

Rule	Tracking	Draft	Proposal Type	Effective Date	Proponent	Status
HU 103.6	409-16	1	Extraordinary	2/1/2017	National Hunter Committee	Approved (1/14/2017)
			Description: eligibility			
EQ 110.6	292-16	2	Standard	7/2/2017	USHJA	Approved (1/14/2017)
			Description: Pony Medal Class			
EQ 105.5	290-16	3	Standard	9/1/2017	USHJA	Approved (1/14/2017)
			Description: appointments			
EQ 110.10	293-16	2	Standard	9/1/2017	USHJA	Approved (1/14/2017)
			Description: WIHS equitation			
EQ 110.13	084-16	1	Standard	9/1/2017	Thomas O'Mara	Approved (1/14/2017)
			Description: Medal class			
EQ 112.0	294-16	1	Standard	9/1/2017	USHJA	Approved (1/14/2017)
			Description: H/J Seat Equitation			
EQ 103.4	295-16	1	Standard	12/1/2017	USHJA	Approved (1/14/2017)
			Description: eligibility to compete			
EQ 105.5	291-16	2	Standard	12/1/2017	USHJA	Approved (1/14/2017)
			Description: appointments			
EQ 106.8	152-16	1	Standard	12/1/2017	National Hunter Committee	Approved (1/14/2017)
			Description: Championships			
EQ 113.0	300-16	1	Standard	12/1/2017	Saddle Seat Eq	Approved (1/14/2017)
			Description: hand position			
EQ 117.0	298-16	2	Standard	12/1/2017	Saddle Seat Eq	Approved (1/14/2017)
			Description: championships			
EQ 118.0	297-16	2	Standard	12/1/2017	Saddle Seat Eq	Approved (1/14/2017)
			Description: saddle seat equitation tests			
EQ 118.0	301-16	1	Standard	12/1/2017	Saddle Seat Eq	Approved (1/14/2017)
			Description: saddle seat equitation			
HJ 208.0	287-16	2	Standard	12/1/2017	USHJA	Approved (1/14/2017)
			Description: exercise/lunge area			
HJ 400.0	299-16	3	Standard	12/1/2017	USHJA	Approved (1/14/2017)
			Description: limiting entries			

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HU 108.1	284-16	1	Standard	12/1/2017	USHJA	Approved (1/14/2017) Description: ponies
HU 111.1	285-16	2	Standard	12/1/2017	USHJA	Approved (1/14/2017) Description: Junior Hunter
HU 112.0	150-16	3	Standard	12/1/2017	National Hunter Committee	Approved (1/14/2017) Description: National Hunter Derby
HU 119.0	151-16	1	Standard	12/1/2017	National Hunter Committee	Approved (1/14/2017) Description: Junior Hunter 3'3"
HU 154.0	083-16	2	Standard	12/1/2017	Glena Wirtanen	Approved (1/14/2017) Description: cell phones
HU 172.1	286-16	2	Standard	12/1/2017	USHJA	Approved (1/14/2017) Description: measurements
HU 185.5	283-16	2	Standard	12/1/2017	USHJA	Approved (1/14/2017) Description: National or Zone HOTY awards
HU 191.0	149-16	1	Standard	12/1/2017	National Hunter Committee	Approved (1/14/2017) Description: International Hunter Derby

RULE CHANGE TYPE	EFFECTIVE	BOARD ACTION
Extraordinary	2/1/2017	Approved 1/14/2017

EO REASON

The rule change language effective 12/1/2016 leaves an unintended loophole in the Green Hunter Rules.

PROPOSED CHANGE

HU103 Hunter Eligibility and Green Eligibility and Status for Horses [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-1 DEFINITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY]

HU103 Hunter Eligibility and Green Eligibility Status for Horses

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6. When a horse begins its hunter eligibility competing in hunter or equitation classes or sections with fence heights of 3'0" or 3'3", it remains eligible for Green Hunter 3'0" and 3'3" for two competition years (not necessarily consecutive).

a. 7. A horse that competes in any Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation class at a recognized competition in the United States or Canada with fence heights of 3'6" or higher is no longer eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'0" section but remains eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'3" section.

b. A horse may compete in any other hunter or equitation class with fence heights of a maximum of 3'6" if otherwise eligible at a maximum of four (4) times **competitions** in one competition year prior to August 1 and remain eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'3". **The following competition year in which a horse competes in any hunter or equitation class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights of 3'6" or higher is considered the horse's Green Hunter 3'6" year regardless of the number of times it competes.**

c. **A horse that competes over fences 3'6" or higher in any Hunter or Equitation class after August 1st is no longer eligible for the 3'3" section and is only eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'6" section for the remainder of the competition year. That competition year will be considered the horse's Green Hunter 3'6" year.**

d. **Once a horse competes in hunter or equitation classes at a Federation or Equine Canada licensed competition in North America with fences 3'6" or higher at five (5) or more competitions in one year, it is no longer eligible for the Green Hunter 3'3" section. At this time the horse is only eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'6" section for the remainder of the competition year. That competition year will be considered the horse's Green Hunter 3'6" year.**

e. For jumper restrictions see HU103.12.

8. Once a horse competes in a hunter or equitation class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights of 3'6" or higher a fifth time in one competition year, it is no longer eligible for the Green Hunter 3'3" section and it is only eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'6" section for the remainder of the competition year. That competition year will be considered the horse's Green Hunter 3'6" year. If a horse competes in a hunter or equitation class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights of 3'6" or higher after August 1, it is no longer eligible for the Green Hunter 3'3" section and it is only eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'6" section for the remainder of the competition year. That competition year will be considered the horse's Green Hunter 3'6" year. For jumper restrictions see HU103.12

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HU104 Young Hunter Eligibility and Status for Horses

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

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

3'0" .90 meter

3'3" 1.0 meter

3'6" 1.10 meter

b. 7. A horse that competes in any hunter or equitation class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights of 3'6" or higher is no longer eligible to compete in the Young Hunter 3'0" section but remains eligible to compete in the Young Hunter 3'3" section if otherwise eligible.

c. A horse may compete in any other hunter or equitation class with fence heights of a maximum of 3'6" *at a maximum of four (4)-times competitions* in one competition year prior to August 1 and remain eligible to compete in the Young Hunter 3'3". *The following competition year in which a horse competes in any hunter or equitation class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights of 3'6" or higher is considered the horse's Young Hunter 3'6" year regardless of the number of times it competes.*

d. *A horse that competes over fences 3'6" or higher in any Hunter or Equitation class after August 1st is no longer eligible for the 3'3" section and is only eligible to compete in the Young Hunter 3'6" section for the remainder of the competition year. That competition year will be considered the horse's Young Hunter 3'6" year.*

e. *Once a horse competes in hunter or equitation classes at a Federation or Equine Canada licensed competition in North America with fences 3'6" or higher at five (5) or more competitions in one year, it is no longer eligible for the Young Hunter 3'3" section. At this time the horse is only eligible to compete in the Young Hunter 3'6" section for the remainder of the competition year. That competition year will be considered the horse's Young Hunter 3'6" year.*

f. For jumper restrictions see HU104.11

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

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PROONENT

National Hunter Committee

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INTENT

To make it clear that horses only have one competition year during which they can move back and forth between the Green Hunter 3'6" and Green Hunter 3'3" as well as the Yong Hunter 3'6" and Young Hunter 3'3".

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: eligibility

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/19/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

Licensed Officials

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 01/02/2017

Draft 1: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE	EFFECTIVE	BOARD ACTION
Standard	7/2/2017	Approved 1/14/2017

PROPOSED CHANGE

EQ110.6 U.S. PONY MEDAL CLASS [CHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

EQ110 Requirements for Specific Classes

6. U.S. PONY MEDAL CLASS. Open to Junior Active Members of the Federation who have not yet reached their 18th birthday, on ponies 14.2 hands and under. No Junior over 12 years of age may compete on a small pony. No Junior over 14 years of age may compete on a medium pony. Application for membership can be made directly to the Federation, or the exhibitor can join prior to the class through the Federation steward. Riders entered in this class cannot cross enter into a U.S. Hunter Seat Medal Class at the same competition. Suitability of a pony to rider will be emphasized. To be shown over a course of not less than six obstacles 2'3" for ponies not exceeding 12.2 hands; 2'6" for ponies over 12.2 hands and not exceeding 13.2 hands; and 2'9" - 3' for ponies over 13.2 hands. If distances between related fences are less than 100' (including in and outs), the distances must be adjusted for each height section. The course must include at least two changes of direction and 1/3 of the obstacles must be oxers. In addition, U.S. Pony Medal classes may include any of the following: bending line, narrow jump (5'6" - 8'), rollback turn, fence at the end of the ring, long approach to a single jump, a combination. Two tests (1-19, excluding test 16) are required during the first round. Only one rider per pony. To fill a class six **three** competitors must complete the course (five in Zones 8, 11, and 12). Two cumulative refusals in the U.S. Pony Medal Finals will result in elimination, see EQ107.1. This class may be judged as one class, with all height sections run consecutively; or management may elect to divide and pin this class in three separate sections, small, medium and large or to divide into two sections, small-medium and large or small and medium-large. In no case may sections be divided into small-large and medium. When classes are divided as outlined above an exhibitor may only ride in one section per competition. Ribbon winners in each section will receive qualifying points. The Pony Medal may be run concurrently with the small, medium, and large pony division. The green pony division cannot be run with the U.S. Pony Medal card open as the fence heights are not consistent. However, green ponies may jump in the U.S. Pony Medal when the card is held open during the regular pony division if they so choose. A rider who accumulates 30 pts. will receive a silver medal from the Federation and will qualify for the Finals which is held in conjunction with the U.S. Pony Competition. **For classes with six or more entries** 1st place = 30 pts.; 2nd place = 15 pts.; 3rd place = 10 pts. **For classes with three to five entries** 1st place=15 pts.; 2nd place=8pts.; 3rd place=5 pts. A rider that has qualified for the Finals can continue to compete in qualifying classes. The winner of the Finals may no longer ride in the Finals or in qualifying classes. Classes held after July 1 will count toward the next year's Final. Riders cannot enter both the US Hunter Seat Medal Finals and the U.S. Pony Medal Finals in the same year. 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. Certificate of Compliance - National medal classes must be certified by the following: A course plan showing the actual height and spread of all the fences , signed by the judge and steward which must be included in the steward's report to the Federation.

