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Rule Change Intent

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

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Linked Rules Comments

Committee Actions

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

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

GR 307 Classification

1. Licensed Competitions may be classified as Regular Competitions, Local Competitions, Eventing Competitions, Dressage Competitions, Driving Competitions, Endurance Competitions, Reining Competitions, and Vaulting Competitions.
2. Divisions and sections of Regular Competitions are classified as follows ~~for the purpose of reckoning points toward the Federation Annual Horse of the Year Awards.~~ (Exception: Jumper Division, see GR1133):

GR310 Restrictions on Local Competitions

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

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

GR 311 Awards Rating Classifications

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

GR313 Special Conditions

2. The following classes do not count toward the minimum number of classes nor toward the minimum prize money required for any division or section rating; ~~these following classes do not count toward HOTY awards unless included in the specific division award rules:~~
 - a. Breeding;
 - b. Classes restricted to area;
 - c. Classes, such as Maiden, Novice, Limit, and other such restricted classes, which restrict the number of ribbons won by any rider, handler or driver, e.g., except for Select, Choice, and Elite Classes in the Arabian Division.
 - d. Owners, except in Amateur Owner sections and Paso Fino Division;
 - e. Classes that do not count toward a Hunter or Jumper Championship;
 - f. Bareback, Grooms, Consolation, Races, Parades, Command, Cutting classes, and except in the Paso Fino

Divisions, Costume classes, Calcutta classes;

g. Exhibitions;

h. Classes restricted to one breed (except in one breed divisions), type or color;

i. Classes restricted to horse or rider (e.g. age or sex, unless complementary classes are offered for other entries). Ladies classes will count toward the rating requirement even if complementary classes for Gentlemen are not offered;

j. Any class in which the judging specifications are not in accordance with the Federation;

k. Opportunity classes;

l. Academy classes;

m. Classes held as part of a USHJA Outreach competition

GR914 Limiting Entries

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

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

GR1110 General

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

GR1132 Hunter and Equitation Divisions

~~3. In the Hunter division, points are calculated according to the Hunter Division Point Chart. Exception: National awards for Green Hunter 3'0", 3'3", 3'6", and 3'9", Young Hunter 5 and under, Young Hunter 6 and under, Young Hunter 7 and under, High Performance and Performance Hunter 3'3" and 3'6", Green Conformation Hunter 3'6", and High Performance Conformation Hunter will be calculated using two systems towards two separate sets of national awards. The national Money Won Awards will be based on the money won by each horse in their respective section. The national Points Awards will be calculated according to the Hunter Division Point Chart. Both money won and points won in hunter classics, the USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stake, the USHJA International Hunter Derby, and the USHJA Green Hunter Incentive Stake will be included. The money won and points won in the USHJA International Hunter Derby and USHJA International Hunter Derby Welcome Stakes will only be awarded towards a declared Hunter section for HOTY points if a horse competes in the declared section a minimum of five (5) times during the competition year. The money won and points won in the USHJA Green Hunter Incentive Stake will only be awarded toward a declared Hunter section for HOTY points if a horse competes in the declared section a minimum of three (3) times during the competition year.~~

~~10. Hunter Division Section Awards~~

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

~~a. Hunter division Section awards are offered for the following at the National level from the Federation and at the Zone level from USHJA: Green Conformation Hunter 3'6", Green Hunter 3'0", 3'3", 3'6", and 3'9", High Performance Conformation Hunter, High Performance Hunter, Performance Hunters 3'3", Performance Hunters 3'6", Young Hunter 5 and under, Young Hunter 6 and under, Young Hunter 7 and under, Small Green Pony Hunter, Medium Green Pony Hunter, Large Green Pony Hunter, Small Pony Hunter, Medium Pony Hunter, Large Pony Hunter, Small Junior Hunter 15 yrs. & under, Small Junior Hunter 16-17 yrs, Large~~

