information and care should be taken that all is in order before signing. When the trainer signs the form he/she is certifying that all information is complete and correct. Charges of rule violation for hearing and determination pursuant to Chapters GR6 and GR7 shall result for failure of compliance with this Rule. If a measurement form is signed by a person under the age of 18 and submitted to the Federation office, the measurement will be invalid. The official completing the form must designate on the form that the owner is a current member or that the membership has been applied for (See HU173) and that the horse or pony is entered in a class at that competition. The white copy is given to the owner or trainer and the blue copy, with applicable fee, is returned to the Federation office.
 - d. No changes can be made to such information once the form is signed. Any alterations, scratch outs, or rewrites to any part of the height must be clearly indicated and initialed by the measuring officials.
2. Before an animal is measured for a measurement card, the animal must be jogged for soundness on a firm, level surface with the official competition veterinarian in attendance, and show no evidence of lameness. If found to be lame by the official competition veterinarian, said animal cannot show at that competition and no measurement may be conducted. If an animal whose height has been protested is found to be lame by the official competition veterinarian, the measurement card will be held by the Federation and the owners must request an appeal measurement

in order to reinstate the card.

3. Federation officials are not to perform “courtesy”, “trial”, or repeat measurements. Once a pony or horse is presented for measurement, the owner/agent must accept the resulting measurement.
4. The owner will retain the white copy which, when properly signed by the two officials who have made the measurement, is valid for 45 days from the time the animal is measured, regardless of age.
5. Once a foal year has been submitted to the Federation office, the original date cannot be changed without a copy of the animal's breed registration papers or a signed statement from a veterinarian certifying the animal's age.

HU175 Measurement Device

1. Federation Approved Measurement Stick.
2. A Federation approved measurement stick is a straight, stiff, unbendable stick that is equipped with a plumb bob or spirit level to make sure the standard is perpendicular to the ground and that the cross-piece or arm is parallel with the ground surface, and must be shod with metal. All Federation approved measurement sticks will be numbered, carry the Federation logo and the legend “Federation approved”.

HU176 Measurement Surface

1. The measurement surface must be level and under no circumstances should animals be measured on dirt or gravel. A level concrete slab or other paved surface is required. (Exception: the measurement surface for a junior hunter can be a sheet of plywood in good condition.)
2. If the steward determines that a suitable surface is not available at a competition, animals without a measurement card or a valid measurement form may nonetheless be measured for the purpose of competing in that competition only, and no measurement form shall be given to the owner.
3. All Licensed Competitions having divisions, sections or classes requiring measurement are responsible for providing a Federation Approved Measurement stick and a suitable surface for measurements and for failure to do so charges of rule violation shall result for hearing and determination pursuant to Chapters GR6 and GR7.

HU177 Position of Animal

1. The animal must stand squarely on all four feet in such a position that the front legs are vertical to the ground and the back of the hocks are in a vertical line with the point of the animal's quarters. The poll must be in the same horizontal plane as the withers and no lower and the head should be in a normal position.
2. A maximum of two handlers may present the animal for measurement and they must not interfere with the animal in any way that will prevent it from standing in this position nor may they have any direct physical contact with the animal that could influence the measurement, except that a handler may cover the animal's eyes.
3. The animal may be presented for measurement with or without shoes regardless of how it is shown.
4. Prior to presenting the animal for measurement it is the responsibility of the owner, and in his interest, to ensure that the pony or horse is handled properly, accustomed to the application of a measuring stick, and correctly prepared for measurement.
5. Exhibitors should make themselves familiar with the “Measurement Guidelines Brochure”, which is available from the competition steward on the reverse side of the measurement form.

HU178 Method of Measurement

With the animal in the aforementioned position, measure the vertical distance from the highest point of the withers to the ground. The cross-piece, arm or bar of the measuring device must be placed over the highest point of the withers and no measurement taken at any other part of the animal's body will count. Additional pressure must not be applied

