

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2024	4/28/2023	Disapproved 6/17/2024

Rule Change Intent

The intent is to establish a non-measuring and measuring "r" TD license. Stewards already have this option and Dressage "r" TDs should also be considered for this. After the initial TD training, there are no longer live onsite educational oportunites for pony meaurment review. 3 year testings after never measuring a pony are doomed to initial failure and cause anxiety and stress. Now that there are penalites for incorrect Dressage pony measurements, only those "r" TDs who routinely measure ponies or those desiring to measure ponies should have a measuring certification. All "R" TDs should be mandated to hold this certification.

USEF has discontinued live pony measurement clinics in favor of 3-year testing protocol. After the initial TD clinic, there are no opportunities for a hands on review. Most "r" TDs will not have measured any ponies within their 3 year certification. To require pony measuring without a live refresher course and just a testing is unfair and does not improve the ability for confidence in measuring. With the addition of penalties for any TD whose measurement is not correct, it is time to have only "R" and those "r" TDs who feel confident in pony measurement to have this certification. There should be a non-measuring and measuring "r" TD license.

Having "R" and those "r" Dressage TDs who frequently measure dressage ponies being separately certified and responsible should reduce any chance for an incorrect measurement. Most "r" TDs may never measure a pony or at best have very limited experience. Having the same option as Stewards for a measuring and non-measuring license will alleviate the stress for those TDs who do not routinely measure ponies.

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Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 05/28/2024

Council - Member Services

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 05/20/2024

Draft 1: The Council agrees with the Dressage Committee comment that the impact of this proposal would result in non-measuring TDs not being hired or facing possible replacement if pony awards were added to a competition at the last minute. Conversely, it would result in a smaller number of available measuring TDs which could result in pony classes and awards being cancelled or not offered at all by competition management.

DR135 Pony Measurement

3. Measurement Officials

a. Measurements must be conducted by an eligible Dressage Technical Delegate who is certified by the Federation ***and possesses the Dressage pony measurement credential*** to conduct Dressage pony measurements and is officiating at the competition, as well as the Competition Veterinarian.

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Rule Change Intent

Eradicating the Mileage Rule USEF will not approve or disapprove of competitions based on mileage from a different competition. If the proposed competition is to occur on a date already held by another management company or individual within a 100 mile radius, USEF may suggest an alternate date to the organizer, but will not disapprove the competition.

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Council - Member Services

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 05/20/2024 **Draft 1: The Council agrees with committee comments that eliminating the mileage rules would have a significant adverse effect on competitions and competitors across all breeds and disciplines compromising the quality of competitions. Additionally, the Council feels this proposal conflicts with the Federation's duty and responsibility to provide a sufficient and sustainable calendar of competitions that provides adequate competitive opportunities for horses and riders at varying levels that allow for appropriate advancement. There currently exists a mechanism for permitting competitions to operate within the boundary mileage of another competition when conditions warrant.**

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SUBCHAPTER 3-C COMPETITION MILEAGE

GR314 Mileage

1. Determining Applicable Mileage.

- a. Mileage is applied Division by Division as defined in the Federation Rulebook.
- b. To determine a mile radius, the distance shall be measured using mapping software to measure the distance between the locations where the competitions are being conducted (i.e. address of the facility where each of the competitions will be held or the longitude and latitude if an exact address does not exist), except between Long Island and the mainland. Application of this process will not adversely affect the license rights of competitions already licensed.
- c. In any instance where the shortest road mileage distance between the competition facility locations is greater than one and one half (1 1/2) times the radial mileage between the competition facility locations, the required mileage distances between competitions shall be based upon the road mileage distance rather than radial mileage.
- d. Mileage between competitions within Zones or Regions utilizing different mileage will be subjected to the lower of the mileage requirements.
- e. Long Island, N.Y. The distances between competitions held on Long Island, NY, and competitions held on the mainland shall be determined by measuring a straight line distance from the point at which Interstate Highway 278 (across the Triborough Bridge) intersects the shore of Long Island, to the location where the Long Island competition is being conducted (i.e. address of the facility where each of the competitions will be held or the longitude and latitude if an exact address does not exist) and by measuring the mile radius from the bridge to the location where the other competition is being conducted (i.e. address of the facility where each of the competitions will be held or the longitude and latitude if an exact address does not exist). The application of this process will not adversely affect the license rights of competitions already licensed.
- f. If the mileage between competitions is less than the applicable distance specified by this rule, conflicting dates may be approved by the Federation in accordance with GR315 and providing all other requirements for recognition are met.
- g. The foregoing distance rules do not apply to events comprised exclusively of classes recognized by the FEI and the USOPC (example: Olympic Trials or Olympic Games). The National Championships for Dressage and Dressage Competitions offering Federation High Performance qualifying or selection trials, or observation classes and National classes held in conjunction with a CDI are exempted from the mileage rule. When a CDI is approved on one or more days where another competition has date priority, national classes can only be held on the day of the FEI Jog and on days where at least one CDI class is held or is not held due to no entries. When CDI classes are not held on all approved CDI dates (except due to no entries) the competition might not be granted approval for those dates in subsequent years.

Certain competitions held in conjunction with events also holding FEI competitions and/or selection trials for international competitions, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, may be exempted from the mileage rule.

h. Existing competition is a licensed competition that may or may not be within the mileage indicated of the new license applicant.

i. Proposals to change mileage rule or rules may be submitted for consideration by the Federation Board of Directors. Any such mileage rule change will have an effective date of December 1 of the following calendar year. In no event will changes to mileage become effective in less than 12 months from the date of the rule change approval. Proposals for mileage rule changes submitted by Affiliates may only be considered after they have been considered at the annual meeting of the appropriate recognized National Affiliate.

2. Mileage Boundaries. Mileage consideration may be applicable to more than one mileage provision.

a. The below divisions will be conducted under the following mileage:

1. Andalusian/Lusitano: 250 miles;

2. Arabian: 250 miles;

3. Friesian: 250 miles;

4. Hackney: 100 miles;

5. Morgan: 100 miles;

6. National Show Horse: 50 miles;

7. Roadster: 100 miles;

8. Shetland: 100 miles;

9. American Saddlebred: 100 miles;

10. Local Regular: Any breed competition restricted to one breed or multi-breed competition including any of the above listed breeds (1-9), regardless of number of classes offered: 50 miles;

11. Western Dressage: 100 miles.

b. Mileage Boundaries for Hunter and/or Jumper Sections:

1. Hunter and/or Jumper competitions are categorized by Rating and/or Level. Additional criteria required for each Rating and/or Level in the Hunter and Jumper Mileage Charts can be found on the Federation website at www.usef.org under Competitions.

2. Jumper Levels are based on the prize money offered. See JP104.

3. Hunter mileage shall be independent of the Jumper mileage and applied separately to each division of a competition.

4. The distances between Licensed Competitions held in USHJA Zones 1 & 2 (ME, NH, VT, MA, CT, RI, NJ, NY, and PA) offering hunter or jumper divisions shall be in accordance with the mileage tables (H1 & J1) shown below effective 12-01-22.

Hunter Mileage Chart- H1 USHJA Zones 1 &2				
Priority Date Holders	New Competitions w/ Same Rated Division			
		Premier ("AA")	National ("A")	Regional ("B")
	Premier ("AA")	0	0	0
	National ("A")	0	0	0
	Regional ("B")	0	0	0

~~5. The distances between Licensed Competitions held in USHJA Zones 3 thru 10 and Canada [with the exception of Florida in the first trimester—December through March—see GR314.5] offering hunter or jumper divisions shall be in accordance with the mileage tables (H2 & J2) shown below effective 12-01-08.~~

Jumper Mileage Chart J1 USHJA 1 &2						
Priority Date Holders	New Competitions w/ Same Rated Division					
		Level 5 &6	Level 4	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1
	Level 5 &6	0	0	0	0	0
	Level 4	0	0	0	0	0
	Level 3	0	0	0	0	0
	Level 2	0	0	0	0	0
	Level 1	0	0	0	0	0

Hunter Mileage Chart- H2 USHJA Zones 3 thru 12 and Canada (excluding FL in 1st trimester)				
Priority Date Holders	New Competitions w/ Same Rated Division			
		Premier ("AA")	National ("A")	Regional ("B")
	Premier ("AA")	0	0	0
	National ("A")	0	0	0
	Regional ("B")	0	0	0

Jumper Mileage Chart J2 USHJA Zones 3 thru 12 and Canada (excluding FL in 1st trimester)						
Priority Date Holders	New Competitions w/ Same Rated Division					
		Level 5 &6	Level 4	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1
	Level 5 &6	0	0	0	0	0
	Level 4	0	0	0	0	0
	Level 3	0	0	0	0	0
	Level 2	0	0	0	0	0
	Level 1	0	0	0	0	0

~~6. The distances between Licensed Competitions held in Florida in the first trimester (December through March) offering hunter or jumper divisions shall be in accordance with the mileage tables (H3 & J3) shown below effective 12-01-08~~

Hunter Mileage Chart- H3 (1st trimester Florida)				
Priority Date Holders	New Competitions w/ Same Rated Division			
		Premier ("AA")	National ("A")	Regional ("B")
	Premier ("AA")	0	0	0
	National ("A")	0	0	0
	Regional ("B")	0	0	0

Jumper Mileage Chart J3 (1st trimester Florida)						
Priority Date Holders	New Competitions w/ Same Rated Division					
		Level 5 &6	Level 4	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1
	Level 5 &6	0	0	0	0	0
	Level 4	0	0	0	0	0
	Level 3	0	0	0	0	0
	Level 2	0	0	0	0	0
	Level 1	0	0	0	0	0

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Rule Change Intent

Competition Classifications The USEF will no longer classify its Hunter/Jumper and Equitation competitions. All recognized shows will follow the same guidelines regarding safety, efficiency, and financial responsibility. All recognized classes will have the same potential to earn the rider points toward annual awards (classes may still be split, and have different point values depending on the number of riders in the class, or following a rating system like the USEF Talent Search Medal).

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Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Council - Intl Discipline

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Council - Member Services

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 05/20/2024 **Draft 1: The Council feels the proponent provided no reasoning or justification for the proposed changes. Additionally, the proposal as written fails to contemplate the effect the changes would have on all breed and discipline competitions, the classification for which would be eliminated if the proposed changes were implemented. Members and stakeholders across all breeds and disciplines have worked hard to structure a competition classification system that accommodates the varying needs of each while still applying the unified structure and benefits of organized sport the Federation provides.**

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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.

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Rule Change Intent

Allow USEF to focus on horse welfare, social license to operate horse shows, and governing. Allow affiliates (USHJA, USDF, etc.) to be responsible for awards. Horse of the Year awards encourages overuse of the horse and is often a competition based on who can spend the most money going to the most shows throughout the year rather than quality.

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Council - Member Services

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 05/20/2024

Draft 1: The Council agrees with and supports the comments made by the various breed, discipline, and administrative committees. Doing away with the HOTY program would not be beneficial for the sport. Not all of the USEF disciplines have an affiliate so they would be disadvantaged by this proposal. Furthermore, some affiliates already have award programs in place, while many without an awards program don't have the resources to assume such a responsibility, which is why they appreciate, participate in, and support the HOTY program.