PROONENT

USHJA

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INTENT

To create consistency between the U.S. Hunter Seat Medal and the U.S. Pony Medal classes by allowing three (3) entries to fill a class. Reduced points will be offered when there are three to five entries in any given class. Additionally, if this rule change is approved, an effective date of 7/02/2017 is requested in order to alleviate the need to request a Presidential Modification to enact this new point system at the start of the next qualifying period on July 2, 2017.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Staff: IT: Estimate 5 hours of work

Web: Pony Medal Class

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/19/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/11/2016
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/03/2017

Draft 1: The committee noted a discrepancy with the effective date on this rule change.
Draft 2: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: No Action
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Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective	Board Action
Standard	9/1/2017	Approved 1/14/2017

PROPOSED CHANGE

Tracking #290-16

EQ105 Appointments

5. Tack. *Judges may penalize but not eliminate a horse or pony that competes in unconventional tack. Judges must eliminate a horse or pony that competes in illegal tack.*

a. *Hunter Seat Equitation:*

1. *Legal bits include snaffles, pelhams, kimberwickes, or full bridles. Illegal bits include, but are not limited to, two rings, three rings, gags (other than the hunter gag), et cetera. Changing of bit/bridle between phases is permissible.*

2. *Illegal nosebands include but are not limited to, drop, flash and figure eight nosebands.*

3. *Martingales are permitted in classes over obstacles and in the jumping phase of classes requiring both jumping and flat work. Martingales are not permitted on the flat in any class or phase unless class specifications allow their use.*

b. *Jumping Seat Equitation (USEF Talent Search, WIHS Jumper Phase, USHJA Jumping Seat Medal, and any class specifically designated as a Jumping Seat Equitation class):*

1. *Legal bits include snaffles, pelhams, gags, kimberwickes, and two or three ring bits. Full bridles may be used. Any other bits (including but not limited to hackamores, etc.) are prohibited. Changing of bit/bridle between phases is permissible.*

2. *Legal nosebands include leather cavesson, flash, drop and figure eight.*

3. *Martingales are not permitted on the flat in any class or phase unless class specifications allow their use. Running Martingales used in the conventional manner are legal in the over fences phase only. Standing martingales, German martingales, draw reins, or restricted martingales are prohibited in all phases.*

4. *Bit converters may be used.*

5. *Blinkers are prohibited.*

e. *Boots and conservative colored bandages are permitted. The total maximum weight of equipment allowed to be added to a horse's leg, front or hind (single or multiple boots, fetlock rings, etc.) is 500 grams or 17.637 ounces (shoe excluded). (See JP111.4)*

f. *Type of saddle is optional.*

g. *Nose nets are permitted.*

a. *In Hunter Seat Equitation, snaffles, pelhams and full bridles, all with cavesson nose bands, are required. Judges may penalize, but may not eliminate, a horse or pony that competes in a snaffle, pelham or full bridle that is unconventional. Judges must eliminate a horse or pony that competes in an illegal bit or a noseband other than a cavesson. Illegal bits include, but are not limited to, two rings, three rings, gags (other than the hunter gag), et cetera. Illegal nosebands include, but are not limited to, drop, flash and figure eight nosebands.*

b. *In Jumping Seat equitation, snaffles, pelhams, full bridles, gags, two ring or three ring bits are required. Judges may penalize, but may not eliminate, a horse or pony that competes in an snaffle, pelham, or full bridle that is unconventional. Judges must eliminate a horse or pony that competes in an illegal bit or noseband. Legal nosebands include leather cavesson, flash and figure eight. Illegal nosebands include but are not limited to drop nosebands.*

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

EQ110 Requirements for Specific Classes

9. USEF SHOW JUMPING TALENT SEARCH CLASS

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g. See **EQ105.5 for tack and saddlery restrictions**. Saddlery

1. There are no restrictions on saddles.

2. Change of bridle is permissible, between phases.

3. Blinkers are prohibited.

4. No martingales of any kind are permitted in the flat phase.

5. Only running martingales used in the conventional manner are permitted in the jumping phase. Standing martingales, draw reins, or restricted running martingales are prohibited.

6. Reins must be attached to the bit(s) or directly to the bridle.

7. Gags and hackamores are not allowed in the flat phase.

8. The total maximum weight of equipment allowed to be added to a Horse's leg, front or hind (single or multiple boots, fetlock rings, etc.), is 500 grams or 17.637 ounces (shoe excluded). Failure to comply with this paragraph will incur disqualification.

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10. WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW EQUITATION

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g. WIHS Equitation: See **EQ105.5 for tack and saddlery restrictions**. Conventional tack per JP111. Reins must be attached to the bit(s) or directly to the bridle. Only running martingales used in the conventional manner is permitted in the Jumper Phase. Boots and conservative colored bandages are permitted in both phases. Certificate of Compliance – At Regional I, Regional II and Local Member competitions, National medal classes must be certified by the following: A course plan showing the actual height and spread of all the fences, signed by the judge and the course designer (the steward must sign if the course designer is not present on the competition grounds) which must be provided to the steward no later than the end of the competition day in which the national medal class is held. The signed course plan must be included in the steward's report to the Federation.

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13. USHJA 3'3" JUMPING SEAT MEDAL

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g. See **EQ105.5 for tack and saddlery restrictions**. The following tack and saddlery restrictions apply to this class:

1. Blinkers are forbidden.

2. Running martingales used in the conventional manner are permitted. Standing martingales, draw reins, or restricted running martingales are prohibited.

3. Reins must be attached to the bit(s) or directly to the bridle. Gags are prohibited.

PROONENT

USHJA

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INTENT

To further clarify the tack requirements for the WIHS Jumper Phase, USHJA Jumping Seat Medal, and any class specifically designated as a Jumping Seat Equitation class, while making the tack requirements consistent across all of these classes. If approved, an effective date of 9/01/2017 is requested to coincide with the start of the Equitation qualifying period.

Web: appointments

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 12/22/2016

Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 01/04/2017

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

HP - Jumping

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/06/2016
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 01/05/2017

Draft 1: Show Jumping High Performance Committee agrees that the USEF Show Jumping Talent Search Class should be included in EQ105.5. if the following modifications are made: 1) Add Item 2 of EQ110.9.g.: "Change of bridle is permissible between phases." 2) Add Item 8 of EQ110.9.g.: "The total maximum weight of equipment allowed to be added to a Horse's leg, front or hind (single or multiple boots, fetlock rings, etc.), is 500 grams or 17.637 ounces (shoe excluded). Failure to comply with this paragraph will incur disqualification." 3) Remove the following statement from the Proposal, which the Committee believes leaves too much open to the Judges's interpretation: "Judges may penalize, but not eliminate, a horse or pony that competes in unconventional tack."
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 10/11/2016
Draft 2: No Action
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 01/03/2017

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments
Draft 3: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action 12/15/2016
Draft 3: Recommends Approval 01/02/2017

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: There is a question on whether you can change the bridle/bit between phases in Hunter Seat Equitation. 13.g strike "The following tack and saddlery restrictions apply to this class."
Draft 3: No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective	Board Action
Standard	9/1/2017	Approved 1/14/2017

PROPOSED CHANGE

EQ110 Requirements for Specific Classes

10. WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW EQUITATION

For full specifications and qualification information please see www.wihs.org.

a. RIDER MEMBERSHIP. The cost of an annual WIHS membership can be found on the WIHS website. Membership entitles riders to earn points in the rankings. Membership (application & fee) must be received at the WIHS Membership Office within 10 days of the completion of an event for points from that event to count. Riders may join at a show; however, riders are strongly encouraged to mail the application themselves. Riders may obtain an application or download an application from the website, www.wihs.org.