HU179 Re - Measurement

1. An owner may request a re-measurement of a horse or pony to a larger height section. Re-measurement may be done one time during a horse or pony's life.
2. Procedure:
The owner requests a re-measurement from the Federation by either letter or e- mail. The Federation issues a re-measurement permission letter to the owner. After consulting with the owner, the Federation will select the Measuring Steward and competition at which the re-measurement will take place. This letter is presented to the measuring steward at the competition. If the horse or pony measures into a larger height section, a copy of the measurement form will be given to the presenter and a new card will be issued to the owner. The original card will be invalidated by the Federation. If the horse or pony measures into a larger height section it immediately becomes eligible to show in that section. The Horse of the Year points received in the previous height section is forfeited for the current competition year. No penalties will be incurred by the original measuring steward or current trainer.
3. An owner of a horse or pony may request a re-measurement of a horse or pony to a lower height section. Re-measurement may be done one time during a horse or pony's life.
 - a. 4. Procedure: The owner requests a re-measurement from the Federation by either letter or email.
 - b. The re-measurement is conducted under the Measurement Appeal Rules (HU182.1 and HU182.2). Drug testing of the horse or pony may be required.
 - c. If the horse or pony measures into a smaller height section, a copy of the measurement form will be given to the presenter and a new card will be issued to the owner.
 - d. The original card will be invalidated by the Federation.
 - e. If the horse or pony measures into a smaller height section it will be ineligible to show in either section for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of the re-measurement. The horse or pony may compete in other divisions, sections or classes that do not have height as a requirement. The Horse of the Year points received in the previous height section is forfeited for the current competition year.
 - f. No penalties will be incurred by the original measuring steward or current trainer.

HU180 Protesting Height

1. An owner or trainer may protest the height of only one horse or pony competing in a class in which he is also competing.
2. A protest questioning the height of a horse or pony showing in a division, section or class requiring measurement must be filed with the steward and must be filed at least one hour prior to the end of the competition day on which the horse or pony is showing in a division, section or class requiring measurement. Such measurement shall be conducted pursuant to HU171-HU182 rather than GR512-514.
3. The animal is required to be presented for measurement within one hour of the completion of the animal's last class on the day of the protest.
4. The animal may be presented for a protest measurement with or without shoes regardless of how shown.
5. Protest Results. If a horse or pony is found to be outside the permitted height range that is determined by the animal's measurement card (e.g. Small Hunter Pony, Large Junior Hunter, etc.), the owner forfeits entry fees and winnings for that competition. All points accumulated for Horse of the Year and Zone Horse of the Year Awards to that date are forfeited. Said animal is suspended from competing in USEF Licensed Competitions for ninety (90) days from the date of the protest and a new measurement card will be issued to the owner at the end of the suspension period.
 - a. The current trainer and the Steward who conducted the original measurement of a horse or pony that is found to

measure outside of the permitted height range that is determined by the horse or pony's measurement card may be subject to penalty by the Federation.

- b. If the horse or pony remains in its current height section, the animal may continue to compete as before.
 - c. The decision of the measuring officials is final unless an appeal is filed with the Federation within fourteen (14) days (see HU182).
6. If a competition's steward is unable to notify an exhibitor of a protest before the exhibitor leaves the competition grounds, the protest will become void, and the steward will refund the protest fee. If a competition's steward notifies an exhibitor of a protest of an animal's height, and the exhibitor leaves the grounds before the measurement can be conducted, the protest will be filed with the Federation and an official protest measurement will be set up at the owner's expense, before the animal is eligible to compete again. In addition, charges for rule violations may be filed against the owner and trainer by the Federation CEO or his designee per GR604.
 7. The measurement card, or valid measurement form of any animal that is found ineligible for the height section in which the animal was shown must be surrendered to the competition steward who must forward it to the Federation office with his report. If the owner is not in possession of the original measurement card at the time of the protest it is the owner's responsibility to surrender all measurement cards to the Federation Kentucky office within five (5) days of the protest.
 8. The decision of competition officials is final unless an appeal is filed with the Federation.
 9. Pony and Junior Hunter measurement protests.
 - a. The identity of the protestor will be revealed to the protestee by the competition steward. At the time the competition steward receives the protest, the competition steward will explain the protest measurement process to the parties involved and answer any questions. The competition steward will instruct the protestor and the protestee that any inappropriate behavior and/or communication between parties will result in charges being filed against those parties. This is not limited to those parties directly involved in the protest. Charges may be filed against any individuals at the discretion of the competition steward.
 - b. When the animal is presented for measurement, only the following individuals may be present: The owner of the animal, two representatives/handlers of the animal being protested, the protestor, the competition veterinarian(s), the competition steward(s), and any representative of The Federation and the Federation Hunter/Jumper Pony Committee.
 - c. If an animal is protested and found to be within its height section, the animal's height cannot be protested again for the remainder of the competition year.