Abolish Horse of the Year (HOTY) Awards sponsored by the USEF and USHJA

The USEF shall not promote or give any annual awards for any of the disciplines or breeds it recognizes. Affiliates will be solely responsible for tracking points/ money.

GR 307 Classification

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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):

GR310 Restrictions on Local Competitions

~~5. Federation Horse of The Year (HOTY) Points~~

- ~~a. For HOTY Points Associated with the Horse. Lite Competitions will award half-value points to all USEF recorded horses, whose owner is a Federation Active Competing Member and meets any applicable breed/ discipline required memberships.~~
- ~~b. For HOTY Points Associated with the Rider. Lite Competitions will award half-value points to riders who are Federation Active Competing Members and meet any applicable breed/ discipline required memberships.~~

GR 311 Awards Rating Classifications

- ~~1. For the purpose of equalizing competitions for the National Horse of the Year Awards, divisions, and sections of Regular Competitions fall into one of three classifications: "A", "B", or "C" rated or Premier, National or Regional Hunter. BOD 11/22/21 Effective 12/1/22~~
- ~~2. In the Hunter division, points for ribbons won in any rated section will be awarded in two awards channels using the applicable point chart. Channel I includes Premier and National rated hunter competitions and Channel II includes Regional rated hunter competitions. Points earned in a channel are exclusive to that award channel. BOD 8/30/21 Effective 12/1/22~~
 - ~~a. In the Green Hunter 3'0", 3'3", 3'6", and 3'9", Young Hunter 5 and under, Young Hunter 6 and under, Young Hunter 7 and under, High Performance Hunter, Performance Hunter 3'3" and 3'6", Green Conformation Hunter 3'6" and High Performance Conformation Hunter, standings for the National Horse of the Year Awards based on money won will be determined by dollars won in the horse's respective sections. See GR1132.~~

GR313 Special Conditions

- ~~2. The following classes do not count toward the minimum number of classes nor toward the minimum prize money required for any division or section rating; these following classes do not count toward HOTY awards unless included in the specific division award rules:~~

- a. Breeding;
- b. Classes restricted to area;
- c. Classes, such as Maiden, Novice, Limit, and other such restricted classes, which restrict the number of ribbons won by any rider, handler or driver, e.g., except for Select, Choice, and Elite Classes in the Arabian Division.
- d. Owners, except in Amateur Owner sections and Paso Fino Division;
- e. Classes that do not count toward a Hunter or Jumper Championship;
- f. Bareback, Grooms, Consolation, Races, Parades, Command, Cutting classes, and except in the Paso Fino Divisions, Costume classes, Calcutta classes;
- g. Exhibitions;
- h. Classes restricted to one breed (except in one breed divisions), type or color;
- i. Classes restricted to horse or rider (e.g. age or sex, unless complementary classes are offered for other entries). Ladies classes will count toward the rating requirement even if complementary classes for Gentlemen are not offered;
- j. Any class in which the judging specifications are not in accordance with the Federation;
- k. Opportunity classes;
- l. Academy classes;
- m. Classes held as part of a USHJA Outreach competition

GR914 Limiting Entries

~~3. B. 5. If there is an award category for classes in the league or series and the above requirements are met, HOTY points will be awarded for the qualifying classes and for the finals held at licensed competitions.~~

~~6. If the finals of a league, series, or other ranking system are not held at a licensed competition, HOTY points for the finals will not be awarded~~

GR1110 General

~~4. If the owner, rider, animal, and trainer are all in good standing and an error occurs on the entry blank (i.e. the wrong USEF number is written, the old owner is written error, the correct number but incorrect spelling is written, etc.), HOTY points may be awarded after review by the Federation.~~

GR1132 Hunter and Equitation Divisions

~~3. In the Hunter division, points are calculated according to the Hunter Division Point Chart. Exception: National awards for Green Hunter 3'0", 3'3", 3'6", and 3'9", Young Hunter 5 and under, Young Hunter 6 and under, Young Hunter 7 and under, High Performance and Performance Hunter 3'3" and 3'6", Green Conformation Hunter 3'6", and High Performance Conformation Hunter will be calculated using two systems towards two separate sets of national awards. The national Money Won Awards will be based on the money won by each horse in their respective section. The national Points Awards will be calculated according to the Hunter Division Point Chart. Both money won and points won in hunter classics, the USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake, the USHJA International Hunter Derby, and the~~

~~USHJA Green Hunter Incentive Stake will be included. The money won and points won in the USHJA International Hunter Derby and USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stakes will only be awarded towards a declared Hunter section for HOTY points if a horse competes in the declared section a minimum of five (5) times during the competition year. The money won and points won in the USHJA Green Hunter Incentive Stake will only be awarded toward a declared Hunter section for HOTY points if a horse competes in the declared section a minimum of three (3) times during the competition year.~~

~~10. Hunter Division Section Awards~~

~~In the Hunter division, points for ribbons won or money won, if applicable, in any rated section will be awarded in two awards channels. Channel I includes Premier ("AA") and National ("A") rated hunter competitions and Channel II includes Regional ("B") rated hunter competitions. Points earned or money won, if applicable, in a channel are exclusive to that award channel.
BOD 8/30/21 Effective 12/1/22~~

~~a. Hunter division Section awards are offered for the following at the National level from the Federation and at the Zone level from USHJA: Green Conformation Hunter 3'6", Green Hunter 3'0", 3'3", 3'6", and 3'9", High Performance Conformation Hunter, High Performance Hunter, Performance Hunters 3'3", Performance Hunters 3'6", Young Hunter 5 and under, Young Hunter 6 and under, Young Hunter 7 and under, Small Green Pony Hunter, Medium Green Pony Hunter, Large Green Pony Hunter, Small Pony Hunter, Medium Pony Hunter, Large Pony Hunter, Small Junior Hunter 15 yrs. & under, Small Junior Hunter 16-17 yrs, Large Junior Hunter 15 yrs. & under, Large Junior Hunter 16-17 yrs., Amateur Owner Hunter 18-35 Years Old and Over 35 Years Old, Ladies Side Saddle, Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3" 18-35 Years Old and Over 35 Years Old, Small Hunter, Small Junior Hunter 3'3" 15 yrs & under, Small Junior Hunter 3'3" 16-17 yrs., Large Junior Hunter 3'3" 15 yrs. and under and Large Junior Hunter 3'3" 16-17 yrs, Children's Hunter Ponies, Children's Hunter Horses, Low Children's Hunter Horse, Low Children's Hunter Pony, Adult Amateur Hunter 18-35 Years Old, Adult Amateur Hunter Over 35 Years Old, Low Adult Amateur Hunter, **Small Hunter**, USHJA Hunter 2'0", 2'3", 2'6", 2'9", and 3'0", and Thoroughbred Hunter.~~

~~b. The USHJA shall determine the Zone HOTY points to be awarded for its USHJA Hunter Championships, Finals, and Classes. The USHJA shall notify the Federation and publish the point scale to be utilized on the USHJA website a minimum of 60 days prior to the start of each event.~~

~~11. Hunter Competitions Utilizing Federation HOTY Points/ money won for Qualification for their Events.~~

~~a. Premier and National hunter rated competitions (including those held in conjunction with Jumper Level 1-3 Jumper competitions) must utilize the applicable Channel II HOTY points for qualification purposes. BOD 11/22/21 Effective 12/1/22~~

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

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

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

- c. ~~Junior Hunter 15 Years and Younger: awarded to the horse with the most points in the 15- & Under rider age section of the 3'6" Junior Hunters~~
- d. ~~Junior Hunter 16-17 Years: awarded to the horse with the most points in the 16-17 rider age section of the 3'6" Junior Hunters~~
- e. ~~Pony Hunter: awarded to the pony with the most points from the small, medium, and large Regular Hunter Pony sections~~
- f. ~~Green Hunter Pony: awarded to the pony with the most points from the small, medium, and large Green Hunter Pony sections~~
- g. ~~Conformation Hunter: awarded to the horse with the most points from the High Performance Conformation Hunter and Green Conformation 3'6" sections~~
- h. ~~Green Hunter: awarded to the horse with the most points from the Green Hunter 3'0", 3'3", 3'6", and 3'9" sections.~~
- i. ~~High Performance Hunter: awarded to the horse with the most points from the High Performance Hunter section~~
- j. ~~Young Hunter: awarded to the horse with the most points from the Young Hunter 5 and under, Young Hunter 6 and under, Young Hunter 7 and under sections~~

~~13. USHJA Zone Rider of the Year Hunter/ Jumping Seat Equitation Division Awards.~~

~~The following specifications will apply for the Age Group Equitation Hunter section unless addressed by specific USHJA Zone specifications (available at www.ushja.org):~~

- a. ~~Awards are offered for the following at the Zone level: Equitation 14 and under, Equitation 15-17, Adult Equitation 18-35, and Adult Equitation 36 and over.~~
- b. ~~points will be awarded in accordance with the Hunter/ Jumping Seat Equitation Increment Chart.~~

1st	20
2nd	15
3rd	10
4th	6
5th	5
6th	4
7th	3
8th	2

- c. ~~Section champions will be awarded 2.0 times the total 1st place point value. Section reserve Champions will be awarded 1.2 times the total 1st place value.~~
- d. ~~Competition management may offer Age Group Equitation classes divided at their discretion. Equitation that is offered by age will be awarded points that will be credited to the age groups defined in GR 1132.12a or the relevant Zone Specifications.~~
- e. ~~Age Group Equitation classes for junior riders to be shown over a course of not less than eight fences and the fence heights cannot exceed 3'6" (or 1.10m when class specifications list fence height in metric) and winds are optional.~~
- f. ~~Age Group Equitation classes for adult amateurs to be shown over a course of not less than~~

eight fences and the fence height cannot exceed 3'3" (or 1.0m when class specifications list fence height in metric).

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

~~14. For the purposes of the USHJA Zone awards, ribbons won in any "A" or "B" rated section will receive points per GR1132.5. For the purposes of the USHJA Zone Equitation awards, ribbons won at any competition will receive points per GR1132.13b. USHJA Zone Awards will be distributed according to the Zone map. BOD 8/30/21 Effective 12/1/22~~

~~15. Presentation of the USHJA Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be made at Zone meetings at the discretion of Zone Committees and auspices of Zone Committees, only after approval of the USHJA.~~

GR1133 Pony Hunter Breeding and Hunter Breeding

~~8. The USHJA shall determine the National, Zone HOTY points to be awarded for its USHJA Hunter Breeding Finals and Classes. The USHJA shall notify the Federation and publish the point scale to be utilized on the USHJA website a minimum of 120 days prior to the start of each event.~~

GR1134 Jumpers

~~1. Eligibility.~~

~~Points toward any Horse of the Year Award will not be credited until the applications and fees for the horse's recording, exhibitor's registration, transfer of ownership, name change or addition of owner(s) and owner's Senior Active, Junior Active or Life membership are received by the Federation office. Furthermore, points toward any Horse of the Year Awards will not be credited until the applications and fees for the horse's USHJA Horse Registration, transfer of ownership, name change or addition of owner(s) and the owner's USHJA Active or USHJA Life membership are received by the USHJA offices. Exception: Applications for Federation and USHJA Individual Membership and Horse Recordings submitted at Licensed Competitions. BOD 1/14/23 Effective 2/1/23~~

~~2. Point Tabulation. See GR1113-GR1119. Children's and Adult Amateur Jumper USHJA Zone Horse of the Year Awards and Pony, 5-Year Old, 6-Year Old, and 7-Year Old Jumper National and USHJA Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be based on the following:~~

Exhibitors	3-8	9-15	16-25	26+
1st	15	20	25	30
2nd	10	15	20	25
3rd	8	12	16	20
4th	6	9	12	15
5th	5	8	11	14
6th	4	7	10	13

7th	3	6	9	12
8th	2	5	8	11

*Determined by the number of entries that competed (see JP136.13) in the class.