Junior Hunter 15 yrs. & under, Large Junior Hunter 16-17 yrs., Amateur Owner Hunter 18-35 Years Old and Over 35 Years Old, Ladies Side Saddle, Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3" 18-35 Years Old and Over 35 Years Old, Small Hunter, Small Junior Hunter 3'3" 15 yrs & under, Small Junior Hunter 3'3" 16-17 yrs., Large Junior Hunter 3'3" 15 yrs. and under and Large Junior Hunter 3'3" 16-17 yrs, Children's Hunter Ponies, Children's Hunter Horses, Low Children's Hunter Horse, Low Children's Hunter Pony, Adult Amateur Hunter 18-35 Years Old, Adult Amateur Hunter Over 35 Years Old, Low Adult Amateur Hunter, **Small Hunter**, USHJA Hunter 2'0", 2'3", 2'6", 2'9", and 3'0", and Thoroughbred Hunter.

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

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

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

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

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

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

c. Junior Hunter 15 Years and Younger: awarded to the horse with the most points in the 15 & Under rider age section of the 3'6" Junior Hunters

d. Junior Hunter 16-17 Years: awarded to the horse with the most points in the 16-17 rider age section of the 3'6" Junior Hunters

e. Pony Hunter: awarded to the pony with the most points from the small, medium, and large Regular Hunter Pony sections

f. Green Hunter Pony: awarded to the pony with the most points from the small, medium, and large Green Hunter Pony sections

g. Conformation Hunter: awarded to the horse with the most points from the High Performance Conformation Hunter and Green Conformation 3'6" sections

h. Green Hunter: awarded to the horse with the most points form the Green Hunter 3'0", 3'3", 3'6", and 3'9" sections.

i. High Performance Hunter: awarded to the horse with the most points from the High Performance Hunter section

j. Young Hunter: awarded to the horse with the most points from the Young Hunter 5 and under, Young Hunter 6 and under, Young Hunter 7 and under sections

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

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

a. Awards are offered for the following at the Zone level: Equitation 14 and under, Equitation 15-17, Adult Equitation 18-35, and Adult Equitation 36 and over.

b. points will be awarded in accordance with the Hunter/ Jumping Seat Equitation Increment Chart.

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

7th	3
8th	2

- ~~c. Section champions will be awarded 2.0 times the total 1st place point value. Section reserve Champions will be awarded 1.2 times the total 1st place value.~~
- d. Competition management may offer Age Group Equitation classes divided at their discretion. Equitation that is offered by age will be awarded points that will be credited to the age groups defined in GR 1132.12a or the relevant Zone Specifications.
- e. Age Group Equitation classes for junior riders to be shown over a course of not less than eight fences and the fence heights cannot exceed 3'6" (or 1.10m when class specifications list fence height in metric) and winds are optional.
- f. Age Group Equitation classes for adult amateurs to be shown over a course of not less than eight fences and the fence height cannot exceed 3'3" (or 1.0m when class specifications list fence height in metric).
- ~~g. The USHJA shall determine the Zone HOTY points to be awarded for its USHJA Equitation Championships, Finals, and Classes. The USHJA shall notify the Federation and publish the point scale to be utilized on the USHJA website a minimum of 120 days prior to the start of each event.~~
14. For the purposes of the USHJA Zone awards, ribbons won in any "A" or "B" rated section will receive points per GR1132.5. For the purposes of the USHJA Zone Equitation awards, ribbons won at any competition will receive points per GR1132.13b. USHJA Zone Awards will be distributed according to the Zone map. *BOD 8/30/21 Effective 12/1/22*
15. Presentation of the USHJA Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be made at Zone meetings at the discretion of Zone Committees and auspices of Zone Committees, only after approval of the USHJA.

