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GR 307 Classification

1. Licensed Competitions may be classified as ~~Regular Competitions, Local Competitions,~~ **Hunter Competitions, Equitation Competitions, Jumper Competitions**, Eventing Competitions, Dressage Competitions, Driving Competitions, Endurance Competitions, Reining Competitions, and Vaulting Competitions.
2. Divisions and sections of Regular Competitions are classified as follows for the purpose of reckoning points toward the Federation Annual Horse of the Year Awards. (Exception: Jumper Division, see GR1133):
 - a. ~~A, B, or C, or Premier (“AA”), National (“A”), or Regional (“B”),~~ hunter or
 - b. To include any of the following, individually or combined:
 1. Andalusian/ Lusitano;
 2. Arabian;
 3. Fresian;
 4. Hackney
 5. National Show Horse;
 6. Morgan
 7. Roadster;
 8. American Saddlebred;
 9. Shetland;
 10. English Pleasure.
3. Divisions and sections of Local, Dressage, Driving Competitions, Endurance Competitions, Reining Competitions, Vaulting Competitions, and Eventing Competitions are not rated. However, Dressage Competitions are categorized by levels.
4. ~~Hunter/ Jumping Seat Equitation classes must be held at a competition that holds, at a minimum, a Regional Hunter Rating. Competitions choosing to offer only Hunter and/ or Jumping Seat Equitation classes must obtain a Regional Hunter License, and the Regional mileage will apply (see GR314 Mileage).~~
5. Federation Endorsed Competitions, Divisions, or Levels, or those events receiving approval pursuant to the Federation Bylaws.
 - a. Eventing competitions may be eligible for either licensure or endorsed designation. The Federation may endorse Eventing competitions at the Training Level and below. The Federation may license Eventing competitions at the Modified Level and above. An Eventing Licensed Competition and an Eventing Endorsed Competition may run concurrently.

GR312 Determining Ratings

1. A division or section rating or classification is determined from the number of classes, amount of cash premiums offered in these classes and the holding of required classes in certain divisions. A competition may not offer the minimum requirements for a rating higher than the rating approved by the Federation. Exception: Hunter Competitions. See Ratings Charts.
2. A competition may qualify for several different ratings. Some competitions will earn an “A” or “B” rating in all divisions and sections; others may earn a combination of ratings. Exception: Hunter, **Jumper, and Equitation** competitions will qualify for one rating, ~~Regional, National, or Premier.~~ If more than the minimum number of classes is offered, prize money should be increased proportionately.

3. The Paso Fino Division is rated "C" regardless of the number of classes or amount of prize money offered. A competition may apply for an "A" rating if offering a minimum of \$2,000 and prior year competition had more than 250 horses. The PFHA National show shall be an "A" rated Federation Licensed Competition as per PF155.1i. Exception: the Paso Fino Division may be offered at Local Competitions.
4. In Stake classes in "A" and "B" divisions or sections or at Premier and National Hunter competitions, competitions must guarantee the amount offered as prize money except where the monies offered in other classes are sufficient to meet the Horse of the Year Award minimum requirements. In such cases, Stake classes may run as sweepstakes.
5. The Connemara and Half-bred Connemara is "C" rated, regardless of the number of classes or amount of prize money offered. Exception: the Connemara and Half-bred Connemara Division may be offered at Local Competitions.
6. Rated Hunter Section & Classes