3. The Junior Jumper, Amateur Jumper, U25 and Young Rider Jumper Horse of the Year Awards will be based on one point for every dollar won in their classification at Regular Competitions.

4. The Open Jumper Horse of the Year Award will be based on money won in classes which comply with JP151, classes of \$25,000 or more. One point for every dollar won will be awarded.

5. Award Categories. Federation national awards will be given in the following categories: Low Junior, Medium Junior, High Junior, Low Amateur, Medium Amateur, High Amateur, Open, Pony, Children's, Adult Amateur, Thoroughbred Jumper, Young Rider and U25. Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be given by USHJA in the following categories (see JP119 for Zone specifications): Low Junior, Medium Junior, High Junior, Low Amateur, Medium Amateur, Children's, Adult Amateur, Pony, Young Riders, U25 and Thoroughbred Jumper. National awards will be offered in two awards channels as follows:

a. Channel I—Based on placings at standalone Jumper Level 4-6 competitions or Jumper Level 4-6 competitions held in conjunction with a Premier ("AA") or National ("A") rated hunter competition.

b. Channel II—Based on placings at standalone Jumper Level 1-3 competitions or Jumper Level 1-3 competitions offered in conjunction with a Regional ("B") rated hunter competition.

c. Points earned in a channel are exclusive to that award channel. *BOD 8/30/21 Effective 12/1/22*

6. USHJA Zone awards will be distributed according to the Zone Map. USHJA Zone awards will be offered in two awards channels as follows:

a. Channel I—Based on placings at standalone Jumper Level 4-6 competitions or Jumper Level 4-6 competitions held in conjunction with a Premier ("AA") or National ("A") rated hunter competition.

b. Channel II—Based on placings at standalone Jumper Level 1-3 competitions or Jumper Level 1-3 competitions offered in conjunction with a Regional ("B") rated hunter competition.

c. Points earned in a channel are exclusive to that award channel. *BOD 8/30/21 Effective 12/1/22*

7. Presentation of the USHJA Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be made at the discretion and auspices of Zone Committees, only after approval of the USHJA.

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

9. Jumper Competitions Utilizing Federation HOTOY Points for Qualification for their Events:

a. Standalone Jumper Level 4-6 competitions or Jumper Level 1-6 competitions held in conjunction with a Premier or National rated hunter competition must utilize the applicable Channel I HOTOY points for qualification purposes.

b. Standalone Jumper Level 1-3 competitions or Jumper Level 1-3 competitions held in conjunction with a Regional rated hunter competition must utilize the applicable Channel II HOTOY points for qualification purposes. *BOD 11/22/21 Effective 12/1/22*

GR1301 General

1. Knowledge of and compliance with the rules of the Federation.
2. Obtain Federation membership or pay a per-competition Show Pass fee if competing at Federation member competitions. (See GR202 and GR205-GR206.) Exception: See GR310 for Lite Competitions
3. Obtain Federation Amateur Certification and measurement cards where required. (See GR1307, GR501, and HU137.) ~~Exception: Amateur Certification is not required for participation in Lite Competitions, unless HOTY Points are being awarded to the participant.~~

EP105 Classes Offered and Specifications

Open Classes are open to professionals, amateurs, and junior exhibitors. Classes may be restricted (e.g. Amateurs, Jr. Exhibitors, Novice Rider, etc.) only if specifically stated in the prize list. A competition may offer up to three classes in each subsection of the Saddle Seat, Hunter Seat and Driving Sections (e.g. three Amateur English Pleasure Hunter seat classes, ~~three English Pleasure Saddle seat Geldings classes, etc.~~) however, ~~only one class within each subsection and the championship will count for HOTY awards for any one competition. The prize list must clearly state which classes count for Horse of the Year points.~~

EQ107 Conduct

8. CHAMPIONSHIPS. Championships in the Hunter/ Jumping Seat Equitation division may be offered on a competitive basis or based on points. ~~Only Championships awarded based on points will count for Zone HOTY points.~~

HJ125 Limiting Entries at Hunter/ Jumper Competitions

4. ~~National and Zone HOTY points will not be awarded to any class or section with restricted entries. (Exception: Competitions approved by the Federation Board of Directors per the process below.)~~
5. ~~Any Licensed Competition wishing to have HOTY points awarded for a class or section where entries are restricted must submit an application to the Federation at least ninety (90) days prior to the start of the competition where entries are restricted. If the class or section is part of a League or Series the application must be submitted at least ninety (90) days prior to the start of the qualifying period for the League or Series. The Federation Board CEO may refer the application to the appropriate discipline or other committee for its recommendation regarding the application prior to the application and any recommendation being considered by the CEO.~~
Effective 5/1/23

HU148 General

6. ~~A competition may not offer more than one Hunter Breeding division to count for National or Zone HOTY Awards and one Pony Hunter Breeding division to count for Zone HOTY awards.~~

~~7. Additional classes and championships may be offered but will not count towards National or Zone Horse of the Year Awards. The prize list must clearly state which classes count for Horse of the Year Awards.~~

HU151 Ladies Side Saddle Classes

8. Three classes must be offered: Over Fences, Under Saddle, and Hunter Hack.
- a. All three classes will count equally for the Championship.
 - b. In cases of ties, horses are to hack off for Champion and Reserve.
 - ~~c. 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.~~
 - ~~d. At least three entries must compete in the Under Saddle class and the Hunter Hack class for HOTY points to count.~~

HU173 National Horse of the Year Point Values

~~1. USHJA Green Hunter Challenge~~

~~Points to be credited to the respective Green Hunter section~~

- ~~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, HOTY points will be awarded as follows:~~

1st	0	7th	0
2nd	0	8th	0
3rd	0	9th	0
4th	0	10th	0
5th	0	11th	0
6th	0	12th	0

- ~~b. For a USHJA Green Hunter Challenge which is held as a separate two round class, HOTY points will be awarded as follows:~~

1st	0	7th	0
2nd	0	8th	0
3rd	0	9th	0
4th	0	10th	0
5th	0	11th	0
6th	0	12th	0

c. ~~USHJA Green Hunter Incentive.~~

~~The USHJA Green Hunter Incentive will count towards National and Zone Horse of the Year points/ money for each horse's respective Green Hunter height section. See GR 4132.2 for restrictions. See chart below for how points are calculated.~~

Stake Class			
Premier and National Competitions		Regional Competitions	
Place	Points	Place	Points
1st	0	1st	0
2nd	0	2nd	0
3rd	0	3rd	0
4th	0	4th	0
5th	0	5th	0
6th	0	6th	0
7th	0	7th	0
8th	0	8th	0
9th	0	9th	0
10th	0	10th	0
11th	0	11th	0

Regional Championship					
Round 1		Round 2		Overall	
Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
1st	0	1st	0	1st	0
2nd	0	2nd	0	2nd	0
3rd	0	3rd	0	3rd	0
4th	0	4th	0	4th	0
5th	0	5th	0	5th	0
6th	0	6th	0	6th	0
7th	0	7th	0	7th	0
8th	0	8th	0	8th	0
9th	0	9th	0	9th	0
10th	0	10th	0	10th	0
11th	0	11th	0	11th	0

12th	0	12th	0	12th	0
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National Championship					
Round 1		Round 2		Round 3	
Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
1st	0	1st	0	1st	0
2nd	0	2nd	0	2nd	0
3rd	0	3rd	0	3rd	0
4th	0	4th	0	4th	0
5th	0	5th	0	5th	0
6th	0	6th	0	6th	0
7th	0	7th	0	7th	0
8th	0	8th	0	8th	0
9th	0	9th	0	9th	0
10th	0	10th	0	10th	0
11th	0	11th	0	11th	0
12th	0	12th	0	12th	0
13th	0	13th	0	13th	0
14th	0	14th	0	14th	0
15th	0	15th	0	15th	0
16th	0	16th	0	16th	0
17th	0	17th	0	17th	0
18th	0	18th	0	18th	0
19th	0	19th	0	19th	0
20th	0	20th	0	20th	0

2. International Hunter Derby

~~Points to be credited toward 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. Points may not be credited toward the HOTY awards for the Green Conformation Hunter 3'6" or the High Performance Conformation Hunter. The money won and points won in the USHJA International Hunter Derby and International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake will only be awarded towards a declared Hunter section for HOTY points if a horse competes in the declared section a minimum of five (5) times during the competition year.~~

Class					
Round 1		Round 2		Round 3	
Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
1st	0	1st	0	1st	0
2nd	0	2nd	0	2nd	0
3rd	0	3rd	0	3rd	0
4th	0	4th	0	4th	0
5th	0	5th	0	5th	0
6th	0	6th	0	6th	0
7th	0	7th	0	7th	0
8th	0	8th	0	8th	0
9th	0	9th	0	9th	0
10th	0	10th	0	10th	0
11th	0	11th	0	11th	0
12th	0	12th	0	12th	0

Welcome Stake	
1st	0
2nd	0
3rd	0
4th	0
5th	0
6th	0
7th	0
8th	0
9th	0
10th	0
11th	0
12th	0

Championship					
Round 1		Round 2		Overall	
Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
1st	0	1st	0	1st	0

2nd	0	2nd	0	2nd	0
3rd	0	3rd	0	3rd	0
4th	0	4th	0	4th	0
5th	0	5th	0	5th	0
6th	0	6th	0	6th	0
7th	0	7th	0	7th	0
8th	0	8th	0	8th	0
9th	0	9th	0	9th	0
10th	0	10th	0	10th	0
11th	0	11th	0	11th	0
12th	0	12th	0	12th	0
13th	0	13th	0	13th	0
14th	0	14th	0	14th	0
15th	0	15th	0	15th	0
16th	0	16th	0	16th	0
17th	0	17th	0	17th	0
18th	0	18th	0	18th	0
19th	0	19th	0	19th	0
20th	0	20th	0	20th	0

3. National Hunter Derby (Zone Points)

Premier and National Competitions		Regional Competitions	
Place	Points	Place	Points
1st	0	1st	0
2nd	0	2nd	0
3rd	0	3rd	0
4th	0	4th	0
5th	0	5th	0
6th	0	6th	0
7th	0	7th	0
8th	0	8th	0
9th	0	9th	0
10th	0	10th	0
11th	0	11th	0

12th	0	12th	0
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4. Pony Hunter Derby

