

New Hunter & Hunter Seat Equitation Rules
Effective Dec 1st for the 2025 Competition Year

HU101 Ponies Shown By Juniors

Ponies shown by a junior in any rated pony hunter sections (i.e. Children's Hunter Pony, Green Pony Hunter, Regular Pony Hunter), WIHS Pony Equitation, or USEF Pony Medal **may** be shown by an adult at the same competition. (See also EQ103.4)

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HU124 Faults

3. The following constitute elimination:

a. Three refusals (Exception: USEF Pony Hunter National Championship, USEF Junior Hunter National Championship, **and the national USHJA International Hunter Derby Championship** exhibitors will be eliminated after two cumulative refusals).

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HU140 Hunter Eligibility and Green Status for Ponies

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 **more than two (2)** competition years is no longer eligible to compete in the Green section

6. Green Pony Status.

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

b. A pony is eligible to compete as a Green Pony for a maximum **of two (2) years (not necessarily consecutive)**, regardless of age or change to measurement status. A pony that has changed height sections in its green years **s** may complete the green years **s** at its new height.

c. 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, the following restrictions apply for Jumper classes held at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition:

1. Small Ponies are not permitted to compete in any Jumper classes with fence heights at or above .70 meters or they will lose their green status.
2. Medium Ponies are not permitted to compete in any Jumper classes with fence heights at or above .75 meters or they will lose their green status.
3. Large ponies are not permitted to compete in any Jumper classes with fence heights at or above .85 meters or they will lose their green status.

e. A pony that is green eligible may only compete in the Green Pony Hunter section one time at the USEF Hunter Pony Championship. If the pony competes in the Green Hunter Pony section at this competition it must be the pony's first time competing at the USEF Hunter Pony Championship.

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HU141 Ages, Sizes and Restrictions for Ponies

9. Restrictions:

a. Stallions are prohibited from all Pony Hunter classes except breeding classes.

b. Number that may be shown:

1. No rider may show more than three ponies in any Green Pony Hunter height section.
2. 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.
3. At National or Regional rated competitions, a rider may ride a maximum of 3 ponies in each height section.

c. Junior riders showing ponies cannot compete in any class where fences may be set higher than 3'6" at the same competition (Exception Junior Jumper classes held below 1.20m, 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.

HU173 National Horse of the Year Point Values

3. National Hunter Derby (Zone Points, National Points and Money Won) Points and money won to be credited to each horse's respective section as declared at the time of entry in the following sections: Performance 3'3", Green 3'0", Green 3'3", Small Hunter, Amateur Owner 3'3", Adult Amateur, Junior Hunter 3'3", Children's Horse, and Young Hunters.

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HU174 Hunter Classics

10. The first round of all Hunter Classics must consist of eight (8) to ten (10) obstacles in accordance with HU109. In the second round of all Hunter Classics the course must consist of a minimum of **eight (8)** obstacles of at least six different types. **Exception: separate standalone classics must have ten (10) obstacles.**

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Appendix A. USEF Hunter Schooling Rules

6. **Within the thirty minutes prior to the scheduled start of the class, any schooling over obstacles by an entry in a class of \$10,000 or more, or any USHJA National Hunter Derby or USHJA International Hunter Derby must be done in a designated area.**

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SUBCHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION.

EQ103 Eligibility to Compete

6. **Ponies shown** in Adult Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes, suitability to count; **may** cross enter into WIHS Pony Equitation or USEF Pony Medal **or any rated Pony Hunter section**. See also HU101.

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EQ111 Requirements for Specific Classes

5. USEF ADULT EQUITATION CLASS. Open to Amateur Senior Members of the Federation and USHJA. Application for membership and amateur certification can be made **online**. Only one rider per horse. To be shown over a course of not less than eight obstacles at 3'3". The course must include one combination which includes an oxer and two changes of direction after the first obstacle. Two or more tests of the top four competitors are required (See EQ113 for approved tests). To fill a class three competitors must complete the course. The winner will receive an embossed certificate from the Federation. Points will count as follows toward the annual USEF High Point Adult Equitation Rider Award. Classes where six (6) or more entries complete the course: 7, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. Classes where three (3) to five (5) entries complete the course: 3, 2, 1. If there are 50 or more entries at the beginning of this class, it must be divided by every other number and run as two separate classes.

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