1. Riders need not be members of the WIHS Equitation to compete in any qualifying classes, but only current members will accrue points towards year-end finals.

b. QUALIFYING PERIOD. Qualifying period: shows starting on or after September 1st through shows starting on or before August 31st. The top 40 riders (as determined by the League in accordance with subsection c below) will be invited to compete in the WIHS Equitation Finals and the top 25 riders will be invited to compete in the WIHS Pony Equitation Finals at the Washington International Horse Show. Multi-day horse shows are permitted to hold either a one or two phase WIHS Equitation qualifier. One-day horse shows are only allowed to hold a one-phase event. WIHS Equitation classes may only be one phase.

c. QUALIFYING LEAGUES. Qualification for the WIHS Equitation Final will be based on two Leagues. The East Coast League will consist of Zones 1-5, and the West Coast League will consist of Zones 6-12. The top 30 riders from the East Coast League and the top 10 riders from the West Coast League will be invited to compete in the WIHS Equitation Finals. Riders will compete in the League based on their address submitted to the WIHS Membership Office. Riders have until June 15th to change their leagues provided they submit their request in writing to the WIHS Membership Office by that date. Riders may add points from up to four competitions based in the other League to their total. Additional qualification specifications can be found on the WIHS website.

d. Awarding of Points

1st - 6th place points are tabulated by multiplying the # of riders in the qualifier class by 10, 6, 4, 2, 1, $\frac{1}{2}$ points respectively. ***Three riders must complete the course in order for points for that phase to count. In order for overall points to count in a two-phase qualifier, three riders must complete the course in at least one of the two phases and at least three riders must compete in the second phase. (See HU130 for definition of competed)***

When there is a two-phase junior equitation qualifier, only the overall results of a two-phase junior equitation qualifier will be tabulated for the standings. A multiplying factor of 2 will be applied to these classes only.

e. CLASS SPECIFICATIONS. WIHS Equitation and WIHS Pony Equitation:

1. The WIHS Equitation Classes are open to junior members of USEF or Equine Canada.
2. Three riders must complete the course for the class to be included in the National Ranking.
3. The same horse must be used in all phases of the event. No Exceptions.
4. Only one rider per horse, unless the judge requests a change.
5. Classes to be judged in accordance with the current USEF standards for equitation.
6. Riders may only compete in one WIHS Equitation class at a show.
7. If there are 50 or more entries at the start of either phase, it must be divided as under HU110.7 ("California Split"). In this case, EQ106.3 will not apply. If either phase is double pinned, then the overall results must also be double pinned. Points will be awarded based on the number of riders in the largest phase after any split, however for calculation purposes the maximum differential between the two phases will be no more than ten riders of the lesser section.
- f. WIHS Pony Equitation: To be shown over a course of not less than 8 jumps. No junior rider over 12 years of age may compete on a small pony. No junior rider over 14 years of age may compete on a medium pony. Fence heights: 2'3" for ponies not exceeding 12.2 hands; 2'6" for ponies over 12.2 hands and not exceeding 13.2 hands; and 3' for ponies over 13.2 hands and not exceeding 14.2 hands. The suggested distance for the in and out is 20' for small ponies, 22' for medium ponies and 24' for large ponies. The distance must be altered for each height division. WIHS Pony Equitation classes may include any of the following: bending line, narrow jump (5'6"- 8'), rollback turn, fence at the end of the ring, long approach to a single jump. It is recommended that the course be consistent with EQ108.11. A numerical score will be given. WIHS Pony Equitation class may run concurrently with the small, medium and large pony division. The green pony division cannot be run with the WIHS Pony Equitation card opened as the fence heights are inconsistent.
- g. WIHS Equitation: Conventional tack per JP111. Reins must be attached to the bit(s) or directly to the bridle. Only running martingales used in the conventional manner is permitted in the Jumper Phase. Boots and conservative colored bandages are permitted in both phases. Certificate of Compliance – At Regional I, Regional II and Local Member competitions, National medal classes must be certified by the following: A course plan showing the actual height and spread of all the fences, signed by the judge and the course designer (the steward must sign if the course designer is not present on the competition grounds) which must be provided to the steward no later than the end of the competition day in which the national medal class is held. The signed course plan must be included in the steward's report to the Federation.

1. Hunter Phase - To be shown over a minimum of 8 jumps at 3'6". It is recommended that the course be a straight forward hunter course consisting of natural jumps. It must include a combination, hunter lines, and a long approach to a single jump. A numerical score will be given. ***Refer to EQ110.10d. for minimum number of rider required for points to count.***

2. Jumper Phase - The course should be of the type used in a High Junior Jumper competition. To be shown over a minimum of 10 jumps at 1.10 m (3'7"). A minimum of either two double combinations or one triple combination are required. There must be at least two changes of direction after the first fence. In addition, at least two of the following are required and more are recommended: vertical - no ground lines; Liverpool; narrow jump - minimum width 5'6"; one or more of the following - triple bar, swedish oxer, fan jump. ***Refer to EQ110.10d for minimum number of riders required for points to count.***

A Time Allowed will be used based on a speed of 360 yards per minute. The judge will give a numerical score for each competitor's round. The announcer will announce the judge's numerical score and then deduct time faults as follows: one point for each commenced second over the Time Allowed. Rules regarding Time to Start (JP136.3 and .4) and Starting and Stopping (JP137.1) will apply. A FINAL SCORE BELOW ZERO MAY NOT BE GIVEN.

3. Two Phase Event - Hunter & Jumper - Each phase to be conducted under their own specifications and pinned separately, as well as an overall placing.

- Both Hunter & Jumper Phases to be scored under the numerical system. Scores from each phase will be added together to determine the overall winner. In the event of a tie for any placing, the tie will remain.
- Scores from the first phase will determine the order of go in the second phase. The highest scores will return last; riders may volunteer to move up in the order.
- One or more judges may be used in any combination.

d. National Ranking points will be awarded based on the OVERALL placing only.

h. See www.wihs.org for procedures for the WIHS Equitation Finals: Held at the Washington International Horse Show in October

- Judging - All three phases of the Finals will be judged under the Open Numerical Scoring system by two panels of two judges seated in two separate locations. Each panel may include one high performance jumper rider, provided that the rider has either judged the East or West Coast Finals of the USEF Talent Search class or held a Hunter Seat Equitation Judges' Card within the last ten years. Each panel shall submit a single score, and the two separate scores will be averaged to produce a final score for each rider for each phase. Each of the three phases will weigh equally in the results.
- Hunter Phase - The Hunter Phase will be held first. The order of go shall be determined by a random draw. The score will be announced. The top ten finishers will return to the ring, mounted, for awards at the conclusion of the Hunter Phase.
- Jumper Phase - The order of go for the Jumper Phase will be in reverse order of the Hunter Phase with the winner of the Hunter Phase competing last. An audible tone will be used to start competitors. A Time Allowed based on a speed of 360 yards per minute will be applied. The score will be announced. Time Faults, if any, for exceeding the Time Allowed will be deducted from the judges' original score, with one point being deducted for each commenced second over the Time Allowed. Rules regarding Time to Start (JP136.3 and .4) and Starting and Stopping (JP137.1) will apply.
- Third Phase - The scores from the Hunter & Jumper Phases will be added together to determine the ten riders who will participate in the Third Phase. The combined score will determine the order of go, with the highest scoring rider competing last. These ten riders will change horses. The order of change will be random draw. The top five (5) will draw among themselves and the bottom five (5) will draw among themselves. In determining the ten riders for the Third Phase in the event of a tie, the higher score in the Jumper Phase will determine the order. Riders in the Third Phase will negotiate the Jumper Phase course. There will be neither a starting tone nor a Time Allowed in the Third Phase. A score will be given by the judges in the Third Phase, but will not be announced until the conclusion of the class. Once the riders have changed horses for the Third Phase and before the first rider in the Third Phase has entered the arena to compete, there will be a 3-minute period during which riders may work on the flat. Should any rider feel that the horse on which they will compete in the Third Phase is unsound to the extent it will impair the horse's ability to perform the Third Phase, that rider must petition the panel of veterinarians who will be available to assess the soundness of any questioned horse. The panel's decision regarding the fitness of a questioned horse to compete will be final.

Should a horse be declared unfit to compete in the Third Phase, the rider who qualified that horse will be eliminated from the Third Phase and automatically placed 10th. The Show Steward will then draw by lot 1 of the 8 remaining riders (not to include the rider who was to ride the eliminated horse in the Third Phase). The rider drawn will then change its switched mount with the horse qualified by the rider who was switched to the unfit horse. In the event that more than one horse is declared unfit to compete, this procedure will be repeated in each instance. In the case of multiple eliminated riders due to unsoundness, the combined score of the first 2 rounds of the Finals will determine their final placing.

i. Qualifying procedures and Finals procedures cannot be changed without the approval of the Washington International Horse Show Assn., LTD.

PROONENT

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To prevent riders who complete the course in both phases of a two-phase WIHS Equitation class from being penalized if not enough riders complete the course in the second phase.

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Jumper

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National Hunter Committee

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PROPOSED CHANGE

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

13. National Collegiate Equestrian Association (NCEA) Junior Hunt Seat Medal

For full class specifications and additional information see www.ryegate.com and www.collegiateequestrian.com .

a. Rider Membership. Open to Junior Active Members of the Federation or Equine Canada. Riders must apply for NCEA Medal Membership in order for points to count.

b. Qualifying Period. The qualifying period will be posted on the NCEA website (www.collegiateequestrian.com) and at www.ryegate.com, a minimum of fifteen (15) days prior to the start of the qualifying period.

c. Class Specifications. Classes to be judged in accordance with EQ104. Conventional tack per EQ105.5 is required.

1. Qualifying Classes: To be shown over a hunter or jumper type course with a minimum of eight (8) fences at 3'3" in height, spread not to exceed fence height. The course must include at least two changes of direction and a combination. The top 10 will be asked to return to the arena for a flat phase performing at least two individual flat tests from USEF Tests 1-19 as well as two of the following three: shoulder-in, haunches-in, or leg yield both directions of the ring at the discretion of the judge.

i. Classes with greater than 50 entries must be split using the California split.