~~Riders must declare the Pony Hunter or Green Pony Hunter section in which to earn HOTY points prior to competing. Only ponies eligible for the Green Pony Hunter Section may declare to earn points in the Green Pony Hunter section.~~

Base Points		One additional point per pony entered will be added to the base National HOTY points earned	
Place	Points	Place	Points
1st	0	7th	0
2nd	0	8th	0
3rd	0	9th	0
4th	0	10th	0
5th	0	11th	0
6th	0	12th	0

5. World Championship Hunter Rider

~~National HOTY points and money won, where applicable, will be awarded for placing in a WCHR Challenge Class. Zone HOTY Points will not be awarded. Horses and ponies must be eligible for the section declared at the time of entry. In order for the National HOTY points and money won, where applicable, to be awarded:~~

- ~~a. Riders must complete the USHJA Exhibitor Declaration Form prior to the conclusion of the competition for applicable Challenge Classes only (Professional and Developing Professional);~~
- ~~b. Declaration for the Professional Challenge class may be any one WCHR recognized 3'6" Professional section;~~
- ~~c. Declarations for the Developing Professional Challenge Class may be any one WCHR recognized 3'3" or 3' Professional section;~~
- ~~d. Riders may only declare one section in which to earn HOTY points;~~
- ~~e. The two rounds stand-alone Hunter Classic point scale will be utilized when awarding National HOTY bonus points. See HU175.9(b); and~~
- ~~f. HOTY points and money won will only be awarded towards a declared Hunter section for HOTY points if the horse competes in the declared section a minimum of five (5) times during the current competition year.~~

6. WCHR Spectaculars

~~The Spectacular will count for HOTY points and money won, where applicable, in the section declared at the time of entry, for which the horse must be eligible, and that corresponds to the height jumped in the Spectacular. Zone HOTY points will not be awarded. The two round~~

~~stand-alone Hunter Classic point scale will be utilized when awarding National HOTY bonus points. See HU175.9(b). HOTY points and money won for horses qualifying with a bye will only be awarded towards a declared Hunter section for HOTY points if horse competes in the declared section a minimum of five (5) times during the competition year.~~

HU174 Hunter Classics

~~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 GR1132.5 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 GR 1132.5 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 GR 1132.5 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 GR 1132.5 and multiplying the result by 2.~~

JP117 Sections/ Classes Restricted by Age of Horse

~~9. Horses may compete in classes restricted to Five, Six, and Seven Year Olds in the month of December, but they will not be eligible for HOTY points (GR 1133.2).~~

JP118 Sections/ Classes Restricted to Junior, Amateur or Young Riders

1. Amateur Jumper: A horse that is ridden by an Amateur. Classes are restricted to riders who are no longer eligible to compete as junior exhibitors. See GR 1306 for Amateur Rules.
 - a. Amateurs may compete up to two horses they do not own, per height section of Amateur Jumpers per competition. There is no limit on the number of horses that may be ridden by the owner or an amateur member of the owner's family.
 - b. Dividing Classes. Class within a section with eighty (80) or more entries at the beginning of the first class must be divided. If there are eighty (80) or more entries remaining in a class after it has been divided, the class must be redivided by every other number or a California Split.
- c. Level of Difficulty
 1. High Amateur classes will have courses set at 1.40m (4'7") to 1.45m (4'9"). The maximum height for the first class of this section, and for any classes in which time is the

deciding factor in the initial round, is 1.40m (4'7"). ~~Note: Only Amateur classes set at 1.40m to 1.45m will be pointed toward HOTY awards in the High Amateur Jumper category.~~

2. ~~Medium Amateur classes will have courses set at 1.30m (4'3") to 1.35m (4'5"). All Amateur classes set at 1.30 m to 1.35m will be pointed towards HOTY awards in the Medium Amateur Jumper category.~~
3. ~~Low Amateur sections will have courses set at 1.20m (3'11") to 1.25m (4'1"). All Amateur Jumper classes at 1.20m to 1.25m will be pointed toward the Low Amateur Jumper category for purposes of HOTY awards.~~
4. Local Competitions- no minimum course requirements and no points toward National Horse of the Year awards.

2. Junior Jumper: A horse that is ridden by an individual who has not reached their 18th birthday. (See GR103).

a. Cross Entries. Cross entry into other divisions is considered to be allowed, unless otherwise stated in the prize list.

b. Dividing Classes. Any class within a section with eighty (80) or more entries at the beginning of the first class must be divided. If there are eighty (80) or more entries remaining in a class after it has been divided, the class must be redivided by every other number or a California Split.

c. Level of Difficulty

1. ~~High Junior classes will have courses set at 1.40m (4'7") to 1.45m (4'9"). The maximum height for the first class of this section, and for any classes in which time is the deciding factor in the initial round, is 1.40m (4'7"). Note: Only Junior classes set at 1.40m to 1.45m will be pointed toward HOTY awards in the High Junior Jumper category.~~
2. ~~Medium Junior classes will have courses set at 1.30m (4'3") to 1.35m (4'5"). All Junior classes set at 1.30 m to 1.35m will be pointed towards HOTY awards in the Medium Junior Jumper category.~~
3. ~~Low Junior sections will have courses set at 1.20m (3'11") to 1.25m (4'1"). All Junior Jumper classes at 1.20m to 1.25m will be pointed toward the Low Junior Jumper category for purposes of HOTY awards.~~
4. Local Competitions- no minimum course requirements and no points toward National Horse of the Year awards.

~~3. If a competition divides Junior or Amateur classes into three sections (1.20/ 1.25m, 1.30/1.35m, and 1.40/1.45m), the basic height specifications of each class will determine which HOTY category the class will be pointed towards.~~

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2024	2/1/2024	Disapproved 6/17/2024

Rule Change Intent

January 1, 2023, FEI updated their definition of Adult Amateur in the Dressage Rulebook. To keep USEF rules consistent with FEI rules, a change of the USEF Adult Amateur definition is warranted. FEI Dressage Rules (page 64) – Annex 3 – Amateurs Article 2 – CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION 2. Amateur’s license - Eligibility The Athlete must possess a valid Amateur’s license granted by their NF. The Amateur’s license must be renewed by the NF every year. The NFs are responsible for verifying all the data provided by the Athlete. An Amateur’s license can only be granted by NFs to the Athlete who has signed a statement that the Athlete does not earn most of his/hers income from within the sport such as giving riding lessons, training Horses for third parties, professional Horse dealing/breeding, doesn’t hold any valid riding instructor/trainer license and did not get an education as a professional rider/trainer less than 5 years ago and is no longer working as such, etc. The buying and selling of Horses, as well as receiving prize money in cash, are not forbidden providing they do not constitute the Athlete’s main source of income. An Amateur’s license cannot be granted or can be suspended in the following cases: - The Athlete participated in international non-Amateur Grand Prix Competitions in Grand Prix or Grand Prix Special with a result of 68% and over more than twice in the last year. The rider is not eligible to get an Amateur’s license for 5 (five) years from the date when the second result was earned. - The Athlete participated in FEI Senior Continental Championships on Grand Prix level, World Championships, World Cup Finals, Olympic Games in the discipline of Dressage within the last 5 years.

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DR 119 Participation in Dressage Competitions

3. For purposes of competition in the Dressage Division: Individuals are eligible as Juniors until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 18. Individuals are eligible as Young Riders from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 16 until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 21. Competitors shall compete as Adults from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 22. Individuals possessing current amateur certification are only eligible as Adult Amateurs from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach age 22.

Amateur status is not granted or will be suspended in the following cases:

- 1. The Athlete participated in International non-Amateur Grand Prix Competitions with a rating of 3* or higher and earned two scores of 68% or more in the ~~in~~ Grand Prix or Grand Prix Special with a result of 68% and over more than twice in the last year while competing in those international events. The rider is not eligible to receive Amateur status for 5 (five) years from the date when the second result was earned.*
- 2. The Athlete participated in FEI Senior Continental Championships on Grand Prix level, World Championships, World Cup Finals, Olympic Games in the discipline of Dressage within the last 5 (five) years.*

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2024	2/1/2024	Disapproved 6/17/2024

Rule Change Intent

Stewards would like more definitive parameters on when it's appropriate to arrange an appointment for a competitor to meet with the judge(s). Coordinating a meeting at the conclusion of the horse's rounds, and the classes the horses competed in that day, is preferable and encouraged. Having this procedure more detailed is beneficial for Stewards, who are the go-between for judges and competitors.

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Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 05/20/2024 **Draft 2:** The Council strongly advises that more research and revising be completed on this rule change due to the verbiage "after the horse involved in the matter has finished competing for the day". This verbiage in particular does not suit all USEF's breeds and disciplines in the manner in which each operates. The main issue amongst many of the breeds and disciplines is the opportunity for an unfair advantage to those that hold a meeting with the judge whilst the competition is still underway. Many breeds and disciplines have the same set of judge(s) over multiple days of the show, which would cause an unfairness if an exhibitor was to speak with the judge on improvements or issues whilst showing back under the same judge the following days of the competition; whereas hunter jumpers have the possibility of a judge only being present for a particular day and showing under a different judge for the remaining days of competition.

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 05/28/2024 **Draft 2:** The Council believes that the current rule is adequately addressed in the GRs and as needed in specific breed and discipline chapters. Furthermore, the Council feels that this proposed rule change should be considered for the HU Chapter rather than the GRs.

Council - Member Services

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 05/20/2024 **Draft 2:** The Council feels this proposal is unnecessary. The current rule is sufficient and works well for handling such circumstances and provides the flexibility needed across the breeds and disciplines whose competition structures vary widely. Furthermore, the Council believes the proponent's concern can be addressed through training for officials.

[...]

8. No one shall approach a judge with regard to a decision unless they first obtain permission from the Steward, or Technical Delegate who shall arrange an appointment with the judge ~~at a proper time and place~~. The Steward or Technical Delegate shall *arrange the meeting and* be present for the meeting. *The meeting must take place after the horse involved in the matter has finished competing for the day.* No exhibitor has the right to inspect the judge's cards without the judge's permission. **See also JP144.2.**

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2024	8/21/2023	Disapproved 6/17/2024

Rule Change Intent

The USEF will no longer classify riders as amateurs based on how they generate income. A rider will be classified as based on a new system created by a USEF task force which will be posted on the usef.org. The new system will take effect in the 2025-26 year. The aim of the new system is to base qualification for classes and divisions based on horse and rider ability and show record, not how a person's income is generated.

We've lost sight of the very basics of our sport- starting to re-write this rule and searching for the term "amateur" in the rulebook (which brings up 1,019) mentions according to the finder function, brings us to the very first page of the general rules. The Sportsman's Charter. Let us remember the Sportsman's Charter- that this is pure sport, done for the love of the animal and the challenge, and not something to be bogged down by nitpicking, it should make sense, be enforceable, and be understandable to a casual participant or viewer.

For the purposes of this rule change, General Rules were mostly left untouched, except where pertaining specifically to Equitation, Hunters, and Jumpers. Most changes take place in Equitation, Hunters, and Jumper chapters. It is our hope that other affiliates may follow suit in reclassifying their amateur riders but it is not our intention to make sweeping generalizations for other disciplines.