HU181 Federation Measurement Verification

1. The CEO of the Federation may, at his/her discretion, cause a measurement verification to be undertaken of any animal competing in a division, section or class requiring measurement at a Licensed Competition.
2. The animal is required to be presented to the steward within one hour of the completion of the animal's last class on the day of the measurement verification within the section requiring measurement. At that time, the animal will be measured or the presenter will inform the steward that the animal will be presented for an appeal measurement see HU182.5b/c. The animal's measurement card will be forfeited and the animal will be suspended from showing until it is presented for the appeal measurement. If the measurement verification is on the first day of the section, the animal may finish competing in the section or class requiring measurement. The animal will be photographed by the measurement technician on the left and right sides, front and back at the time the animal is tagged for measurement verification. The photographs will be used to verify the identity of the animal at the appeal measurement.
3. The animal may be presented to be jogged shod or unshod, prior to measurement.
 - a. If jogged with shoes, shoes may be removed after the jog but no changes to the hoof may occur prior to the

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measurement.

- b. If jogged without shoes, all changes to the hoof must be done prior to the jog but no changes to the hoof may occur after the animal has been jogged.
4. The animal may not receive or ingest any substances other than hay and water until the measurement is complete.
5. The animal must be sound. The Official Show Veterinarian will determine age and soundness. If the animal is determined to be unsound, the measurement verification cannot be completed and the animal may not compete until an appeal measurement is completed.
6. A Steward appointed by the Federation will perform the measurement(s).
7. If an animal is found to be outside the permitted height range that is determined by the animal's measurement card by 1/4", the owner forfeits entry fees and winnings for that competition. All points accumulated for Horse of the Year and Zone Horse of the Year Awards to that date are forfeited. Said animal is suspended from competing in Federation Licensed Competitions for 90 days from the date of the measurement verification and a new measurement card will be issued to the owner at the end of the suspension period.
 - a. The current trainer and the Steward who conducted the original measurement of an animal that is found to measure outside of the permitted height range that is determined by the animal's measurement card may be subject to penalty by the Federation.
 - b. If the animal remains in its current height section, the animal may continue to compete as before.
 - c. The decision of the measuring officials is final unless an appeal is filed with the Federation within fourteen (14) days (see HU182.5 b and c).
8. An animal may only be selected for a Federation Measurement Verification one time in each calendar year. Animals that are 15 years of age or older are not subject to Federation Measurement Verification.

HU182 Measurement Appeal

1. Conditions. An owner or trainer who questions the accuracy of an initial measurement or an owner or trainer of an animal declared ineligible for a division or section on account of height may appeal a measurement.
 - a. Pending the appeal of an initial measurement, the animal continues to be eligible to compete as initially measured.
 - b. With respect to animals declared ineligible as a result of a protest measurement, the animal is barred from competing in the particular height division or section for which he was declared ineligible until the measurement is performed.
 - c. There shall be only one appeal per each initial measurement, and only one appeal per each protest measurement.
2. Procedures.
 - a. The appeal must be made to the Federation office in writing within fourteen (14) days of the measurement. The Federation reserves the right to grant an appeal measurement. The request for an appeal measurement due to extenuating circumstances must be made in writing to the Federation office.
 - b. All expenses including veterinary fees must be paid to the Federation by the appellant. With respect to any appeal prior to the appeal measurement both the owner and trainer may be required to sign a waiver and consent on a form prepared by and acceptable to the Federation agreeing to the arrangements for the appeal measurement, agreeing to the administration of Lasix to the animal to aid in the collection of a urine sample for laboratory tests for Federation forbidden substances, agreeing that the appeal measurement shall be final and unappealable to a court of law, and agreeing that the owner and trainer of the animal each release and hold the Federation, and its officers, directors and licensed officials harmless from any claim whatsoever regarding the appeal measurement and respecting any measurements of the animal made prior to the appeal measurement.
 - c. The Federation will select a location and time for the appeal measurement as convenient as possible. The owner

or trainer must deliver the animal to the location at his own expense within 45 days of filing the appeal.