2. Finals: The finals will be a three-phase competition; Fences phase, flat phase, and bracket phase.

i. Fences Phase: To be shown over a course of at least ten (10) hunter or jumper style fences at 3'3" in height, spread not to exceed fence height. The course must include a double combination and a triple combination and at least two changes of direction.

ii. Flat Phase: The top 10, or 20%, whichever is greater will return for the flat phase. Federation Tests 1-19 as well as two of the following three: shoulder-in, haunches-in, or leg yield.

iii. Bracket Phase. The top four (4) riders as determined by the combination of the fences and flat phases, will return for the bracket phase on donated horses. See the full specifications for more details.

PROPOSER

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INTENT

To create a Medal class to help prepare and expose Junior riders to the format of NCAA Equestrian competition prior to entering college. Qualifying classes during the year will be held with a fences and flat phase. The flat phase introduces a few movements which would be present in NCAA competition flat phases. The Finals will introduce them to bracketed, head to head (riders compete on the same horse, high score wins the point) competition which is the format used in NCAA Collegiate Equestrian. This class has been running successfully during the 2016 competition year with an approval to limit entries per GR915.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

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PROPOSED CHANGE

EQ112 Tests From Which Judges Must Choose [CHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

[Requested Effective Date of 9/01/2017 to Coincide with Beginning of Equitation Qualifying Period]

EQ112 Tests from Which Judges Must Choose

[...]

1. Halt (4 to 6 seconds) or halt and back. When riders working collectively are asked to halt and then back, they must not be penalized if they walk forward a few steps and halt after backing.
2. Hand gallop. A hand gallop may be used on the approach to a jump.
3. Figure eight at trot, demonstrating change of diagonals. At left diagonal, rider should be sitting the saddle when left front leg is on the ground; at right diagonal, rider should be sitting the saddle when right front leg is on the ground; when circling clockwise at a trot, rider should be on left diagonal; when circling counterclockwise, rider should be on the right diagonal.
4. Figure eight at canter on correct lead, demonstrating simple change of lead. This is a change whereby the horse is brought back into a walk or trot (either is acceptable unless the judge specifies) and restarted into a canter on the opposite lead. Figures to be commenced in center of two circles so that one change of lead is shown.
5. Work collectively or individually at a walk, trot and/or canter.
6. Jump low obstacles at a trot as well as at a canter. The maximum height and spread for a trot jump is 3' for horses, 2' for ponies in classes restricted to ponies.
7. Jump obstacles on figure eight course.
8. Question(s) regarding basic horsemanship, tack and equipment and conformation.
9. Ride without stirrups, riders must be allowed option to cross stirrups.
10. Jump low obstacles at a walk as well as at a canter. The maximum height and spread for a walk jump is 2'.
11. Dismount and mount. Individually.
12. Turn on the forehand done through the walk or the halt.
13. Figure eight at canter on correct lead demonstrating flying change of lead.
14. Execute serpentine at a trot and/or canter on correct lead demonstrating simple or flying changes of lead. (See EQ112.4 for simple change.)
15. Change leads on a line demonstrating a simple or flying change of lead. (See EQ112.4 for simple change.)
16. Change horses. (Note: this test is the equivalent of two tests.)
17. Canter on counter lead. (Note: no more than twelve horses may counter canter at one time.) A canter on the counter lead may be used on the approach to a jump.
18. Turn on the haunches from the walk.
19. Demonstration ride of approximately one minute. Rider must advise judge beforehand what ride he plans to demonstrate.

EQ110 Requirements for Special 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 amateurs: 18-35, 36 and over.
2. Juniors 14 and under. Tests 1-8.
3. Juniors 15-17. Tests 1-18.
4. Maiden, Novice, Limit, Intermediate.

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

- a. Maiden. For juniors and amateur riders who have not won 1 blue ribbon over obstacles. Test 1
- b. Novice. For juniors and amateur riders who have not won 3 blue ribbons over obstacles. Tests 1-7.
- c. Limit. For juniors and amateur riders 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 1-12.
- e. Open. For juniors and amateur riders. Tests 1-18

[...]

5. US HUNTER SEAT MEDAL CLASS

[...]

b. To be shown over a course of not less than eight obstacles at 3'6" with spreads to 4' (Exception: triple bar type obstacles, maximum spread of 5') which must include one combination including an oxer and two changes of direction after the first obstacle and 1/3 of the obstacles must be oxers. A liverpool or water is prohibited in US Hunter Seat Medal classes including Regionals and Finals. In addition, all courses must include at least three of the following: Bending line, narrow jump (5'6"-8'), roll-back turn, fence at the end of the ring, long approach to a single jump. Two or more tests of at least the top four competitors are required. In classes with thirty-one (31) or more entries, at least the top eight (8) competitors must be called back for testing. Eight places must be awarded in classes with thirty-one (31) or more entries. Tests 1-1918. Any exhibitor who does not participate in the testing is placed last of those exhibitors called back to test. Should more than one exhibitor fail to return for testing they will be placed at the judge's discretion. Only one rider per horse.
[...]

6. U.S. PONY MEDAL CLASS. [...] The course must include at least two changes of direction and 1/3 of the obstacles must be oxers. In addition, U.S. Pony Medal classes may include any of the following: bending line, narrow jump (5'6"- 8'), rollback turn, fence at the end of the ring, long approach to a single jump, a combination. Two tests (1-1918, excluding test 4615) are required during the first round. Only one rider per pony. To fill a class six competitors must complete the course (five in Zones 8, 11, and 12). [...]
7. U.S. ADULT EQUITATION CLASS. [...] 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. Tests 1-1918. To fill a class six competitors must complete the course (five in Zones 8, 11 and 12). [...]
8. ASPCA HORSEMANSHIP CLASS. [...] USEF Tests 1-1918. To fill a class three (3) competitors must complete the course. [...]
9. NATIONAL PHA MEDAL HUNTER SEAT EQUITATION CLASS. Open to riders under 18 years of age. Riders must be competing members of the PHA in order to earn points toward the year end competition and awards. To be shown over a course of 8 or more fences at 3'6" in height, with at least one combination including an oxer, and two changes of lead after the first fence. The judge will insert two tests into the original course (USEF 1-1817). Further testing of the top riders is optional. Only one rider per horse. To fill a class, three competitors must complete the course. Points won in this class are as follows: With up to 15 riders, points will count 10-6-4-2-1-1/2. With 16 to 30 riders, points will count double and with 31 riders and above points will count triple. All classes with 50 or more entries at the beginning of the class must be divided and run as two separate classes with separate trophies and ribbons (EQ106.3). Based on these points, there will be a Championship Class for the 40 riders who have accumulated the most points throughout the season at a site to be selected by the National PHA for the yearly championship. Additionally the top 10 point earners for the season will receive appropriate awards. The season begins on September 1 and concludes on August 31st of the following year (GR1115.2). Riders who will lose their Junior status at the end of the year are NOT eligible to compete in classes held after August 15th. For permission to offer this class, the competition must be a recognized Federation competition. For an application for this class, please see the PHA web page at www.nationalpha.com. The results for this class must be submitted electronically within 10 days to PHA. See the PHA web page for information on where to submit results. The same file electronically submitted to USEF must be used. For additional class information visit www.nationalpha.com.

PROONENT

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INTENT

To remove the ability to use low jumps to walk or canter from the tests. If approved, the requested effective date for this rule change is 9/01/2017 to coincide with the beginning of the Equitation qualifying period.

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PROPOSED CHANGE

EQ103.4 ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE [CHAPTER EQ-2 HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

[Linked to HU108.1.f_Adults on Ponies]

EQ103 Eligibility to Compete

1. [...]

4. Adults can ride ponies in Adult Hunter Seat Equitation classes, suitability to count; however, these ponies cannot cross-enter into **any** the rated Regular and Green Pony Hunter sections (*i.e., Children's Hunter Pony, Green Pony Hunter, Regular Pony Hunter*), or in WIHS Pony Equitation or U.S. Pony Medal classes held at the same competition. *See also HU110.11.*

PROPONENT

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INTENT

To further define when adults may not ride ponies at competitions in order to ensure a level playing field for junior exhibitors in rated Pony Hunter sections.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

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PROPOSED CHANGE

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

EQ105 Appointments

[...]

5. Tack.
 - a. In Hunter Seat Equitation, snaffles, pelhams and full bridles, all with cavesson nose bands, are required. Judges may penalize, but may not eliminate, a horse or pony that competes in a snaffle, pelham or full bridle that is unconventional. Judges must eliminate a horse or pony that competes in an illegal bit or a noseband other than a cavesson. Illegal bits include, but are not limited to, two rings, three rings, gags (other than the hunter gag), et cetera. Illegal nosebands include, but are not limited to, drop, flash and figure eight nosebands.
 - b. In Jumping Seat equitation, snaffles, pelhams, full bridles, gags, two ring or three ring bits are required. Judges may penalize, but may not eliminate, a horse or pony that competes in a snaffle, pelham, or full bridle that is unconventional. Judges must eliminate a horse or pony that competes in an illegal bit or noseband. Legal nosebands include leather cavesson, flash and figure eight. Illegal nosebands include but are not limited to drop nosebands.
 - c. Boots and conservative colored bandages are permitted **on the legs only. An entry will be eliminated for competing with a belly band, or a wrap or bandage anywhere other than the horse's legs.** Type of saddle is optional. Martingales are permitted in classes over obstacles and in the jumping phase of classes requiring both jumping and flat work. Martingales are not permitted on the flat in any class or phase unless class specifications allow their use. Changing of bits between phases is permissible.
 - d. **Use of a nose net on a horse is permitted.**

[...]