GR1133 Pony Hunter Breeding and Hunter Breeding

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

GR1134 Jumpers

~~1. Eligibility.~~

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

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

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

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

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

- ~~3. The Junior Jumper, Amateur Jumper, U25 and Young Rider Jumper Horse of the Year Awards will be based on one point for every dollar won in their classification at Regular Competitions.~~
- ~~4. The Open Jumper Horse of the Year Award will be based on money won in classes which comply with JP151, classes of \$25,000 or more. One point for every dollar won will be awarded.~~
- ~~5. Award Categories. Federation national awards will be given in the following categories: Low Junior, Medium Junior, High Junior, Low Amateur, Medium Amateur, High Amateur, Open, Pony, Children's, Adult Amateur, Thoroughbred Jumper, Young Rider and U25. Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be given by USHJA in the following categories (see JP119 for Zone specifications): Low Junior, Medium Junior, High Junior, Low Amateur, Medium Amateur, Children's, Adult Amateur, Pony, Young Riders, U25 and Thoroughbred Jumper. National awards will be offered in two awards channels as follows:

 - ~~a. Channel I - Based on placings at standalone Jumper Level 4-6 competitions or Jumper Level 1-6 competitions held in conjunction with a Premier ("AA") or National ("A") rated hunter competition.~~
 - ~~b. Channel II - Based on placings at standalone Jumper Level 1-3 competitions or Jumper Level 1-3 competitions offered in conjunction with a Regional ("B") rated hunter competition.~~
 - ~~c. Points earned in a channel are exclusive to that award channel *BOD 8/30/21 Effective 12/1/22*~~~~
- ~~6. USHJA Zone awards will be distributed according to the Zone Map. USHJA Zone awards will be offered in two awards channels as follows:

 - ~~a. Channel I - Based on placings at standalone Jumper Level 4-6 competitions or Jumper Level 1-6 competitions held in conjunction with a Premier ("AA") or National ("A") rated hunter competition.~~
 - ~~b. Channel II - Based on placings at standalone Jumper Level 1-3 competitions or Jumper Level 1-3 competitions offered in conjunction with a Regional ("B") rated hunter competition.~~
 - ~~c. Points earned in a channel are exclusive to that award channel. *BOD 8/30/21 Effective 12/1/22*~~~~
- ~~7. Presentation of the USHJA Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be made at the discretion and auspices of Zone Committees, only after approval of the USHJA.~~
- ~~8. The USHJA shall determine the National, Zone HOTY points to be awarded for its USHJA Jumper Championships, Finals, and Classes. The USHJA shall notify the Federation and publish the point scale to be utilized on the USHJA website a minimum of 120 days prior to the start of each event.~~
- ~~9. Jumper Competitions Utilizing Federation HOTY Points for Qualification for their Events.

 - ~~a. Standalone Jumper Level 4-6 competitions or Jumper Level 1-6 competitions held in conjunction with a Premier or National rated hunter competition must utilize the applicable Channel I HOTY points for qualification purposes.~~
 - ~~b. Standalone Jumper Level 1-3 competitions or Jumper Level 1-3 competitions held in conjunction with a Regional rated hunter competition must utilize the applicable Channel II HOTY points for qualification purposes. *BOD 11/22/21 Effective 12/1/22*~~~~

GR1301 General

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

EP105 Classes Offered and Specifications

Open Classes are open to professionals, amateurs, and junior exhibitors. Classes may be restricted (e.g.

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

EQ107 Conduct

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

HJ125 Limiting Entries at Hunter/ Jumper Competitions

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

HU148 General

6. A competition may not offer more than one Hunter Breeding division to count for National or Zone HOTY Awards and one Pony Hunter Breeding division to count for Zone HOTY awards.
 7. Additional classes and championships may be offered but will not count towards National or Zone Horse of the Year Awards. The prize list must clearly state which classes count for Horse of the Year Awards.