- d. The measurement must be performed by at least two persons appointed by the Federation which shall include one veterinarian who is a member of the American Association of Equine Practitioners and one Registered steward. The officials whose measurement is being appealed cannot be part of the team conducting the measurement appeal.
- 3. Any animal submitted for an appeal measurement must show no evidence of lameness. If found to be lame by the examining veterinarian, the animal cannot be measured or remeasured for thirty (30) days and the appellant forfeits his deposit and any veterinary expenses incurred. Each animal submitted for an appeal measurement must be tested for drugs and medications in accordance with General Rules, Chapter GR4, GR405.
- 4. Appeal of initial measurement.
 - a. If the appeal is denied the initially issued card remains in effect.
 - b. If the appeal is upheld, upon surrender of the initially issued card (if any) a new card will be issued based upon the appeal measurement; such cards remain subject to protest per HU180 of this rule.
- 5. Appeals of protest measurements,
 - a. If the appeal is not upheld or the appellant fails to submit the animal within 45 days, all points accumulated for Horse of the Year Awards are nullified.
 - b. If the appeal is upheld, a Temporary Measurement card is issued to animals seven years of age and under and a Standard Measurement card is issued to animals eight years of age or over. The Temporary and Standard Measurement cards cannot be protested for the remainder of the competition year.
 - c. If the appeal is upheld, the animal will receive credit for all points accumulated including all points, prize money and trophies won at the competition where protested.

HU183 Official Measurement

No Official Measurements will be granted for Pony Hunters, Junior Hunters, or Pony Jumpers.

SUBCHAPTER HU-11 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

HU184 Hunter Breeding National Championships

- 1. In order to compete in the U.S. Hunter Breeding National Championship, the horse and owner 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.
- 2. Points for the U.S. Hunter Breeding National Championship for Yearlings, Two Year olds and Three Year olds will be awarded as follows:

Number in Class:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
1		2				
2		4	2			
3-10		10	6	4	2	
11+		20	12	8	4	3 2

Points awarded for the Championship and Reserve Championship are based on the total number of horses entered in all rated classes of the Hunter Breeding section.

Total Number	Champion	Reserve
1-14	10	6
15 or more	20	12

HU185 U.S. Pony Hunter

- 1. Full qualifying criteria and Official Specifications will be posted on the Federation website (www.usef.org) at least 30

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days prior to the start of the qualifying period.

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

3. Eligibility.

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.

4. 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)

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

HU186 U.S. Junior Hunter

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. This competition is designed to encourage and promote the basic training and development of Junior Hunters.
3. 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.

4. 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)

Champion	500	2.0 times the classic
Reserve	300	1.2 times the classic
Third	200	
Fourth	150	
Fifth	100	
Sixth	90	
Seventh	80	
Eighth	70	
Ninth	60	
Tenth	50	

5. Zone or Regional Championships.

- a. The Chairman of each Zone may request permission of the USHJA to hold a Zone or Regional Championship section. 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)

HU187 Amateur Owner Hunter Championship

1. The USHJA, at its discretion may choose to hold a National or East and West Championship for Amateur Owner Hunters. This competition is designed to encourage and promote the basic training and development of Amateur Owner Hunters. The Championship must be offered for the Amateur Owner Hunter 3’6 and the Amateur Owner Hunter 3’3” section. Championship(s) must be run in accordance with USHJA specifications found at USHJA.org.
2. Eligibility.
 - a. The horse must be recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA 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.
3. 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.

Placing	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)

Champion	500 (2.0 times the Hunter Classic Round points)
Reserve	300 (1.2 times the Hunter Classic Round points)
Third	200
Fourth	150
Fifth	100
Sixth	90
Seventh	80
Eighth	70
Ninth	60
Tenth	50

4. 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 Amateur Owner Hunter division within the previous competition year.
 - 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 USHJA.
- e. The Championships are conducted under the same regulations as the USHJA Amateur Owner Hunter Championship. (Exception: All points awarded are based on "AA" point values as per GR1131.5).

SUBCHAPTER HU-12 HUNTER & PONY HUNTER BREEDING

HU188 General

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.***BOD 1/16/16 Effective 12/1/16*