8. ~~A rider will be eliminated for competing with a tail wrap.~~

PROPOSER

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INTENT

To prevent the use of belly bands and other types of bandages used anywhere other than on the legs.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

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PROPOSED CHANGE

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

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.*

a. Championships awarded on a competitive basis:

1. Can be held as a free post entry class open to any designated number of place winners in the Hunter Seat section (minimum of two) except Maiden, Novice and Limit classes;

2. Can be held as an Open class with advance entries for riders who have competed in at least one other class in the Hunter/Jumping Seat division. To be shown over a minimum of six jumps not to exceed 3'6". Wings can be no wider than 36". Judges can require additional tests; or

3. All judges officiating in classes stated to qualify for the Champion and Reserve can confer and designate a first or second place winner on the basis of performance in these classes. Riders can be required to work-off at judge's discretion using only those tests permitted under EQ112.

b. Championships awarded based on points:

1. A Championship may not be offered in a section unless a minimum of two Over Fences classes and one Flat class are held. A Championship will not count for points unless a minimum of three entries compete in at least two over fences classes and one flat class. If a competition offers more than one Flat class in any one section, only one will count toward the Championship. The prize list must specify the class to count.

2. All classes counting toward a Championship will count equally when calculating.

EQ110 Requirements for Specific Classes

14. CHAMPIONSHIPS. *To be awarded on a competitive basis. Can be held:*

a. as a free post entry class open to any designated number of place winners in the Hunter Seat section (minimum of two) except Maiden, Novice and Limit classes;

b. as an Open class with advance entries for riders who have competed in at least one other class in the Hunter Seat section. To be shown over a minimum of six jumps not to exceed 3'6". Wings can be no wider than 36". Judges can require additional tests; or

c. all judges officiating in classes stated to qualify for the Champion and Reserve can confer and designate a first or second place winner on the basis of performance in these classes. Riders can be required to work-off at judge's discretion using only those tests permitted under EQ112.

PROPOSER

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INTENT

To define how Championships awarded based on points in the Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Division are calculated and to list the requirements to award a Championship based on points.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Staff: IT: Estimate 5 hours of work
Web: Championships

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EQ113 Position [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-3 SADDLE SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

2. HANDS. Hands should be held in an easy position, neither perpendicular nor horizontal to the saddle and should show sympathy, adaptability and control. The height the hands are held above the horse's withers is a matter of how and where the horse carries his head. The method of holding the reins is optional however both hands must be used and all reins must be picked up at one time. Bight of rein should **shall** be on the off (**right**) side. According to tradition, the "on side" is the side on which you mount and therefore, the "off side" is the opposite side. **Riders shall be penalized for switching or carrying at any time the bight of the rein to the ("on" side) left side.**

PROPOONENT	CONTACT
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INTENT

It has become a trend for riders to switch the bight of their reins just prior to reversing. The rule states the bight of the reins should fall to the off side. For consistency and to apply the rule this proposal clarifies that the off side is the right side and allows the rider to be penalized for switching the bight to the left.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: hand position

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PROPOSED CHANGE

EQ117 Requirements for Specific Classes [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-3 SADDLE SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

10. CHAMPIONSHIPS. To be awarded on a competitive basis. Competition management shall decide if championships will be restricted to ribbon winners (minimum of 2) of previous classes with a free post entry or if it will be an open class with advance entries required for riders that have competed in a qualifying class. Competition management must allow any class in the saddle seat sections (i.e. age groups, Challenge Cups, Medals, etc.) of the Equitation or Breed specific Divisions to count as qualifying classes for the open saddle seat equitation championship for riders 17 & under. An Adult rider can only show back in an Adult Saddle Seat Championship. ***The judge(s) must work a minimum number of riders per number of ribbons awarded (including classes with one entry)*** At least the top four (4) must be worked individually from any of the Saddle Seat Equitation Tests appropriate for the class. (See Rules EQ117 and EQ118)

PROPOSER

Saddle Seat Eq

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INTENT

There has been some confusion among Competition Management and Judges if an individual workout is required for a championship class with one entry. The current rule does not specifically address one entry classes, just that the top four riders must work individually. The committee feels a rider entered the class thinking a workout will be called since it is required according to the class specifications and they should not be penalized because they are the only entry in the class. The change requires an individual workout in a one entry championship classes. It also requires the judges to work at least the riders being considered for a ribbon i.e. eight ribbons, eight riders must be worked.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: championships

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EQ118 Tests [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-3 SADDLE SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

Tests from which judges must choose. Tests may be performed either individually or collectively but no other tests may be used. Instructions must be publicly announced. All circles and turns must be performed on correct diagonals and leads. On left diagonal, rider should be out of saddle when horse's left front leg is in the air; on right diagonal, rider should be out of saddle when horse's right front leg is in the air. On left lead, horse's left leg reaches further than the right; on the right lead, horse's right leg reaches further than the left. All changes of lead must be a simple change whereby the horse is brought back into a halt or walk and restarted into the canter on the opposite lead. In Medal and Championship classes individual workout instructions must be written down by the judge and delivered to the announcer at the beginning of the class. Instructions can be posted at the judge's discretion provided it is announced and posted at least one hour prior to the session in which the class is held. Competition management is encouraged to post the workout more than one hour prior to the session if possible. At all World and National Championships and Finals, competitors must be allowed ample access to the competition arena in order to walk on foot the posted workout. A minimum of $\frac{1}{2}$ hour is recommended. *In Championship classes and any class where a workout is required, judge(s) must work a minimum number of riders per number of ribbons awarded in the class. The judge(s) determine which riders will be required to perform additional testing.*

PROPOSER

Saddle Seat Eq

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INTENT

When individual tests are called for in a class, the judge's opinion rests on a percentage of the rail work and a percentage on the individual tests. When only half or less of the riders are selected to perform additional testing they are not being judged according to the class specifications. This proposal specifies that the judge(s) are the ones selecting which riders to perform additional testing and requires them to work at least the number of riders per ribbons awarded in the class.

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Web: saddle seat equitation tests

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EQ118 Tests [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER EQ-3 SADDLE SEAT EQUITATION SECTION]

1. Address reins—the process of laying down reins and picking up reins (only in line up).
2. 1. Circle at a trot. When circling clockwise, rider should be on left diagonal; when circling counterclockwise rider should be on right diagonal.
3. 2. Performance on the rail at a Walk **or** trot, **or** canter using the correct leads and diagonals only **on a straight line on or off the rail, using the correct diagonals.**
3. **Canter a straight line on the rail on the correct lead.**
4. Performance around the ring at a walk, trot, or canter using the correct leads and diagonals only.
5. Feet disengaged from stirrups. Feet engaged. In the line-up only.
6. Change of diagonals on or off the rail. The judge must specify diagonal changes to be executed and the beginning diagonal.
7. Execute serpentine at a trot. A series of left and right half circles off imaginary line where correct diagonals must be shown.
8. Back for not more than eight steps.
9. Figure eight at trot demonstrating change of diagonals. Unless specified, it may be started either facing the center or away from the center. If started facing the center, it must be commenced from a halt.
10. Circle at the canter. When circling clockwise, horse should be on right lead; when circling counterclockwise, horse should be on the left lead.
11. Execute serpentine at a canter.
12. Figure eight at canter. Unless specified, it can be started either facing the center or away from the center. If started facing the center it must be commenced from a halt. Figures are commenced in center of two circles so that one lead change is shown.
13. Canter a straight line, on or off the rail, with or without demonstrating simple change of lead. The judge must specify lead changes to be executed and the beginning lead.
14. Ride without stirrups for a brief period of time, at any gait requested (for not more than one minute at the trotting phase). Riders may be asked to disengage or engage stirrups at a halt or walk or any gait requested by the judge. (Exception: Adult Equitation riders must not be asked to perform without stirrups. See EQ117.9, EQ117.12e and EQ117.15f.)
15. Demonstration ride of approximately one minute on own mount. Movements must be selected from Tests 1-14 above. Rider must advise judge beforehand what ride he plans to demonstrate. To be used only in Championship and/or Medal Classes. Riders must have with them two copies (one for judge and one for announcer) of a written one minute workout in case the judge asks for this test. The test must be stopped at the end of one minute but the rider will not be penalized for not completing it.
16. Exchange horses. This test is to be used only after four or more of the top riders have been tested. Only one pair of riders to exchange. Saddles can be exchanged. The attendant for each horse being exchanged must be allowed in the ring only to facilitate the change. The purpose of this test is to break a tie.

PROPOSER

Saddle Seat Eq

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INTENT

The test calling for addressing reins is being removed for safety concerns and it is difficult to judge as there is no prescribed method to address reins. Test three is being separated for clarity.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: saddle seat equitation

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Draft 1: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE	EFFECTIVE	BOARD ACTION
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PROPOSED CHANGE

HJ208 Horse Entry numbers exceed five hundred (500) and/or Duration of Competition or Series of Competitions Exceeds Twenty-One (21) days without a break of five (5) consecutive calendar days [CHAPTER HJ-2 Rating and Horse Entry Number]

HJ208 Horse Entry Numbers Exceed Five Hundred ***the Previous Year Based on Drug Fees Paid*** and/or Duration of Competition or Series of Competitions Exceeds Twenty-One Days Without a Break

When minimum Horse Entry Numbers exceed five hundred (500) ***the previous year based on drug fees paid*** and/or licensed series of competitions ***under the same licensee*** are scheduled for a period of twenty-one (21) days or more without a break of at least five (5) consecutive calendar days, additional HJS must be met for exercise and lunge requirements. These HJS apply to all rated or combinations of rated competitions without regard to the fact that the rating may be different.