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Linked Rules	Comments

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Council - Member Services	
Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 05/20/2024	Draft 1: The Council agrees with the various committee comments and feels the proposed changes would be chaotic to manage. Furthermore, the proponent has not provided reasoning as to how the proposed changes would improve or be better than the current amateur rule, which the Council feels is sufficient.

GR 105 Amateur

See GR1306 and GR1307

GR106 Amateur Classes

1. Every contestant must hold amateur status. See GR1306 and GR1307.
2. Amateur classes may be restricted to riders, drivers, or handlers who are no longer eligible to compete as a junior exhibitor. In the Dressage division, individuals are only eligible to compete as amateurs from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach age 22. See DR119.3.

GR142 Owner's Classes

1. Every competitor must be ~~an amateur and~~ the owner, or an ~~amateur~~ member of the owner's family, unless the prize list states otherwise. Exception: Paso Fino Division.
2. Owners' classes may be restricted to riders, drivers, or handlers who are no longer eligible to compete as a junior exhibitor.
3. Combined ownership is not permitted in Owner's or ~~Amateur Owner's~~ classes unless all owners are members of the same family. Exception: Paso Fino.
4. In the Arabian Division, combined ownership is permitted in Owner's or Amateur Owner's classes, per AR110.
5. Leased horses are not eligible.

GR313 Special Conditions

2. The following classes do not count toward the minimum number of classes nor toward the minimum prize money required for any division or section rating; these following classes do not count toward HOTY awards unless included in the specific division award rules:
 - d. Owners, except in ~~Amateur~~ **Adult** Owner sections and Paso Fino Division;

SUBCHAPTER 8-C COMPETITION AND CLASS CONDITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY

GR814 Amateur

Amateur classes may be offered in any division using the specifications set forth in the respective division rules. If Amateur classes are offered leading to a Championship, judging specifications will be those of amateur classes or amateur Championships unless the prize list specifically states that open judging specifications will be used.

SUBCHAPTER 11-F AWARD SECTIONS

GR1132 Hunter and Equitation Divisions

10. Hunter Division Section Awards
 - a. Hunter Division Section awards are offered at the National level from the Federation and at

the Zone level from USHJA: Green Conformation Hunter 3'6", Green Hunter 3'0", 3'3", 3'6" and 3'9", High Performance Conformation Hunter, High Performance Hunter, Performance Hunters 3'3", Performance Hunters 3'6", Young Hunter 5 and under, Young Hunter 6 and under, Young Hunter 7 and under, Small Green Pony Hunter, Large Green Pony Hunter, Small Pony Hunter, Medium Pony Hunter, Large Pony Hunter, Small Junior Hunter 15 yrs. & under, Small Junior Hunter 16-17 yrs., Large Junior Hunter 15 yrs & under, Large Junior Hunter 16-17 yrs., **Adult Amateur**-Owner Hunter - 18-35 Years Old and Over 35 Years Old, Ladies Side Saddle, **Adult Amateur**-Owner Hunter 3'3" 18-35 years old and Over 35 Years Old, Small Hunter, Small Junior Hunter 3'3", 15 yrs. and under, Small Junior Hunter 3'3" 16-17 yrs., Large Junior Hunter 3'3" 16-17 yrs, Children's Hunter Ponies, Children's Hunter Horses, Low Children's Hunter Horse, Low Children's Hunter Pony, Adult **Amateur**-Hunter 18-35 Years Old, Adult-**Amateur**-Hunter Over 35 Years Old, Low Adult **Amateur**-Hunter, Small Hunter, USHJA Hunter 2'0", 2'3", 2'6", 2'9", and 3'0", and Thoroughbred Hunter.

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

- a. **Amateur-Adult** Owner Hunter: awarded to the horse with the most points from the rider age sections of **Adult Amateur**-Owner Hunter 3'6"
- b. **Amateur-Adult**-Owner Hunter 3'3": awarded to the horse with the most points from the rider age sections of **Amateur-Adult** Owner Hunter 3'3"
- f. Age Group Equitation classes for adults **amateurs** to be shown over a course of not less than eight fences and the fence height cannot exceed 3'3" (or 1.0m when class specifications list fence height in metric).

GR1134 Jumpers

2. Point Tabulation. See GR1113-GR1119 Children's and Adult **Amateur** Jumper USHJA Zone Horse of the Year Awards and Pony, 5-Year Old, 6-Year Old, and 7/8 Year Old Jumper National and USHJA Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be based on the following:

3. The Junior Jumper, Amateur Jumper, U25, and Young Rider Jumper Rider Jumper Horse of the Year Awards will be based on one point for every dollar won in their classification at Regular Competitions.

5. Award Categories. Federation National awards will be given in the following categories: Low Junior, Medium Junior, High Junior, Low **Adult Amateur**, Medium-**Amateur**, High **Adult Amateur**, Open, Pony, Children's, Adult **Amateur**, Thoroughbred Jumper, Young Rider, and U25. Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be given by USHJA in the following categories (see JP119 for Zone specifications): Low Junior, Medium Junior, High Junior, Low **Adult Amateur**, **Medium Adult Amateur**, Children's Adult **Amateur**, Pony, Young Riders, U25, and Thoroughbred jumper.

SUBCHAPTER 13-B AMATEURS AND PROFESSIONALS

For purposes of this Subchapter the following definitions apply:

Family: Family includes a cohabitant, a member of a couple who live together and have an intimate relationship without being married.

Remuneration: Remuneration is compensation or payment in any form such as cash, goods, sponsorships, discounts, or services; reimbursement of any expenses; trade or in-kind exchange of goods or services such as board or training.

Social Media Brand Ambassador: A Social Media Brand Ambassador is a social media user who spreads the word about a company/ brand or its products by posting about them on social media and promoting them to their unique social audience.

Social Media Influencer: A Social Media Influencer is an individual who has built a reputation for their knowledge, content creation, and expertise on a specific topic. They make regular posts about that topic on their preferred social media channels and generate large followings of enthusiastic, engaged people who pay close attention to their content.

Sponsored Rider: A Sponsored Rider is an individual who is paid by companies, sponsors, and/ or owner/s to compete and perform, leveraging their exposure and performance in competition.

GR1306 Professional/ Amateur Status

1. Amateur. Regardless of one's equestrian skills and/ or accomplishments, a person is an amateur if after their 18th birthday, as defined in GR101 and GR103, they have not engaged in any of the activities identified in Section 4 below. **Exception: Riders competing in USHJA recognized sport are not subject to Amateur Status.**
 - a. For Amateurs in the Dressage Division, see DR119.3
 - b. For Amateurs in Jumper Sections, see JP118
 - c. For Amateurs in Hunter Sections, see HU137-HU138
 - d. For Amateurs in Eventing, see EV Appendix 3-Participation in Horse Trials
 - e. For Amateurs in the Arabian Division, see AR110.6 and AR110.7

SUBCHAPTER EQ-1 REGULATIONS FOR ALL SEATS

EQ101 Eligibility

1. Riders in classes for junior exhibitors cannot have reached their 18th birthday in accordance with GR128, however competitions are encouraged to offer Adult Equitation classes for amateur riders who have reached their 18th birthday.

EQ111 Requirements for Specific Classes

1. The following age limit classes are suggested but may vary according to local conditions:
 - a. For juniors: 14 and under, and 15-17; and
 - b. For **adults amateurs**: 18 to 35, 36 and over
2. Maiden, Novice, Limit, Intermediate

Open to riders that have not won one/ three/ six/ twelve first places ribbons respectively competing in equitation classes at Regular and Local competitions of USEF or Equine Canada.

- a. Maiden. For junior and amateur riders who have not won 1 blue ribbon over obstacles. Tests 1-3.
- b. Novice. For juniors and amateur riders who have not won 3 blue ribbons over obstacles. Tests 1-5.
- c. Limit. For juniors and amateurs who have not won 6 blue ribbons over obstacles. Tests 1-7.
- d. Intermediate. For juniors and amateur riders who have not won 12 blue ribbons over obstacles 3'3" or higher. Tests 1-14.
- e. Open. For junior and amateur riders. Tests 1-23.

5. USEF ADULT EQUITATION CLASS. Open to ~~Amateur~~ Senior Members of the Federation and USHJA. Application for membership and ~~amateur certification~~ can be made directly to the Federation, or the exhibitor can join prior to the class through the Federation Steward. 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.

EQ119 Requirements for Specific Classes

The following four age restricted classes are suggested but may vary according to local conditions: a) junior riders who have not reached their 11th birthday; b) junior riders who have reached their 11th but not their 14th birthday; c) junior riders who have reached their 14th but not their 18th birthday; d) ~~adults amateurs~~ adults who have reached their 18th birthday. A competition committee can also offer classes for riders on a specific type of horse.

EQ130 Requirements for Specific Classes

The following four age restricted classes are suggested but may vary according to local conditions: a) junior riders who have not reached their 11th birthday; b) junior riders who have reached their 11th but not their 14th birthday; c) junior riders who have reached their 14th but not their 18th birthday; d) ~~adults amateurs~~ adults who have reached their 18th birthday.

5. ~~Adults Amateur~~, Tests 1-15.

SUBCHAPTER HJ-4 COMPETITION SCHEDULING and prize money

HJ111 National Rated Junior/~~Amateur~~ Adult Restricted Competitions

SUBCHAPTER HJ-5 SCHEDULING REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIFIC SECTIONS

HJ121 Amateur Adult Owner Hunter Sections

HJ104 HJS Competition Standards Horse Entry & Renewal

4. Two day National Junior/ ~~Amateur~~ **Adult Amateur** restricted competitions will have a Horse Entry Number requirement of fifty (50). Competitions which utilize only one (1) competition ring or which offer only hunter and equitation classes (no jumper classes) will have a Horse Entry Number requirement as follows: Premier- seventy-five (75), National- fifty (50). There is no Horse Entry Number requirement for a Regional competition.

HJ111 National Rated Junior/ Adult Amateur Restricted Competitions

2. Two day National Junior/ ~~Amateur~~ **Adult Amateur** restricted competitions will have a Horse Entry Number requirement of fifty (50).

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

7. Prize Money

- a. Minimum Prize Money paid- At National competitions restricted to Juniors and/ or ~~Adults Amateurs~~ **Adults Amateurs**, a minimum of \$3,000 and a maximum of \$74,999 in prize money, must be offered in the rated Hunter sections and classes. If more than the minimum required is guaranteed, the guaranteed amount becomes the minimum required prize money paid out.

HJ114 Stand-alone International Hunter Derby Competitions

2. A stand-alone International Hunter Derby Competition must offer an International Hunter Derby. In addition, these competitions may only offer the following classes and one unrated warm-up class per derby offered: USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake, USHJA National Hunter Derby, USHJA Pony Hunter Derby. If a USHJA National Hunter Derby is offered, a second National Hunter Derby restricted to Junior and ~~Adults Amateurs~~ **Adults Amateurs** may also be offered (see class specifications at USHJA.org). Any warm-up class must be open to the same group of horses eligible for the Derby for which it is a warm-up class. No unrecognized, exhibition, or demonstration classes may be held.