HU189 Hunter Breeding

1. Division of Classes. Breeding classes may be divided as to a) thoroughbred, and b) other than thoroughbred and include: Foals (colts, geldings and/or fillies); Yearlings (colts, geldings and/or fillies); Two-year-olds (colts, geldings and/or fillies); Three-year-olds; Mares (3 years old or over, with or without foal); Mares (3 years old or over, without foal but having been bred); Broodmares (with foal at foot; 50% mare and 50% foal or 75% mare and 25% foal); Stallions (3 years old and over); Stallion (with 1, 2 or 3 of get; 50% stallion and 50% get or 75% stallion and 25% get). See also HU101.4 and GR907.2 for breed registry requirements.
2. Class Specifications.
 - a. Breeding classes are judged on conformation, way of moving, quality, substance, soundness and suitability to become or in the case of sires and dams apparent ability to produce or beget hunters. Possible inheritable conformational defects are only to be considered in the case of sires and dams or prospective sires and dams. Horses are to be judged for conformation before being walked and/or trotted. Broodmares and weanlings are to walk. Yearlings, Two year-olds and Three year-olds are to walk and trot. Horses that are not sound are ineligible for an award. Entries should be lined up in the order of preference before the ribbons are pinned. A competition may not offer more than 2 hunter breeding divisions to count for HOTY awards for any one competition. Each division must be judged by a different judge(s). The judge(s) from one section may not confer with the judge(s) from the other section until the judging is completed, exception learner judges. Learner judges may only accompany judge(s) in one section. Judges will only be in the ring when judging their division. Each division must be held separately. If available, separate areas are preferred. Additional classes and championships may be offered but will not count towards Horse of the Year points. The prize list must clearly state which classes count for Horse of the Year points.
 - b. Foals in Breeding classes may wear leather halters. All animals of yearling status and older must be shown in a bridle. Only a snaffle or straight bar bit may be used. A properly fitted in hand leather lead and chain, such as a new market or "V" shank type may be substituted for reins. A properly fitted in hand leather lead may also be substituted for reins. A properly fitted chain should be short enough to prevent the horse from getting it in his/her mouth and should never be placed over the nose or tightly under the chin.
 - c. Four classes must be offered consisting of Yearlings, Two-year-olds, Three-year-olds and Best Young Horse. Classes may not be combined. Classes may be divided by sex and/or breeding and competition management is encouraged to divide classes where entries warrant. Only these classes will count for Federation Horse of the

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Year Awards. A Best Young Horse class must be offered and judged as a separate class. Winners in all qualifying classes may show in the Best Young Horse class. Second place winners may return. Federation Horse of the Year points will be awarded in the Best Young Horse class regardless of the number of entries.

3. Conduct. A competition may not offer more than two Hunter Breeding divisions to count for HOTY awards at any one competition. Each division must be judged by a different judge or judges, with neither judge conferring with the other concerning the judging until the divisions are completed. The prize list must clearly state which classes count for Federation points. Additional classes and division championships may be offered but will not count for Federation points.

4. Points.

a. Classes with combined age groups do not count toward the Horse of the Year Awards. Exception: Best Young Horse class. See also GR1113.

b. Points will be based on the number of horses in the class as follows:

Number in Class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
1	1 (*)			
2	2	1 (*)		
3 -10	5	3	2	1
11 +	10	6	4	2

c. (*) If a horse which competes in a qualifying class with less than three entries becomes Best Young Horse or Reserve Best Young Horse at that competition, they will receive full points for the qualifying class (i.e. 5 pts. for 1st, 3 pts. for 2nd).

d. Points awarded in the Best Young Horse Class for the Championship and Reserve Championship are based on the total number of horses entered in all rated classes of the Hunter Breeding section.

Total Number	Champion	Reserve
1-2	2 points	1 point
3-14	5 points	3 points
15 or more	10 points	6 points

HU190 Pony Hunter Breeding and USHJA Pony Breeding Championship

Unless the USHJA submits their Zone specifications to the Federation by August 1st of the previous year, the following specifications will apply for the Pony Hunter Breeding Division.

1. Ponies in the Pony Hunter Breeding Division are not required to have a measurement card. However, a pony may be subject to measurement by the competition steward to verify a height that does not exceed 14.2 hands.

2. Division of Classes. Foals (colts, geldings and/or fillies); Yearlings (colts, geldings and/or fillies); Two year-olds (colts, geldings and/or fillies); Three year-olds (colts, geldings and/or fillies); Broodmares (with foal at foot and/or bred with a breeding certificate); Stallions (three year olds and over); Produce of Dam (two ponies produced by the same mare); Get of Sire (two ponies sired by the same stallion). Animals shown in the Produce or Get classes must be three years of age or younger.

3. Conduct. A Competition may not offer more than two Pony Hunter Breeding divisions to count for HOTY Zone awards at any one competition. Each division must be judged by a different judge or judges, with neither judge conferring with the other concerning the judging until the divisions are completed and the cards are turned in. The prize list must clearly state which classes count for Federation Zone points. Additional classes and division championships may be offered but will not count for Federation Zone points.