When the number of horse entries and days of competition are as described herein, the following HJS requirements are in lieu of existing exercise and lunge requirements set forth as HJS for rating: Premier, National, Regional I or Regional II.

1. For Outdoor competitions, When the above conditions set forth in HJ208 exist, **the following minimum requirements must be met for exercise and lunge areas on both competition and non-competition days**, an exercise area of at least 24,000 square feet must be available for at least eight (8) contiguous hours within each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset. This area is required to be available on both days when competitions are scheduled and during non-competition days when there are less than five (5) consecutive calendar days of break without scheduled competitions.

Required Exercise/Lunge area

45,000 square feet

For each increment of 100 horses. Up to a maximum total area requirement of 135,000 square feet.

a. A minimum of one (1) lunge area of at least 20,000 square feet not being used at the time as competition rings, schooling areas and/or exercise areas must be available during competition hours between the hours of sunrise and sunset. This area is considered part of the total area required for the exercise/lunge area.

b. The exercise area must be available for at least five (5) contiguous hours within each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset. The exercise area schedule (if area is not always available) must be posted in the horse show office prior to the first day of competition. This area is required to be available on both competition days and during non-competition days when there are less than five (5) consecutive calendar days of break without scheduled competitions.

2. For Indoor competitions:- When the above conditions set forth in HJ208 exist, **the following minimum requirements must be met for exercise and lunge areas on both competition and non-competition days**. an exercise area of at least 18,000 square feet must be available for at least two (2) periods of four (4) contiguous hours between 5:00 am and 12 midnight, and lighted as specified in HJ102.6. This exercise area period is required to be available on days when competitions are scheduled and during non-competition days at least eight (8) contiguous hours between 5:00 am and 12:00 midnight when there are less than five (5) consecutive calendar days without scheduled competitions. Exercise areas must be lighted as specified in HJ102.6.

Required Exercise/Lunge area

30,000 square feet

Additional 10,000 square feet **For each increment of 100 horses**

a. The exercise area and lunge area must be available for at least two (2) periods of two (2) contiguous hours between 5:00 am and 12:00 midnight, and lighted as specified in HJ101.6. This exercise area period is required to be available on days when competitions are scheduled and during non-competition days at least eight (8) contiguous hours between 5:00 am and 12:00 midnight when there are less than five (5) consecutive calendar days without scheduled competitions. Exercise areas must be lighted as specified in HJ101.6.

3. For outdoor or indoor competitions, when the above conditions set forth in HJ208 exist, a minimum of one (1) lunge area of at least 15,000 square feet not being used at the time as competition rings, schooling areas and/or exercise areas must be available for at least eight (8) contiguous hours within each calendar day between the hours of 6:00 am and 10 pm within each calendar day and lighted as specified in HJ102.6 when there are less than five (5) consecutive calendar days without scheduled competitions.

4. Currently there are no Rated competitions (held only in indoor rings) consisting of at least five hundred (500) entries and being held over twenty-one (21) consecutive days. Therefore, no additional requirements have been considered for such an event.

PROPONENT

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INTENT

The Competition Standards Committee recommends this Rule Change Proposal to ensure the safety and welfare of horses and riders at competitions where a large number of horses will be competing by requiring an adequate amount of space to safely and properly exercise horses on the competition grounds. It is the intent of this committee to continue to provide consistency in the quality of the facilities hosting USEF licensed competitions.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: exercise/lunge area

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Competition Management

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Council - Admin & Finance

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Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

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Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Jumper

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Draft 2: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

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USHJA

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PROPOSED CHANGE

HJ400 Limiting Entries at Hunter/Jumper Competitions [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HJ-4 LIMITING ENTRIES]

SUBCHAPTER HJ-4 LIMITING ENTRIES

HJ400 Limiting Entries at Hunter/Jumper Competitions

1. A Federation member in good standing has the right to enter any Federation licensed Hunter, Jumper, and/or Hunter/Jumper competition and any division, section, or class for which he and his horse meet the eligibility requirements. (Exception: Management may refuse entries per GR914.)

a. Entries may be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis per GR907.1.

b. For competitions restricting entries in the Hunter division based on winnings, see HU196

c. For competitions restricting entries in Jumper sections, see JP114.

2. Management may collect a mandatory membership fee for a particular class or events which are part of a league or series. Collection of a mandatory Participation fee for the entire competition must follow GR1210.13.

3. If a competition wishes to limit entries into a class or section that is part of a League or Series, it must award the qualifying classes to licensed competitions on an equal basis or apply to the Federation Board of Directors for approval to set requirements to hold qualifying classes.

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 Board of Directors 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 of Directors will consider these requests with input from the USHJA, the relevant Council, and the relevant discipline committee.

6. The foregoing provisions do not apply to Federation or USHJA National Championships, qualifying events for Federation or USHJA National Championships, and any other events with selection criteria approved by the Federation Board of Directors.

PROPOSER

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INTENT

To move requirements for limiting entries at Hunter/Jumper competitions to the HJ Chapter and to amend the requirements for Hunter/Jumper Competitions to limit entries. With the new process, only competitions that limit qualifying classes to a particular management or competitions who wish to award HOTY points for the classes with limited entries will need to apply to the Federation BOD for approval.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: limiting entries

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Competition Management

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Draft 3: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

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Council - Intl Discipline

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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Jumper

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Draft 3: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

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USHJA

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Draft 3: No Comments

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PROPOSED CHANGE

HU110 [New HU108] Adult Amateur [CHAPTER HU-1 DEFINITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY]

[Linked to EQ103.4 Adults on Ponies]

HU110 [New HU108] Adult Amateur

1. [...]

f. Ponies may be ridden by adults, however ponies shown by adults at a Licensed Competition cannot be shown by juniors at the same competition **in rated pony hunter sections** (i.e. **Children's Hunter Pony, Green Pony Hunter, Regular Pony Hunter**), a **WIHS Pony Equitation**, or a **U.S. Pony Medal class**. (Exception: when competing at a multi-breed/discipline competition, a pony may be shown in the breed restricted hunter section by an adult and then also shown by a junior rider in hunter **or equitation** classes restricted to ponies). See also **HU110.11**.

[...]

HU108 [New HU110] Pony Hunter

[...]

6. Ponies shown by a junior **in rated pony hunter sections** (i.e. **Children's Hunter Pony, Green Pony Hunter, Regular Pony Hunter**) cannot be shown by an adult at the same competition, except in breeding classes in-hand and in accordance with HU108. See also **HU110.11**

[...]

11. Ponies shown by adults at a Licensed Competition cannot compete in any rated Pony Hunter sections (i.e. **Children's Hunter Pony, Green Pony Hunter, Regular Pony Hunter**) at the same competition with a junior rider. (Exception: when competing at a multi-breed/discipline competition, a pony may be shown in the breed restricted hunter section by an adult and then also shown by a junior rider in the **open Pony Hunter section** **hunter or equitation classes restricted to ponies**). See also **EQ103.4**.

PROPOSER

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INTENT

To further define when adults may not ride ponies at competitions in order to ensure a level playing field for junior exhibitors in rated Pony Hunter sections.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: ponies

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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National Hunter Committee

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USHJA

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Draft 1: No Comments

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PROPOSED CHANGE

HU 111 Junior & Children's Hunters [CHAPTER HU-1 DEFINITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY]