SUBCHAPTER HJ-5 SCHEDULING REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIFIC SECTIONS

8. All ~~Amateur Adult~~ **Amateur Adult** Owner classes should be scheduled in as short a period of time as possible.

HJ121 Amateur Adult Owner Hunter Sections

1. Sections of ~~Amateur~~ **Adult** Owner Hunter 3'6" held at Premier rated competitions must offer at least two (2) divided sections and may be divided as stipulated in HU162.6.b.1. Regional and National competitions may offer any or all of the ~~Amateur~~ **Adult** Owner Hunter 3'6" sections either separately or combined.
2. Sections of ~~Amateur~~ **Adult** Owner Hunter 3'3" held at Premier rated competitions must offer at least two divided sections and may be divided as stipulated in HU162.6.b.2. Regional and National competitions may offer any or all of the ~~Amateur~~ **Adult** Owner Hunter 3'3" sections either separately or combined.

HJ124 USHJA Hunter Sections

1. Management may offer up to four sections per fence height per competition:
 - c. ~~Amateur~~ **Adult**
2. If only one section is offered for a particular fence height, this section must be either open to all exhibitors or restricted to juniors and ~~amateurs~~ **adults**.

HJ126 Limiting Entries in the Hunter Division

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 points 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~~ **Adults** ~~Amateur~~, and Junior Hunter sections where points from both the younger and older sections shall be counted.

SUBCHAPTER HU-8 HUNTER SECTIONS

HU137 ~~Amateur~~ **Adult** Owner Hunter

HU138 Adult ~~Amateur~~

HU139 Low Adult Amateur

SUBCHAPTER HU-12 COMBINING AND DIVIDING OF SECTIONS OR CLASSES

HU165 Definition of Split by Junior ~~Amateur~~ **Adult Amateur**

SUBCHAPTER HU-14 USHJA CHAMPIONSHIPS, Programs, AND SPECIAL CLASSES

HU170 ~~Amateur~~ **Adult** Owner Hunter Championship

HU111 Height of Obstacles

8. ~~Amateur~~ **Adult** Owner Hunter Sections

c. If a 3'3" ~~Amateur~~ **Adult** Owner Hunter section is offered, obstacles are to be 3'3"

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

9. Adult ~~Amateur~~ Hunter Sections: See individual USHJA Zone specifications. For those USHJA Zones that do not provide specifications, obstacles will be 2'9" to 3'3"

HU116 Judges

1. In National rated sections, a minimum of one Registered judge must officiate. Exception: Judges of either Registered or Recorded status may officiate the following sections alone or independently: Children's Hunter, Children's Pony Hunter, Adult ~~Amateur~~ Hunter, Low Children's Hunter Horse or Pony, Low Adult ~~Amateur~~ Hunter, Small Hunter, Thoroughbred Hunter, Ladies Side Saddle, Hunter and Pony Hunter Breeding, and any USHJA Hunter Section.

2. In Premier rated sections, the following applies:

b. Judges of either Registered or Recorded status may officiate the following sections alone or independently: Children's Hunter, Children's Pony Hunter, Adult ~~Amateur~~ Hunter, Low Children's Hunter Horse or Pony, Low Adult ~~Amateur~~ Hunter, Small Hunter, Thoroughbred Hunter, Ladies Side Saddle, Hunter and Pony Hunter Breeding, and any USHJA Hunter Section.

HU123 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~~ **Adult** classes; brilliance in Corinthian and Formal Hunting Attire classes.

HU137 ~~Amateur~~ **Adult Owner Hunter**

1. To be ridden by ~~Amateur~~ **Adult** Owners or an **adult amateur** member of the owner's family.

~~2. An amateur who competes for a person outside of their family may not compete in a class restricted to Amateur Owners at the same competition. Exceptions:~~

~~a. Equitation classes~~

~~b. Under Saddle classes~~

~~c. A maximum of one (1) horse not owned by the rider, or their family, in the jumper~~

~~sections and a maximum of one (1) horse not owned by the rider or their family in Hunter~~

~~sections, in classes not restricted to amateur owners. (For Amateur rules please see GR1306)~~

3. 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.
4. 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~~ **Adult** Owner or an adult ~~amateur~~ member of the owner's family, the additional horse(s) entered may be ridden by another ~~adult amateur~~ regardless of rider's age.
5. Cross entry. Riders may cross enter between the ~~Amateur~~ **Adult** Owner 3'3" and/ or the ~~Amateur~~ **Adult** Owner 3'6" sections. Horses may not cross enter between the sections.
6. ~~Amateur~~ **Adult** Owner Hunters are required to jog for soundness.

HU138 Adult ~~Amateur~~ Hunter

1. Competitions must offer Adult ~~Amateur~~ Hunter sections in accordance with the specifications of the applicable USHJA zone. The following specifications will apply for the Adult ~~Amateur~~ Hunter section unless addressed by specific USHJA Zone specifications (available at www.ushja.org):
 - 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. Horses and riders entered in the Adult ~~Amateur~~ Hunter sections may not compete in the ~~Amateur~~ **Adult** Owner section at the same competition. Riders entered in the Adult ~~Amateur~~ sections may not compete in any other class in which obstacles are required to exceed 3'9" (1.15m) at the same competition.
 - c. Horses may be entered in Junior Hunter sections at the same competition if ridden by a member of the same family
 - d. Cross entry into other sections is allowed unless otherwise stated in the prize list.
2. To be judged on performance and soundness, suitability to count. All horses being considered for an award must be serviceably sound.
3. If an under saddle class is divided by age and a rider has two or more horses entered, all riders must be adults ~~Amateurs~~, but need not be eligible by age.
4. When a section is divided by age of rider no horse may compete in more than one section.
5. Adult ~~Amateur~~ Hunters are not required to jog for soundness.
6. Individual classes may be entered. (Exception: Under Saddle classes. See HU129.2).

HU139 Low Adult ~~Amateur~~ Hunter

1. Competitions must offer Low Adult ~~Amateur~~ Hunter sections in accordance with the specifications of the applicable USHJA zone. The specifications as shown below will apply unless addressed by specific zone specifications (available at www.ushja.org):
 - 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. Riders may not cross enter into any class or section where fences exceed 2'9" at the same competition (Exception 3'0" Equitation).
2. Low Adult ~~Amateur~~ Hunters are not required to jog for soundness.

3. Individual classes may be entered. (Exception: Under Saddle classes. See HU129.2).

HU144 Children's Hunter Sections

2. Children's Hunter

b. Restrictions:

4. Horses entered in Children's Hunter classes may be shown in the ~~Amateur~~ **Adult** Owner Hunter section at the same competition if ridden by a member of the child's family.

HU157 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 point 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~~ **Adult** Owner Hunters.

SUBCHAPTER HU-12 COMBINING AND DIVIDING SECTIONS OR CLASSES

HU159 General

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4. ~~Amateur~~ **Adult** Owner Hunter (HU166.6)

6. Children's and ~~Amateur~~ **Adult** Hunter sections refer to HU 166.9; HU166.10 and sections governed by USHJA Zone Specifications.

HU161 Methods of Dividing

4. Junior/~~Amateur~~ **Adult** (see HU165 below for definition)

HU165 Definition of Split by Junior ~~Amateur~~ **Adult**

If there are 30 or more entries in a section that is open to all competitors, Competition Management may choose to divide the section and offer one of the divided sections as restricted to Juniors and ~~Amateurs~~ **Adults** (See GR128 and GR1306-1307 for definition of Junior and ~~Amateur~~ **Adult**).

HU166 Combining and Dividing Specific Sections

5. Junior Hunter

a. Combining:

1. The Junior Hunter 3'6", Junior Hunter 3'3", ~~Amateur-Adult Owner~~ Hunter 3'6", and ~~Amateur-Adult~~ Owner Hunter 3'3" sections may only be combined with other Junior Hunter or ~~Amateur-Adult~~ Owner Hunter sections. See below for conditions.
 2. At Premier, National or Regional rated competitions if there are fewer than three (3) entries in the ~~Amateur-Adult~~ Owner 3'3", the ~~Amateur-Adult~~ Owner 3'6", the Junior Hunter 3'3" or the Junior Hunter 3'6" sections, Competition Management may choose to combine the sections...
6. ~~Amateur-Adult~~ Owner Hunter
- a. Combining
 1. The ~~Amateur-Adult~~ Owner 3'6", ~~Amateur-Adult~~ Owner 3'3", Junior Hunter 3'6", and Junior Hunter 3'3" sections may only be combined with other ~~Amateur-Adult~~ Owner Hunter or Junior Hunter sections. See below for conditions.
 2. At Premier, National or Regional rated competitions if there are fewer than three (3) entries in the ~~Amateur-Adult~~ Owner 3'3", the ~~Amateur-Adult~~ 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 for Premier rated competitions (see HJ121).
 3. At Premier, National or Regional rated competitions if there are fewer than three (3) entries in the ~~Amateur-Adult~~ Owner 3'3", the ~~Amateur-Adult~~ 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.
 - b. Dividing:
 1. ~~Amateur-Adult~~ Owner 3'6" When a section is divided, one section must be offered for ~~Amateurs-Adults~~ 18-35 and one section for ~~Amateurs-Adults~~ 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 redivided using either a Floating or California Split...
 2. ~~Amateur-Adult~~ Owner 3'3" When a section is divided, one section must be offered for ~~Amateurs-Adults~~ 18-35 and one section for ~~Amateurs-Adults~~ 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 redivided using either a Floating or California Split...
9. Adult ~~Amateur~~ Hunter
- a. Competitions must offer Adult ~~Amateur~~ Hunter sections in accordance with the

specifications of each USHJA Zone.

SUBCHAPTER HU-14 USHJA CHAMPIONSHIPS, PROGRAMS, AND SPECIAL CLASSES

HU170 Adult Amateur Owner Hunter Championship

1. The USHJA, at its discretion may choose to hold a National or East and West Championship for **Adult Amateur** Owner Hunters. This competition is designed to encourage and promote the basic training and development of **Adult Amateur** Owner Hunters. The Championship must be offered for **Adult Amateur** Owner Hunter 3'6" and the **Adult Amateur** Owner 3'3" section. Championship(s) must be run in accordance with USHJA specifications found at www.ushja.org.
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 a National or Premier rated **Adult Amateur** Owner division within the previous competition year.
 - e. The Championships are conducted under the same regulations as the USHJA **Adult Amateur** Owner Championship. (Exception: All points awarded are based on Premier point values as per GR 1132.5).

HU171 Membership Requirements

1. USHJA Hunter Team Challenge (exhibitors must be active Junior or **Adult Amateur** members);

HU173 National Horse of the Year Point Values

2. International Hunter Derby
Points to be credited to each horse's respective section as declared at the time of entry. Only Juniors and **Adults Amateurs** may declare for the applicable Junior or **Adult Amateur** Owner section.