4. Class Specifications.

a. Breeding classes are judged on conformation, way of moving, quality, substance, soundness and suitability to become Pony Hunters. Transmissible unsoundness is only to be considered in the case of sires and dam

or prospective sires and dams. Ponies are to be judged for conformation before being walked and/or jogged. Broodmares and weanlings are to walk. Yearlings, Two year-olds and Three year-olds are to walk and jog. Ponies that are not sound are ineligible for an award. If the section has only one judge and thus one set of points, the entries should be lined up in order of preference before the ribbons are pinned. If this is a two-judge section, with two sets of points, the entries are not lined up in the order of preference until both judges have turned in their cards. The announcer or ringmaster will line up Judge #1's entries in his/her order of preference before awarding the ribbons. After the entries have been pinned for the first judge, Judge #2's entries will line up in his/her order of preference before the awarding of ribbons.

- b. All entries may either be shown in a bridle or a leather halter.
- c. Four classes must be offered consisting of Yearlings, Two year-olds, Three year olds and Best Young Pony. Classes may not be combined. Classes may be divided by sex. Management is encouraged to divide classes where entries warrant. Only these classes will count for Federation Zone Horse of the Year Awards.
- d. A Best Young Pony class must be offered and judged as a separate class. Winners in all qualifying classes may show in the best Young Pony Class. Second place winners may return. Federation Zone Horse of the Year Points will be awarded in the Best Young Pony class regardless of the number of entries.

5. Special Rating Requirements.

- a. Classes with combined age groups do not count toward Zone Horse of the Year Awards. Exception: Best Young Pony Class. See also GR1113.

- b. Points will be based on the number of ponies in the class as follows:

Number in class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
1 entry	1 *			
2 entries		2	1 *	
3 to 10 entries	5	3	2	1
More than 10 entries	10	6	4	2

- c. (*) If a pony that competes in a qualifying class with less than three entries becomes Best Young Pony or Reserve Best Young Pony at that competition, they will receive full points for the qualifying class (5 points for 1st and 3 points for second).
- d. Championship points are based on the total number of ponies in the rated classes of the Pony Hunter Breeding Division (Yearling, Two year-olds, and Three year-olds)

1 to 14 total entries: Champion 5 points, Reserve 3 points

15 or more entries: Champion 10 points, Reserve 6 points

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. *BOD 1/16/16 Effective 12/1/16*

SUBCHAPTER HU-13 USHJA CHAMPIONSHIPS AND SPECIAL CLASSES

HU191 International Hunter Derby

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1. Classes included in the member event series to be determined annually by USHJA.
2. Derbies may only be offered at USEF licensed Premier competitions, National competitions which meet or exceed the competition standards of a Premier rating, but do not meet the prize money and/or horse entry standard requirements of a Premier rating and competitions that have been approved for a Special Competition status. The competition Steward must verify in their report to the Federation that the National competition met all other requirements of a Premier competition.
3. All classes involved in the USHJA Member Event Series must meet the requirements set forth by USHJA. Information on the application procedure, class requirements, judging system and course requirements is available from the Programs Department in the USHJA office. Competition management will collect and remit to USHJA the per horse entrant fee determined by the USHJA. This fee must be included in the entry fee.
4. National bonus points will be awarded to each horse's respective section as declared at the time of entry. Only Juniors and Amateurs may declare for the applicable Junior or Amateur Owner section. Horses declared in Open Sections will also be awarded the value of their money won for the declared hunter section.

The point structure will be as follows:

	Round #1	Round #2	Overall/ Top 12
1st	50	50	200
2nd	40	40	160
3rd	35	35	140
4th	30	30	120
5th	25	25	100
6th	20	20	80
7th	15	15	60
8th	10	10	40
9th	7	7	28
10th	5	5	20
11th	3	3	12
12th	2	2	8

5. Prize Money must be distributed in accordance with the official USHJA Class Specifications at www.ushja.org.
6. Riders, owners, and trainers must be a current Active members of USEF and USHJA before the start of the class. Horses must be recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA. Exception: Foreign residents and horses in good standing with their National Federation are eligible to compete in this class. However the points and/or money won will not count for any USEF or USHJA standings or awards unless they are also members of USEF and USHJA, and the horse is recorded with USEF and registered with USHJA. (See GR901.9).
7. Horses competing in this class must have an active recording to be eligible for Horse of the Year points (GR1110).
8. The prize money offered in this class does not count to determine the overall rating the competition. Exception: Premier rated competitions offering \$25,000 or more in prize money.
9. Each class must have two sets of two judges, two of which must be a "R." A team of judges may include one "R" and one "r" judge.