HUNTER SECTIONS RATINGS AND CLASSES	<i>Any Hunter Competition Required Classes Min-Max</i>	<i>Any Hunter Competition Minimum Money</i>
Open Hunter Sections		
Green Conformation Hunter	3-6*	\$500.00
High Performance Conformation Hunter	3-6*	\$500.00
High Performance Hunter	3-5	\$750.00
Performance Hunter 3'3"	3-5	\$400.00
Performance Hunter 3'6"	3-5	\$500.00
Green Hunter Sections		
Green Hunter 3'0"	3-6	\$500.00
Green Hunter 3'3"	3-6	\$500.00
Green Hunter 3'6"	3-6	\$500.00
Green Hunter 3'9"	3-6	\$500.00
Young Hunter Sections		
Young Hunter 5 and under	3-5	\$0.00
Young Hunter 6 and under	3-5	\$0.00
Young Hunter 7 and under	3-5	\$0.00
Amateur Owner Hunter Sections		
Amateur Owner Hunter 3'6" 18-35	3-6*	\$500.00
Amateur Owner Hunter 3'6" 36 & over	3-6*	\$500.00
Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3" 18-35	3-5	\$500.00
Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3" 36 & over	3-5	\$500.00
Junior Hunter Sections		
Small Junior Hunter 3'6" 15 & under	3-5*	\$500.00
Small Junior Hunter 3'6" 16-17	3-5*	\$500.00
Large Junior Hunter 3'6" 15 & under	3-5*	\$500.00
Large Junior Hunter 3'6" 16-17	3-5*	\$500.00
Small Junior Hunter 3'3" 15 & under	3-5*	\$500.00

Small Junior Hunter 3'3" 16-17	3-5*	\$500.00
Large Junior Hunter 3'3" 15 & under	3-5*	\$500.00
Large Junior Hunter 3'3" 16-17	3-5*	\$500.00
Hunter & Green Hunter Pony Sections		
Small Pony Hunter	3-5*	\$400.00
Medium Pony Hunter	3-5*	\$400.00
Large Pony Hunter	3-5*	\$400.00
Green Small Pony Hunter	3-5*	\$250.00
Green Medium Pony Hunter	3-5*	\$250.00
Green Large Pony Hunter	3-5*	\$250.00
Children's Hunter Sections		
Children's Hunter Younger	3-6	\$0.00
Children's Hunter Older	3-6	\$0.00
Children's Hunter Pony Small/ Medium	3-6	\$0.00
Children's Hunter Pony Large	3-6	\$0.00
Low Children's Hunter Horse	3-6	\$0.00
Low Children's Hunter Pony	3-6	\$0.00
Adult Amateur Hunter Sections +		
Adult Amateur Hunter Younger	3-6	\$0.00
Adult Amateur Hunter Middle	3-6	\$0.00
Adult Amateur Hunter Older	3-6	\$0.00
Low Adult Amateur Hunter	3-6	\$0.00
Ladies Side Saddle	3-6	\$0.00
Hunter Breeding	3-6	\$0.00
Small Hunter	3-6	\$0.00
Thoroughbred Hunter	3-6	\$0.00
USHJA Hunter Sections		
USHJA Hunter 2'0"	3-5	\$0.00
USHJA Hunter 2'3"	3-5	\$0.00
USHJA Hunter 2'6"	3-5	\$0.00
USHJA Hunter 2'9"	3-5	\$0.00
USHJA Hunter 3'0"	3-5	\$0.00
Other USHJA Rated Classes		
USHJA International Hunter Derby	0	\$0.00
USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome	0	\$0.00
USHJA National Derby	0	\$0.00
USHJA Green Hunter Incentive	0	\$0.00
USHJA Green Hunter Challenge	0	\$0.00
USHJA Pony Hunter Derby	0	\$0.00
Hunter Classics	0	\$0.00

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

money).

(*See HU163.3, HU117 regarding Model Classes, and other class requirements).

See HU154.2 for requirements regarding minimum number of classes to award a championship.

***No more than two (2) one-day Regional competitions or one (1) multi-day Regional competition may be held by the same licensee or any entity associated with the same licensee during any calendar week (Monday through Sunday). If the licensee is a business entity, this provision includes all persons listed as principals of the business entity. (See HJ112 and HJ113). BOD 11/22/21 Effective 12/1/22

7. All classes offered in a licensed Open Western Division shall be conducted in accordance with GR818, unless the competition has applied for and received a rating. (See ratings chart GR312.)

8. Any breed-restricted division, or combination of breed-restricted divisions, may be offered at Local Regular Competitions, in accordance with GR310.

~~9. IMPORTANT: See Chapter HU and HJ. There are special conditions and requirements for determining the ratings of Hunter sections. Management's attention is directed to these conditions in particular, HU131 and HJ127-133.~~