HU174 Hunter Classics

2.
 - b. If there are fewer than six (6) entries in any one Hunter Classic, it may combine with other sections of the same rating, regardless of the combining or dividing rules of the section. Exception: the **Adult Amateur** Hunter Classic, Low **Adult Amateur** Hunter Classic, Children's Pony Hunter Classic, Children's Hunter Classic, Low Children's Hunter Horse Classic, and Low Children's Hunter Pony Classic may be held with the number of entries indicated in the Zone specifications.
4. At National and Premier competitions, in sections with a National or Premier 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, except Pony Hunter Classics, Children's Hunter Classic, adult **Adult Amateur** Hunter Classic, and Low **Adult Amateur** Hunter Classic

must offer a minimum of \$500 in prize money.

JP108 Prize Money

3. Prize Money by Section.

b. If a competition offers Children's or Adult Amateur and Junior, **Adult Amateur** Owner, or **Adult Amateur** classes, sections, no more than 40% of the prize money in these classes/ sections should go to the lowest height classes/ sections.

c. If Children's or **Adult Amateur** sections are divided low and high, no more than 40% of the section's prize money should go to low.

d. If Junior, **Adult Amateur** Owner, or **Adult Amateur** sections are divided low and high, no more than 40% of the section's prize money should go to low.

4. The maximum amount of prize money (including bonus money, cash, or in-kind gifts and exhibition class prize money) allowed to be offered in a Children's and/ or **Adult Amateur** Jumper class is \$10,000. This must be included and reported to the Federation in the Prize List and the competition results for purposes of determining total Jumper prize money. Competitions must apply to the Jumping Sport Committee, a minimum of 90 days prior to the start of the competition, for permission to offer more than \$10,000 in prize money, including bonus money, cash or in-kind gifts, and exhibition class prize money.

JP111 Tack and Attire

6. Tied Stirrups. Any rider competing with their stirrup, stirrup leather or foot tied and/ or secured in any manner will automatically be eliminated from that class. Riding anywhere on the competition grounds with stirrup, stirrup leather, or foot tied or otherwise secured is cause for disqualification, by the steward, of that rider from the subsequent class in which the rider is entered. In the case of junior or **Adult Amateur** riders, the steward will note the trainer name(s) on the Steward's Report and further disciplinary actions may be taken by the Federation. Exception: Devices approved by the FEI are allowed.

SUBCHAPTER JP-2 ELIGIBILITY, QUALIFICATION, AND RESTRICTION OF ENTRIES

JP114 Eligibility

3. Sections. Sections or Classes may be offered for **Adult Amateur** Owner, Junior, Young Rider, Children, **Adult Amateur** or Amateur Riders; and/ or for Pony, Young Horse, Open Jumpers, or Thoroughbred Jumper. Competitions may offer any or all sections, as well as specific Sections or Classes differentiated by specific height. (See Subchapter JP-3 for definitions and specifications for each of the sections mentioned above.) If Jumper sections are offered which are not covered within the definitions contained in Chapter JP, full specifications (including eligibility requirements) must be printed in the prize list or referred in the Prize List to a conspicuous place on the competition's website.

JP115 Limiting Entries and/ or Qualifying

4. Restrictions on Entry.

- a. Jumper sections restricting entries based on winnings must use prize money won in the horse's respective section (i.e., **Adult Amateur** Owner, Junior, **Adult Amateur** Owner/ Junior, and Open Jumper) during the specified time period; however for Jumper sections/ or classes for which a Federation endorsed Computer Ranking List has been established, this list (as of a date indicated in the prize list) may be utilized instead of prize money won. Management may also allow the winner of the previous year's class to enter without further qualifying.

JP118 Sections/ Classes Restricted to Junior, **Adult Amateur, or Young Riders**

1. **Adult Amateur** Jumper. A horse that is ridden by an Amateur. Classes are restricted to riders who are no longer eligible to compete as junior exhibitors. See GR 1306 for **Adult Amateur** Rules.
 - a. **Adults Amateurs** may compete up to two horses they do not own per height section of **Adult Amateur** Jumpers per competition. There is no limit on the number of horses that may be ridden by the owner or an **adult amateur** member of the owner's family.
- c. Level of Difficulty:
 1. High **Adult Amateur** classes will have courses set at 1.40m (4'7") to 1.45m (4'9"). The maximum height for the first class of this section and for any classes in which time is the deciding factor in the initial round, is 1.40m (4'7"). Note: Only **Adult Amateur** classes set at 1.40m to 1.45m will be pointed toward HOTY awards in the High **Adult Amateur** category.
 2. Medium **Adult Amateur** classes will have courses set at 1.30m (4'3") to 1.35m (4'5"). All **Adult Amateur** classes set at 1.30m to 1.35m will be pointed towards HOTY awards in the Medium **Adult Amateur** category.
 3. Low **Adult Amateur** classes will have courses set at 1.20m (3'11") to 1.25 (4'1"). All **Adult Amateur** classes at 1.20m to 1.25m will be pointed toward the Low **Adult Amateur** category for the purposes of HOTY awards.
3. If a competition divides Junior or **Adult Amateur** classes into three sections (1.20/1.25m, 1.30/1.35m, and 1.40/1.45m), the basic height specifications of each class will determine which HOTY category the class will be pointed towards.
5. Combined Sections. A section or sections combining **Adult Amateur**, Juniors, and/ or Young Riders may be offered.
 - a. Dividing of Combined Sections/ Classes. After the prize list is published, if entries so warrant this section may be split into separate sections. Any class with fifteen or more Junior Jumper entries and fifteen or more **Adult Amateur** Jumper entries must be divided, and the prize money must be doubled. Exception: Special Classes i.e. Combined Classics or the highest prize money class of the section.
 - b. Combining of Sections. If Junior and/ or **Adult Amateur** sections are offered separately in the prize list, the sections may be combined if there are eight or less entries in either section.
6. Restrictions
 - a. Any competitor that competes in an FEI Championship for Seniors (i.e. World Equestrian

Games, Olympic Games, Pan-American Games, World Cup Finals) is ineligible to compete in any Junior, and/or **Adult Amateur** Jumper class with the same horse for a period of one year.

- b. Any competitor that competes in a CSI5*, CSI4*, as CSI-W, or CSIO is ineligible to compete in a Junior, and/ or **Adult Amateur** Jumper class held below 1.40m at that same competition.
- c. Riders competing in open jumper classes held at the USEF High Performance Standard or CSI3*, CSI4*, or CSI5* FEI Grand Prix classes offering \$25,000 or more in prize money are not eligible to compete in the highest money class, in the lowest height section of Junior, and/ or **Adult Amateur** Jumpers offered at the same competition where more than one height section is offered for Junior and/ or **Adult Amateur** Jumpers.

JP119 Sections/ Classes Restricted to Children, Adult Amateur Riders, or Ponies

1. Children's and Adult Amateur Jumper: Sections are open to Junior and **Adult Amateur** exhibitors. The specifications as shown below will apply unless addressed by specific USHJA Zone specifications (available at www.ushja.org).

b. Dividing and Combining of Sections. Sections may be divided by age of rider or by horse/ pony and may also be combined (Children's with Adult Amateur sections) if so stated in the prize list.

2. Adult Amateur Jumper: To be ridden by exhibitors who are no longer eligible to compete as junior exhibitors. All exhibitors must be **adults amateur** in accordance with General Rules, GR1306 and must show USEF amateur certification.

5. Graduated Difficulty. Competitions are encouraged to offer sections for Pony, Children, and **Adult Amateur** Jumpers in which successive classes within the section are at increasing fence heights (for example: first class at 1.00m (3'3"), second class at 1.05m (3'5"), third class at 1.10m (3'7")).

JP153 Championship Qualification

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c. NAYRC- qualifying criteria will automatically be based on Junior, **Adult Amateur** Owner, and **Adult Amateur** Jumper classes held at 1.35m (4'5") and above as well as Open Jumper classes offering \$25,000 or more in prize money between November 1 and June 15. Points will be awarded per GR1133.3.

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2024	2/1/2024	Disapproved 6/17/2024

Rule Change Intent

This rule amendment addresses two identified problematic areas within the rule.

1. There is a shortage of dressage technical delegates and the addition of DR126 1.a. mandatorily requiring a TD to check the bits and bridles of 50% of all horses entered in the competition, could potentially mean a TD is in violation and, subject to penalties, if the cannot be achieved due to other negating circumstances at the competition. This undo stress is a deterrent to both current TDs and new applicants.

2. The new GR 1211 4.e. rule lists 1 TD is required for 0-250 horses with 1-7 rings. It also lists 1 TD for 251-500 horses with 1-3 rings. While DR125 5. requires 2 TDs for over 300 rides, this still could amount to 150 horses or more. Mathematically, if a competition has 299 rides, and 1 TD, requiring managment and the TD to arrange for 75-149 competitors to present their bits an bridles for inspection will be daunting and unmanageable.

The language in DR126 1.a. states: "The technical delegate "must" inspect at least 50% of the bits and bridles of horses entered in the competition."

New language for this sentence: "The technical delegate "should try" to inspect at least 50% of the bits and bridles of horses entered in the competition."

The intent of the rule is maintained and, the threat of penalization is eliminated.

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Linked Rules Comments

Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 05/20/2024

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 05/28/2024

Council - Member Services

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 05/20/2024

Draft 2: The Council feels this rule change proposal is unnecessary. The Federation understands there may be circumstances that prevent the TD from completing the inspection of at least 50% of the bits and bridles, but there is already a system in place that allows them to document those circumstances and provide an explanation in the TD report, thereby ensuring the official is not penalized.

DR126 Requirements for Dressage Competition Management

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i. Ring Stewards and supervision of schooling areas.

1. Tack Inspections. Inspection of saddlery and equipment (except bits) must be done at the direction of the technical delegate. Ring stewards appointed by competition management are required to inspect the saddlery, dress and equipment worn by at least one-third of the horses in a class immediately as the horse leaves the arena using a new disposable protective glove on each hand for each horse. In championship classes, saddlery, dress and equipment inspections are required for each horse. When an inspection is conducted, all equipment including fly hoods, nosebands, curb chains, whips, bits, and spurs on both sides must be inspected. The ring steward must also inspect the horse for evidence of blood.

1.a. Exhibitors must present bridles and bits, if and when requested, to the technical delegate for inspection utilizing the methods, timeframe(s) and location(s) identified by competition management with the agreement of the technical delegate. These methods must be communicated to the competitors prior to the start of the competition. The technical delegate ~~should try to~~ **must attempt to** inspect at least 50% of the bits and bridles of horses entered in the competition. Technical Delegates must also conduct random ringside bit checks immediately after rides are completed, some of which can be included in the 50%, using a new disposable protective glove on each hand for each horse.

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2024	8/29/2023	Disapproved 6/17/2024

Rule Change Intent

While the intent of DR 123. 3 is for scores to be posted at the competition, several competitions are interpreting the option of an electronic format to mean "cloud-based" postings. Posting signs with QR codes and site addresses, competitors, judges, spectators and interested parties are being directed to individual web-based sites to see class scores. Scores are no longer be posted on the competition site.

By the addition of the the word "onsite" in the two sentences pertaining to posting scores, it will clarify that all scores must be posted at the individual competition. The option of reviewing scores online can still be available for follow up but, show attendees will be able to see scores at the competition as originally intended.

Add "onsite" to the following sentences in DR 123. 3

Scores must be posted on an "onsite" public scoreboard as soon as possible after each ride. The public "onsite" scoreboard may be in either paper or electronic format.