10. Points - USHJA International Hunter Derby Finals

	Round #1	Round #2	Overall
1st	150	200	400
2nd	140	185	370
3rd	130	170	340
4th	120	155	310
5th	110	140	280
6th	100	125	250
7th	90	110	220
8th	80	100	200
9th	70	90	180
10th	60	80	160
11th	55	70	140
12th	50	60	120
13th	45	50	100
14th	40	45	90
15th	35	40	80
16th	30	35	70
17th	25	30	60
18th	20	25	50
19th	15	20	40
20th	10	15	30

HU192 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.
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.
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.
6. Zone bonus points will be awarded **per specifications found on the USHJA website**.
7. Prize Money must be distributed in accordance with the official USHJA Class Specifications at www.ushja.org.
8. Riders, owners and trainers must be current active members of **the Federation** 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.

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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 current Active member of the Federation and USHJA and the horse is registered with USHJA.

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.

9. 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. *BOD 1/16/16 Effective 12/1/16*
10. The same horse may not compete in the USHJA National Hunter Derby and International Hunter Derby at the same competition.
11. Each class must have a minimum of two judges. All judges will sit together and provide one score.

HU193 USHJA Green Hunter Challenge

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

1. USHJA Green Hunter Challenge is open to horses of any age eligible under Federation rules to compete in the Green Hunter 3' or 3'3".
2. Horses are not required to jog for soundness.
3. All USHJA 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 Green Hunter Challenge may be held as a separate two (2) round class or competitions may utilize the last class of a Green section as the first (1st) round of the 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.
4. 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 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.
5. This per horse entrant fee is not included in calculating the ten percent (10%) entry fee maximum.
6. National and Zone bonus points will be awarded to the horse in the Green hunter 3'0" or 3'3" section. However, horses may be ridden by Professionals, Juniors, or Amateurs.
7. National and Zone bonus points will be awarded for a USHJA Green Hunter Challenge as follows:
 - a. For a USHJA Green Hunter Challenge in which the first round is the last class of the 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 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.
8. A minimum of \$750 must be offered when a USHJA 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.
10. Prize Money must be distributed in accordance with the official USHJA class specifications at www.ushja.org. Competitions choosing to pay to further places utilizing different payout percentages must state this in their prize list.
 11. A competition may choose to offer add-back prize money in addition to the prize money offered, however, the minimum required prize money must be guaranteed. If add-back prize money will be offered, this must be stated in the prize list.
 12. Riders, owners and trainers must be current Active members of 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 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 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.
 14. Two (2) judges are required for Premier rated competitions and competitions that have been approved for a Special Competition status, one of whom must hold a Registered (large R) USEF Hunter License. The second judge may hold a Registered (large R) or Recorded (small r) USEF Hunter License. Only one (1) judge is required for National rated competitions and that judge must hold a Registered (large R) USEF Hunter License; only one (1) judge is required for, Regional I and Regional II rated competitions, and that judge must hold a Recorded (small R) USEF Hunter License. Two (2) judges are encouraged when feasible. When utilizing two judges, regardless of competition rating, the second judge may hold a Registered (large R) or Recorded (small r) USEF Hunter License.
 15. When more than one (1) judge officiates, all judges will sit together and provide one (1) score.

HU194 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 HOTY 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 HOTY bonus points will only be awarded for placing in a USHJA Pony Hunter Derby if:
 1. A minimum of 12 ponies compete in the first round at a Premier or National rated competition or a competition

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that has been approved for a Special Competition classification.