HU111 Junior Hunter 3'3" and 3'6" & Children's Hunters

1. Riders must not have reached their 18th birthday (See GR127).
2. **Children's Hunter Classes must be held in accordance with applicable USHJA Zone Specifications (see HU111.15)**
2. 3. Ponies may not be entered in Junior Hunter classes if Pony Hunter classes are offered at the same competition. If fence heights are changed to accommodate ponies in Children's Hunter classes, measurement cards in accordance with HU171 are required for all entries.
4. **Junior Hunter 3'3". Open to junior riders. Riders may not cross-enter into any class at 3'6" or higher in the Hunter division, higher than 3'9" in the Equitation division or higher than 1.20m in the Jumper division at the same competition. Horses entered in the Junior Hunter 3'3" section may not cross-enter into the Junior Hunter 3'6" section at the same competition.**
3. If the Junior Hunter sections are divided by height of animal, they must be divided into Large and Small. "A" rated Junior Hunter 3'6" sections at Premier rated competitions must be offered as four sections (large/younger, large/older, small/ younger, small/older). Junior Hunter 3'3" may be offered as one section or may be offered as divided by size of horse and/or age of rider. Junior Hunter 3'3" may not be offered unless Junior Hunter 3'6" is also offered.
4. If there are six (6) or more entries in each divided section, the divided sections must be held separately. If there are fewer than six (6) entries in any sections divided by age and/or height of animal, those sections must be combined with other sections. If there is a minimum of twelve (12) entries once any sections have been combined, the newly combined section must be re-divided using one of the options listed in HU118. Management may determine a cutoff time for entering before redividing any section(s).
5. **All horses showing in the Junior Hunter Section at Regular Competitions must have a Federation measurement card.**
 - a. **A large Junior Hunter is over 16 hands.**
 - b. **A small Junior Hunter is 16.0 hands and under.**
6. If the Junior Hunter section is split by height of animal, the horse may be shown over fences by different riders as long as they are from the same age group.
7. If an under saddle class is divided by age and a rider has two or more horses entered, all riders must be juniors but need not be eligible by age.
8. At Premier, National, Regional I or Regional II rated competitions if there are fewer than three (3) entries in the Amateur-Owner 3'3", the Amateur-Owner 3'6", the Junior Hunter 3'3" or the Junior Hunter 3'6" sections, competition management may choose to combine the sections. The competition management may choose to combine the sections as necessary, based on the sections with the lightest entries. If sections are combined, the horses must jump the respective height of the original section entered. In addition, while the sections can be combined if entries warrant, in order for Horse of the Year points to count they must be offered separately in the prize list.
9. **All horses showing in the Junior Hunter Section at Regular Competitions must have a Federation measurement card.**
 - a. **A large Junior Hunter is over 16 hands.**
 - b. **A small Junior Hunter is 16.0 hands and under.**
10. 9. In "A" rated Junior Hunter sections divided by age of rider only, no exhibitor may ride more than two (2) large and two (2) small Junior Hunters in any section.
11. 10. In "A" rated Junior Hunter sections offered by the height of horse, an exhibitor may not ride more than two (2) horses in any section. If sections offered by height of horse are combined, an exhibitor may not ride more than two (2) large and two (2) small junior hunters in the combined section.
12. 11. In "A" rated Junior Hunter sections divided by height of horse and age of rider an exhibitor may not ride more than two (2) horses in each section.
13. 12. In "B" and "C" rated and Local Junior Hunter sections, no exhibitor may ride more than three (3) horses in a class.
14. **Junior Hunter 3'3". Open to junior riders. Riders may not cross enter into any class at 3'6" or higher in the hunter division, higher than 3'9" in the equitation division or higher than 1.20m in the jumper division at the same competition. Horses entered in the Junior Hunter 3'3" section may not cross enter into the Children's Hunter section at the same competition. Horses entered in Junior Hunter 3'3" sections may not cross enter into Junior Hunter 3'6" sections at the same competition. When the Junior Hunter 3'3" is offered as one section, no exhibitor may ride more than three (3) horses in the section.**
15. 14. Children's Hunter

[...]

SUBCHAPTER HU-2 DIVISIONS OF SECTIONS OR CLASSES

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

1. When divided, sections must be split using one of the following options (Children's Hunter sections must be split in accordance with applicable Zone Specifications):
 - a. By age of rider (age must be given on entry blank);
 - b. By height of horse;
 - c. Floating Split (See HU112 for definition of Floating Split.);
 - d. California Split (See HU112 for definition of California Split.)
2. If there are 50 or more entries in the section at the beginning of the first class it must be divided by (a-d) above and the prize money must be doubled. A section with less than 30 entries cannot be divided.
3. If there are 50 or more entries remaining in a section after it has been divided, the section must be redivided and the prize money must be doubled. Once a section has been redivided it may be divided further if management so desires.
4. **If the Junior Hunter sections are divided by height of animal, they must be divided into Large and Small. "A" rated Junior Hunter 3'6" sections at Premier rated competitions must be offered as four sections (large/younger, large/older, small/ younger, small/older). "A" rated Junior Hunter 3'3" sections at Premier rated competitions must be offered as two sections (large/small or younger/older). Junior Hunter 3'3" may not be offered unless Junior Hunter 3'6" is also offered.**
5. **If there are six (6) or more entries in each divided section, the divided sections must be held separately. If there are fewer than six (6) entries in any sections divided by age and/or height of animal, those sections must be combined with other sections. If there is a minimum of twelve (12) entries once any sections have been combined, the newly combined section must be re-divided using one of the options listed in HU118. Management may determine a cut off time for entering before redividing any section(s).**

6. At Premier, National, Regional I or Regional II rated competitions if there are fewer than three (3) entries in the Amateur Owner 3'3", the Amateur Owner 3'6", the Junior Hunter 3'3" or the Junior Hunter 3'6" sections, Competition Management may choose to combine the sections. The Competition Management may choose to combine the sections as necessary, based on the sections with the lightest entries. If sections are combined, the horses must jump the respective height of the original section entered. In addition, while the sections can be combined if entries warrant, in order for Horse of the Year points to count they must be offered separately in the prize list.

4. 7. It is recommended that when competitions anticipate 50 horses or more this section be divided by (a) or (b) above when prize list is prepared.

HU119 Rated Section Requirements for Junior Hunters **3'3" and 3'6"**

1. "A" Rated 3'6" Junior Hunter Sections. At least two sections must be offered in the prize list (*large/small or older/younger*). Four (4) or five (5) classes are required in each section with a minimum of \$500 prize money offered in each section. *See GR312.6 for number of required classes and prize money.* At Premier rated competitions, four 3'6" Junior Hunter sections must be offered in the prize list (*large younger, large older, small younger, small older*). (HU111.3).

2. **"A" Rated 3'3" Junior Hunter Sections.** Junior Hunter 3'3" may not be offered unless Junior Hunter 3'6" is also offered. Junior Hunter 3'3" may be offered as one section or may be offered as divided by size of horse and/or age of rider. *See GR312.6 for number of required classes and prize money. At least two sections must be offered in the prize list. At Premier rated competitions, four 3'3" Junior Hunter sections must be offered in the prize list (large/small or older/younger).*

3. Management may elect to offer four (4) classes in "A" rated sections. If four (4) classes are offered at a multiple day competition, no more than two (2) classes may be held on one day and no more than 50% of the prize money may be offered on one day.

4. "B" Rated Sections. *See GR312.6. Three (3) or four (4) classes are required in each section with a minimum of \$100 in each section.*

5. "C" rated Sections. *See GR312.6. No prize money is required.*

6. Except for Medal classes, Junior Hunter over fences classes and Equitation classes over fences may be combined and held concurrently if separate judges officiate. Flat classes cannot be combined.

PROONENT

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INTENT

The Junior Hunter 3'3" section has quickly gained popularity since its addition to the rule book. The intent of this rule change is to modify the combining and dividing requirements for the Junior Hunter 3'3" section so that they match the combining and dividing rules for the Junior Hunter 3'6" section.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Staff: IT: Estimate 5 hours of work
Web: Junior Hunter

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Competition Management

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Council - Admin & Finance

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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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National Hunter Committee

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PROPOSED CHANGE

HU112 General [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-2 DIVISION OF SECTIONS OR CLASSES]

[...]

4. Any combined Junior Hunter and/or Amateur Owner Hunter section with a total of twelve (12) or more entries must be divided in a manner that guarantees a minimum of six (6) in each section. Management may determine a cutoff time for entering before redividing any section(s).
5. *Definition of divided by Junior/Amateur: 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 (See GR127 and GR1306-GR1307 for definition of Junior and Amateur).*
6. Definition of Floating Split: A Floating Split allows management to adjust sections offered split by age in the prize list either up or down in one year increments until the minimum number of entries required for each new section has been reached. As long as the minimum requirements for splitting sections are met, management may split the sections using the age split they deem most appropriate for their competition. Rider age must be given on the entry blank.

[...]

SUBCHAPTER HU-13 USHJA CHAMPIONSHIPS AND SPECIAL CLASSES

HU192 USHJA National Hunter Derby

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

1. Competing in the USHJA National Hunter Derby does not qualify a horse or rider for the USHJA International Hunter Derby Finals.
2. USHJA National Hunter Derby are open to all horses and ponies; however, distances will not be adjusted for ponies.
3. *Management may choose to offer a second USHJA National Hunter Derby restricted to Juniors and Amateurs. In this case, horses may compete in either class but may not cross enter between the two.*
4. The same pony may not compete in the USHJA Pony Hunter Derby and the USHJA National Hunter Derby at the same competition.
5. All USHJA National Hunter Derby classes must meet the requirements set forth by USHJA. Information on class procedures, class requirements, judging system and course requirements is available from the Programs Department in the USHJA office.
6. Competition management will collect and remit to USHJA the per horse entrant fee within 14 days of the competition. This fee must be included in the 10% entry fee maximum. The per horse entrant fee is \$25 at Premier, National and Special Competitions and is \$15 at Regional I and Regional II Competitions.
7. Zone bonus points will be awarded as per specifications which are found on the USHJA website.
8. Prize Money must be distributed in accordance with the official USHJA Class Specifications at www.ushja.org.
9. Riders, owners and trainers must be current active members of USEF and USHJA to participate in this class. (See GR202). Horses and ponies must be registered with the USHJA to participate in this class. Exception: Foreign residents and horses and ponies in good standing with their National Federation are eligible to compete in this class.
 - a. Money won in a USHJA National Hunter Derby will only count for any USHJA National Hunter Derby program standings or awards if the rider, owner and trainer are current Active members of the Federation and USHJA and the horse is registered with USHJA.
 - b. USHJA Zone Horse of the Year bonus points will only be awarded for placing in a USHJA National Hunter Derby if the owner is a current Active member of the Federation and USHJA and the horse is recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA. For additional information and Zone residency requirements see GR1110 and GR1111.
10. No more than one National Hunter Derby may be held during a given competition. (Exception: If there are forty (40) or more entries in the National Hunter Derby, the class may be split into two (2) separate classes. Management must refer to specifications to determine the split of the class). Management may determine a cutoff time for entering before splitting the National Hunter Derby into two classes. The cutoff time will be no earlier than 24 hours prior to the proposed start time of the National Hunter Derby. See www.ushja.org for more specific information.
11. The same horse may not compete in the USHJA National Hunter Derby and International Hunter Derby at the same competition.
12. Each class must have a minimum of two judges. All judges will sit together and provide one score.