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Committee Actions
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Council - Intl Discipline Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 05/28/2024

DR123 Scoring, Classification and Prize-Giving

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2. The total score for the classification is obtained by adding the total points and determining the percentage score. With more than one judge, the percentage score is determined by adding the sum total points earned from all judges and dividing by the total available points. For FEI tests, penalty percentage points for errors of course, errors of test/execution, and technical faults are deducted from the total score (per Judge). If there are two or more judges, the points awarded by each judge will be published separately in addition to the total score. Total results and scores (to include technical, artistic or quality % scores) must be published in marks as well as in percentages with numbers to three places after the decimal point. Numbers of five (5) and above are rounded up (eg. 63.4555% = 63.456%). Scores must be posted on *an onsite* public scoreboard as soon as possible after each ride. The public *onsite* scoreboard may be in either paper or electronic format. Scores may be sent electronically (e.g. via text) to competitors and/or posted via the internet. The name of each judge must be posted along with the position where they are sitting. When multiple judges officiate from different positions, scores must be posted in the following order: E, H, C, M, B.

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2024	8/30/2023	Disapproved 6/17/2024

Rule Change Intent

Current Rule:

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 cannot be shown by an adult at the same competition. Exception: Breeding classes in-hand and breed restricted sections at a multi-breed/discipline competition. (See also EQ103.4)

Proposed Change:

HU101 Ponies shown by Junior riders in any division are allowed to be prepared in the same manner as horses shown by junior riders.

Justifications

- The current rule gives an unfair advantage to low childrens/low adult/childrens hunter/adult amateur hunter riders. There are no limitations on horses being prepared and shown in advance by professionals. Pony riders (who are generally younger and less experienced) are not allowed to have their ponies prepared with the same quality and amount of professional riding. At times, these divisions are combined and the youngest children whose ponies have had the least preparation are expected to compete against the older riders who have no such restrictions.
- HU101 promotes exclusivity of the sport. Junior riders who do not have the financial ability to purchase/lease a competitive schoolmaster are unable to compete in pony divisions. This exclusivity discourages students from getting started in the industry and inhibits them from participating in safe, accessible “stepping stone” divisions to progress their skills at competitions.
- The current rule as written does not allow our youngest and most vulnerable students to learn and compete safely and successfully at horse shows. They are expected to ride at a level not even expected of our 3’6” junior and adult amateur riders as they must ride ponies who have not had all the opportunities to be prepared professionally as the horses. The gap in ability that it currently takes to move a young child out of short stirrup into low ponies/children’s ponies is too great to expect many students and ponies to successfully and safely navigate. This level of difficulty is frustrating, discouraging, and unsafe for both ponies and children.
- The current rule makes bringing along young ponies inaccessible and leads to many ponies learning unsafe habits that are dangerous to our riders and unhealthy for our ponies. The expectation that young ponies become happy, healthy schoolmasters being trained primarily, if not solely by children (who do not have the confidence, experience, and consistency of a professional rider) seems unreasonable and unsafe. As a community, we do not expect this of our young horses learning the ropes of competitions and we allow them many opportunities to be ridden first professionally before experienced junior and adult riders. Moreover this means that breeders/trainers of ponies can anticipate a much longer time before their ponies will be ready for resale and/or are able to start paying for their upkeep. This discourages professionals from bringing along young ponies as they either need vast funds and time or that rare junior rider that rides at a professional level.
- Overall, changing this rule will benefit many as it will allow more students and ponies to participate in horse shows in a safe and encouraging manner.
- It should be noted that being a junior rider does not exclude riders from being too large for ponies and there are many smaller adults and professionals of a size that is appropriate and safe for ponies to carry.

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EQ 103 (172-23)

Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 05/20/2024

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 05/20/2024

Draft 1: The Council feels the proposal, as written, does not align with the intent and will not achieve the intended result. The Council also noted that there is a USHJA-proposed rule change (Tracking #172-23 to EQ106.3 and HU101) that addresses the same issue with clear language.

HU101 Ponies Shown By Juniors

Ponies shown by a junior *riders* in any *division are allowed to be prepared in the same manner as horses shown by junior riders*. ~~rated pony hunter sections (i.e. Children's Hunter Pony, Green Pony Hunter, Regular Pony Hunter), MHS Pony Equitation, or USEF Pony Medal cannot be shown by an adult at the same competition. Exception: Breeding classes in-hand and breed restricted sections at a multi-breed/discipline competition. (See also EQ103.4)~~

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2024	9/12/2023	Disapproved 6/17/2024

Rule Change Intent

Temperature logging is an important tool used in monitoring the health of horses. An increase in temperature may be indicative of an infectious disease agent causing illness before other observable clinic signs become apparent. While on competition grounds and exposed to other horses of unknown health status from varying geographical locations, timely identification of a fever will allow for prompt medical treatment to ensure horses' future health. This rule change requires horses on competition grounds to undergo twice daily temperature checks.

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Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 05/20/2024 **Draft 1:** The Council feels this would be better suited as an advised best practice. There is a potential for putting amateur exhibitors in danger due to experience of proper equine temperature taking. This has the potential to be more practical once the microchip requirement is in place and if people are using the bio-thermal microchips.

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 05/28/2024

Council - Member Services

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 05/20/2024 **Draft 1:** The Council agrees with this rule change proposal's concept and intent but is concerned about its lack of enforceability. Implementing rules that are not enforceable discredits the importance of the rule and its intent. The Council recommends raising awareness in the community through recommended best practices and educational resources, not a rule at this stage. Once the technology catches up and biothermal chips and their thermal readers are more readily used, a rule change for recording twice-daily temperatures can be proposed.

SUBCHAPTER 8-H EQUINE HEALTH AND ISOLATION

GR872 Equine Temperature Requirement

All horses on competition grounds must have their temperatures taken at least twice daily while on competition grounds. Temperatures must be taken through either biothermal microchips or rectal thermometer recording.

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2024	12/12/2023	Disapproved 6/17/2024

Rule Change Intent

The committee would like to add the acceptance of goggles for use in the warm-up area, but prohibit the goggle's use in the competition arena. This stems from several cases of horses requiring protection for their eyes from the direct sunlight. Goggle's allowance will give these horses a more comfortable environment for schooling and warm-up during competition.

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Linked Rules	Comments
JP 111 (188-23)	

Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 05/20/2024

Council - Member Services

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 05/20/2024

Draft 1: The Council agrees with the Human and Equine Safety & Welfare Committee that the use of goggles on horses or ponies should be considered by the Federation on a case-by-case basis through the Presidential Modification process with verification from the treating veterinarian to ensure a horse's fitness to compete.

SUBCHAPTER WD-5 APPOINTMENTS

WD122 Prohibited Equipment

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3. Use of martingales, bit guards, any kind of gadgets (such as bearing, side, running, balancing reins, nasal strips, tongue tied down, etc.), any kind of boots (including "easy-boots" splint boots, hock boots, bell boots, etc.), tail bandages, any form of blinkers, and nose covers are cause for elimination. Protective "polo" style leg wraps are permitted, either white or a color closely matching the natural color of the horse as much as possible. Bright colors should be avoided.

4. Goggles (with clear or tinted full eye cups) that cover the horse's eyes, but do not obstruct the horse's vision, are prohibited in the competition arena, but are permitted in the warm-up area.

5. 4. Rein additions or attachments which create additional leverage are not allowed.

6. 5. Any decoration of the horse with extravagant items, such as ribbons or flowers, etc. in the mane, tail, etc. Exception: Costumed freestyle.

7. 6. Costumed Freestyle - Any accessories that may frighten other horses and/or threaten the safety of riders in the warm up area may be prohibited in the warm up area, at the discretion of competition management. Horses must wear bridles in all classes.

8. 7. Garrocha poles are prohibited in all classes.

9. 8. Flash, figure eight or dropped nose bands.

10. 9. Mechanical Hackamores.

11. 10. Bitless bridles with sidepulls.

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2024	5/6/2024	Disapproved 6/17/2024

Rule Change Intent

In order to keep the communications thru an electronic communication device more strictly monitored, more detail on who is able to communicate with the exhibitor is added. The communicator will be limited to a designated person accompanied by a representative chosen by show management or show management may designate an individual as the official communicator.

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Linked Rules	Comments
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Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 05/20/2024

Council - Member Services

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 05/20/2024

Draft 2: The Council does not feel it is competition management’s job to assign a representative attendant to monitor whether coaching is occurring via an electronic communication device and does not agree with this position being mandated. Applicants seeking the use of electronic communication devices should utilize the Presidential Modification process as circumstances for each situation may vary and conditions can be attached to a Presidential Modification decision.

SUBCHAPTER NS-1 GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS

NS101 Eligibility

Horses must be registered with National Show Horse Registry at the time entry is made. The exhibitor must supply the competition with a copy of an official NSHR certificate of registration or confirmation letter before the horse is allowed to show. Horse owners must be members of the National Show Horse Registry in order to exhibit at Local, District and National Finals Competitions. In the case of multiple ownership, only one owner is required to be a member. Riders, drivers, handlers, and/or trainers are required to either be NSHR members or pay the NSHR non-member fee per show at Local and District levels; membership is required for the Finals level.

1. Electronic communication devices used for purposes of coaching exhibitors during a competition shall be prohibited in all classes in the National Show Horse Division. Exhibitors with a permanent hearing impairment are permitted to use an electronic communication device upon submission of a written certification from a treating medical professional's office certifying the permanent hearing impairment and certifying the requirement of an electronic communication device. The certifying medical certification must be provided to the competition Steward within a reasonable time prior to competing who shall attach a copy to the Steward report.
 - a. *In order to ensure no coaching is done via electronic communication device, the person designated to communicate with the exhibitor must be accompanied by a representative of the competition management's choosing. In the alternative, competition management may designate an individual of their choosing to serve as the communicator to the exhibitor.*

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2024	5/6/2024	Disapproved 6/17/2024

Rule Change Intent

To add clarity to a horse's performance record and assist the ground jury in making decisions regarding granting permission to ride in subsequent phases.

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Linked Rules Comments

Committee Actions

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 2: Recommends Disapproval 05/28/2024

Draft 2: The second draft from USEA still proves to be problematic, the recommendations from the Eventing Sport Committee weren't applied. The proposal does not include a holistic review of where Elimination vs. Technical Elimination needs to be differentiated throughout the Chapter. The proposed language would create contradictions through the EV Chapter. Secondly, the intent states it is to aid the Ground Jury to grant permission in subsequent phases if assessed at Technical Elimination but in the proposal it is not = defined how that determination/process would take place.

8. ELIMINATION. Unless otherwise specified, Elimination means that the Athlete/Horse combination in question may not continue to participate in the current Event.

a. Technical Elimination: Any elimination may be recorded as a ~~TE (technical elimination)~~ Technical Elimination (TE) if the fault is ~~a rider or Athlete error, (i.e. omission of obstacle, third error of course in dressage, or missing start or finish flags), and not directly caused directly or indirectly by the horse's disobedience, weak, or aberrant performance.~~ at the discretion of the Ground Jury (i.e. omission of obstacle, third error of course in dressage, or missing start or finish flags).