2. A minimum of six ponies compete in the first round at a Regional I or II rated competition.
4. National and Zone HOTY bonus points will be awarded for a USHJA Pony Hunter Derby as determined by USHJA. *BOD 1/16/16 Effective 12/1/16*

HU195 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. *BOD 1/16/16 Effective 12/1/16*

SUBCHAPTER HU-14 LIMITING ENTRIES

HU196 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: Green Hunter 3'0", 3'3", 3'6", and 3'9", Young Hunter 3'0", 3'3", and 3'6", Green Conformation Hunter 3'6", High Performance Conformation Hunter, High Performance Hunter, Performance Hunter 3'6" and Performance 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). Only points awarded in the particular section to count except in Amateur Owner, Adult Amateur and Junior Hunter sections where points from both the younger and older sections shall be counted. If the Horse of the Year list has been exhausted and positions

are still available, an alternate system may be used provided it has been published in the prize list or otherwise prior to the end of any specified time period. Whichever method is used, no other restrictive criteria can be imposed. The method chosen may be clearly stated. Management can allow the previous year's Champion and Reserve Champion or Champion to enter the section he or she was Champion or Reserve Champion in the previous year without qualifying. Management may allow the horse or pony that is leading for the respective Federation Zone Award in its Zone to enter that section. *BOD 11/7/16 Effective 12/1/16*

Appendix A. Hunter Schooling Rules

1. It is important to remember that all exercise areas are different in size, type of footing, and jump material provided. Furthermore, the ability of the horse and rider must always be taken into consideration as well when deciding what is permitted and not permitted during preparation.
2. In the schooling/exercise areas during the preparation before competition, a minimum of one vertical and one oxer must be provided. The ground must be in good condition. Management must provide sufficient obstacle material. The jumping area should be large enough to provide sufficient room for the training.
3. Obstacles may be flagged, in which case they must be jumped in the proper direction. The Steward, and/or Schooling Supervisor should decide if the flags may be interchanged.
4. No one may hold a rail or touch a standard while it is being jumped.
5. All rails must be either in cups or totally on the ground (exception: one end of a cross rail may rest on the ground). Rails must be able to fall easily when hit.
6. If a rail is placed on the edge of a cup it must be placed on the far side of the cup, and is only allowed at an oxer if it does not cause the front rail to be higher than the back rail (i.e. offset).
7. Walk rails may be no higher than 12" at the highest point. A walk rail may be parallel to the ground with both ends in cups, or may have one end resting on the ground. Cross rails are NOT allowed. Ground rails are NOT permitted. Horses will approach and depart in a straight line only and may NOT be turned.
8. There may never be more than two (2) rails on the back of an oxer, with the lower rail equal in height to the lowest rail on the front of the oxer. If the oxer is flagged so that it may only be jumped in one direction, there may only be one (1) rail on the back.
9. Ground lines are not mandatory, however if they are used they must be placed either directly below the front of the jump or up to 1 m (3'3") out. If a ground line is used on the landing side of a jump, there must be one on the take off side, and it may not be any further out than the one on the take off side. If an oxer is flagged so it may only be jumped in one direction, the ground line is only permitted on the front of the oxer.
10. If a trot, canter or placement rail is used, it may not be used at a jump higher or wider than 1.30m (4'3"). If used on the take-off side, it may not be closer than 2.50m (8'2"). If used on the landing side of a vertical, it may be no closer than 3.0m (9'10"). If used on the landing side of an oxer, it may be no closer than 20' from the back rail of the oxer.
11. If guide rails are used on the landing side of a jump, the closest part of the rail must be a minimum of 3 m (9'10") from the jump. The schooling supervisor may allow a shorter distance for ponies.
12. A cross rail may be made either by itself, in which case it may not exceed 1.30 m (4'3") in height, or be below a rail at a vertical, or the front of an oxer.
13. Swedish Oxers are permitted with the following stipulations: a) no more than a 6" height difference (low to high points) for ponies, and b) no more than an 18" height difference (low to high points) for horses.
14. If an item (blanket, cooler, etc.) is laid over the rail of an oxer, it may be laid over the front rail. If there is more than one rail on the front of the oxer, the item may be laid over any of those rails.
15. The use of materials which proves dangerous is forbidden.
16. If space and available material allows and safety conditions permit, combinations may be built using correct distances. Bounce jumps may only be used with verticals and may not exceed 1.10m (3'7") in height.

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17. At management's discretion (and if local laws allow) bamboo offsets may be permitted in designated schooling areas only. Manual poling is not permitted.
18. Any action deemed not in the best interest of the horse will not be allowed.
19. The schooling supervisor's decision, after consultation with the Senior Steward, or an official competition steward's decision regarding schooling fences, or tack and equipment in the warm-up area is final.
20. The total maximum weight of equipment allowed to be added to a horse's leg, front or hind (single or multiple boots, fetlock rings, etc), is 500 grams or 17.637 ounces (shoe excluded). Failure to comply with this paragraph will incur disqualification.