PROONENT

National Hunter Committee

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INTENT

To allow Competition Management to offer a USHJA National Hunter Derby restricted to Juniors and Amateurs in addition to the Open USHJA National Hunter Derby that is already being offered. Also, to define dividing by Junior/Amateur as another option for dividing sections/classes.

Web: National Hunter Derby

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Competition Management

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Draft 3: No Action 12/19/2016

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Draft 3: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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USHJA

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Draft 2: Would approve the proposed rewrite from the National Hunter Committee
Draft 3: The National Hunter Derby is an established and popular program in its original format. The ability to recognize juniors and amateur competitors separately from class placings already exists. Offering potential splits restricted to one segment of the class has the potential to create imbalance as well as potentially diminish the integrity of the class.

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PROPOSED CHANGE

HU119 Rated Section Requirements for Junior Hunters [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-2 DIVISION OF SECTIONS OR CLASSES]

1. "A" Rated 3'6" Junior Hunter Sections. At least two sections must be offered in the prize list. Four (4) or five (5) classes are required in each section with a minimum of \$500 prize money offered in each section. At Premier rated competitions, four 3'6" Junior Hunter sections must be offered in the prize list. (HU111.3).
2. 3'3" Junior Hunter Sections. Junior Hunter 3'3" may not be offered unless Junior Hunter 3'6" is also offered. (**Exception: USHJA Zone Championship competitions**) Junior Hunter 3'3" may be offered as one section or may be offered as divided by size of horse and/or age of rider.

PROPOSER

National Hunter Committee

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INTENT

Because the USHJA Zone Championship competitions run during the Fall Indoor competitions it is difficult for these competitions to fill the 3'6" Junior Hunter section. This rule change would allow USHJA Zone Championships competitions to hold the Junior Hunter 3'3" section without also holding the Junior Hunter 3'6" section to give an opportunity for the 3'3" Junior Hunters to show at a qualifying competition.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: Junior Hunter 3'3"

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/19/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Approval 12/15/2016

Draft 1: No Comments

RULE CHANGE TYPE	EFFECTIVE	BOARD ACTION
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PROPOSED CHANGE

HU 154 Schooling [CHAPTER HU 8 Conduct]

4. The use of any device with ear bud(s) while mounted is prohibited in all hunter schooling areas.

PROPONENT

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INTENT

To increase safety in the schooling area. Riders need to be attentive to schooling instead of being distracted by their phones..

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: cell phones

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 12/21/2016

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/04/2017

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/13/2016
Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/03/2017

Draft 1: This committee would approve if it read: "Use of any device with earbud(s) while mounted is prohibited in all hunter schooling areas."
Draft 2: No Comments

Safety

Draft 1: No Action
Draft 2: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: No Action 12/15/2016

Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/02/2017

Draft 1: Need to add "use of any devices with earbud(s) while mounted is prohibited in all hunter schooling areas."

Draft 2: No Comments

Rule Change Type	Effective	Board Action
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PROPOSED CHANGE

HU172 REQUIRED MEASUREMENTS [CHAPTER HU-10 MEASUREMENT]

1. A horse or pony must be measured each competition year until it reaches the age of eight. Horses and ponies that are seven years and under will be issued a Temporary Measurement card designating the year measured. Horses and ponies that are eight years of age and over will be issued a Standard Measurement card which does not need to be renewed. **Exception: Horses that measure 16.2 hands or over will receive a standard measurement card regardless of age.** Horses and ponies may not be measured by the same steward for their Standard Measurement Card and the card preceding the Standard Measurement card. The Federation will invalidate a Standard Measurement card that does not comply with this rule.

a. Those horses and ponies that are measured (and for which a valid measurement form is received by the Federation office) in the month of December immediately preceding the calendar year in which they turn eight years of age will be issued a Standard Measurement card that does not have to be renewed.

b. For ponies, with the exception of ponies under eight years old, once a pony is issued a Standard Measurement card, a new card will not be issued unless the height of the pony is protested and upheld, or unless an appeal is made and the remeasurement results in the pony moving to a section other than that indicated on its current measurement card.

c. For horses, with the exception of horses under eight years old, once a horse is issued a Standard Measurement card, a new card will not be issued unless the height of the horse is protested and upheld, or unless an appeal is made and the remeasurement results in the horse moving to a section other than that indicated on its current measurement card.

PROPOSER

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INTENT

To separate horse measurement requirements from those of ponies and set the age at which a horse may be issued a standard measurement card at 6 years of age.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: measurements

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action
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Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

Licensed Officials

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Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/02/2017

Draft 1: The Committee believes this is too difficult to implement. The age for a standard measurement card should be the same for horses and ponies. Those that are right on the edge of pony vs. horse will have challenges.
Draft 2: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

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Draft 2: Recommends Approval 01/03/2017

Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: No Action
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Draft 1: No Comments
Draft 2: No Comments

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PROPOSED CHANGE

HU 189 Hunter Breeding [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-12- HUNTER & PONY HUNTER BREEDING]

HU185 [New HU188] General

1. Classes will only accumulate Federation Horse of the Year Points from January 1 to November 30 of the current show year (see GR1115). (Exception: Pony Hunter Breeding will accumulate Zone Horse of the Year points.)
2. Classes must be offered as printed in the prize list. Classes may not be combined however they may be split if the number of entries warrant.
3. Ribbons in all classes must be presented to the winners while in the ring.
4. Each entry will have only one handler per class. The same handler will present the horse in all phases of the class including the jog.
- 5. 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.**
- 6. 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.**

HU186 [New HU189] Hunter Breeding

2. Class Specifications
 - a. Breeding classes are judged on conformation, way of moving, quality, substance, soundness and suitability to become or in the case of sires and dams apparent ability to produce or beget hunters. Possible inheritable conformational defects are only to be considered in the case of sires and dams or prospective sires and dams. Horses are to be judged for conformation before being walked and/or trotted. Broodmares and weanlings are to walk. Yearlings, Two year-olds and Three year-olds are to walk and trot. Horses that are not sound are ineligible for an award. Entries should be lined up in the order of preference before the ribbons are pinned. A competition may not offer more than 2 hunter breeding divisions to count for HOTY awards for any one competition. Each division must be judged by a different judge(s). The judge(s) from one section may not confer with the judge(s) from the other section until the judging is completed, exception learner judges. Learner judges may only accompany judge(s) in one section. Judges will only be in the ring when judging their division. Each division must be held separately. If available, separate areas are preferred. Additional classes and championships may be offered but will not count towards Horse of the Year points. The prize list must clearly state which classes count for Horse of the Year points.

[...]

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

HU190 Pony Hunter Breeding and USHJA Pony Breeding Championship

[...]

4. Conduct. A Competition may not offer more than two Pony Hunter Breeding divisions to count for HOTY Zone awards at any one competition. Each division must be judged by a different judge or judges, with neither judge conferring with the other concerning the judging until the divisions are completed and the cards are turned in. The prize list must clearly state which classes count for Federation Zone points. Additional classes and division championships may be offered but will not count for Federation Zone points.
5. Class Specifications.
 - a. Breeding classes are judged on conformation, way of moving, quality, substance, soundness and suitability to become Pony Hunters. Transmissible unsoundness is only to be considered in the case of sires and dam or prospective sires and dams. Ponies are to be judged for conformation before being

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

PROONENT

USHJA

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INTENT

To limit the number of Hunter Breeding sections a competition may offer, that will count toward the HOTY rankings.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Web: National or Zone HOTY awards

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Competition Management

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Draft 2: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

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Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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National Hunter Committee

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PROPOSED CHANGE

HU191 International Hunter Derby [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-13 USHJA CHAMPIONSHIPS AND SPECIAL CLASSES]

1. Classes included in the member event series to be determined annually by USHJA.
2. Derbies may only be offered at USEF **Federation** licensed Premier competitions, National competitions which meet or exceed the competition standards of a Premier rating, but do not meet the prize money and/or horse entry standard requirements of a Premier rating and competitions that have been approved for a Special Competition status. The competition Steward must verify in their report to the Federation that the National competition met all other requirements of a Premier competition.
3. All classes involved in the USHJA Member Event Series must meet the requirements set forth by USHJA. Information on the application procedure, class requirements, judging system and course requirements is available from the Programs Department in the USHJA office. Competition management will collect and remit to USHJA the per horse entrant fee determined by the USHJA. This fee must be included in the entry fee.
4. National bonus points will be awarded to each horse's respective section as declared at the time of entry. Only Juniors and Amateurs may declare for the applicable Junior or Amateur Owner section. Horses declared in Open Sections will also be awarded the value of their money won for the declared hunter section. **National bonus points may not be credited toward the HOTY awards for the Green Conformation Hunter 3'6" or the High Performance Conformation Hunter.**

PROPONENT

National Hunter Committee

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INTENT

To not allow points from the USHJA International Hunter Derby classes to count toward HOTY awards for Conformation sections as the International Hunter Derby classes do not have the conformation component required in the Conformation Hunter sections.

LINKED RULES/COMMENTS

Staff: IT: Estimate 2 hours of work
Web: International Hunter Derby

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

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USHJA

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