HU151 Ladies Side Saddle Classes

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

HU173 National Horse of the Year Point Values

1. USHJA Green Hunter Challenge
 Points to be credited to the respective Green Hunter section
 a. For a USHJA Green Hunter Challenge in which the first round is the last class of the Green Hunter 3'0"/ 3'3" Section, HOTY points will be awarded as follows:

1st	0	7th	0
2nd	0	8th	0
3rd	0	9th	0
4th	0	10th	0

5th	0	11th	0
6th	0	12th	0

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

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

c. USHJA Green Hunter Incentive.

The USHJA Green Hunter Incentive will count towards National and Zone Horse of the Year points/ money for each horse's respective Green Hunter height section. See GR 1132.2 for restrictions. See chart below for how points are calculated.

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

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

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

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

2. International Hunter Derby

~~Points to be credited toward each horse's respective section as declared at the time of entry. Only Juniors and Amateurs may declare for the applicable Junior or Amateur Owner section. Points may not be credited toward the HOTY awards for the Green Conformation Hunter 3'6" or the High Performance Conformation~~

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

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

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

Championship					
Round 1		Round 2		Overall	
Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
1st	0	1st	0	1st	0
2nd	0	2nd	0	2nd	0
3rd	0	3rd	0	3rd	0

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

3. National Hunter Derby (Zone Points)

Premier and National Competitions		Regional Competitions	
Place	Points	Place	Points
1st	0	1st	0
2nd	0	2nd	0
3rd	0	3rd	0
4th	0	4th	0
5th	0	5th	0
6th	0	6th	0
7th	0	7th	0
8th	0	8th	0
9th	0	9th	0
10th	0	10th	0
11th	0	11th	0
12th	0	12th	0

4. Pony Hunter Derby

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

One additional point per pony entered will be added

Base Points	to the base National HOTY points earned		
Place	Points	Place	Points
1st	0	7th	0
2nd	0	8th	0
3rd	0	9th	0
4th	0	10th	0
5th	0	11th	0
6th	0	12th	0

5. World Championship Hunter Rider

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

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

6. WCHR Spectaculars

The Spectacular will count for HOTY points and money won, where applicable, in the section declared at the time of entry, for which the horse must be eligible, and that corresponds to the height jumped in the Spectacular. Zone HOTY points will not be awarded. The two-round stand-alone Hunter Classic point scale will be utilized when awarding National HOTY bonus points. See HU175.9(b). HOTY points and money won for horses qualifying with a bye will only be awarded towards a declared Hunter section for HOTY points if horse competes in the declared section a minimum of five (5) times during the competition year.

HU174 Hunter Classics

9. Bonus Points will be awarded toward Horse of the Year Awards in the horse's respective section and are based on the number of horses that compete in the classic. In a Hunter Classic using a designated class of the Hunter section as the first round, the number of horses that compete in the classic is determined by the number of horses who have entered and competed in the first round of the classic, not the designated class used as the first round. In a Hunter Classic held as a separate two round class, the number of horses that compete in the classic is determined by the number of horses who compete in the first round of the classic. The bonus points are as follows:

- a. In a Hunter Classic using a designated class as the first round, the bonus points for Zone HOTY are determined by adding one point for each entry that competes in the first round of a classic to the applicable increment in GR1132.5 and multiplying the result by 1.25.
- b. In a Hunter Classic held as a separate two round class, the bonus points for Zone HOTY are determined by adding one point for each entry that competes in the first round of a classic to the applicable increment in

GR 1132.5 and multiplying the result by 1.5.

c. ~~In a Hunter Classic using a designated class as the first round, the bonus points for National HOTY are determined by adding one point for each entry that competes in the classic to the applicable increment in GR 1132.5 and multiplying the result by 1.75.~~

d. ~~In a Hunter Classic held as a separate two round class, the bonus points for National HOTY are determined by adding one point for each entry that competes in the classic to the applicable increment in GR 1132.5 and multiplying the result by by 2.~~

JP117 Sections/ Classes Restricted by Age of Horse

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

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

1. Amateur Jumper: A horse that is ridden by an Amateur. Classes are restricted to riders who are no longer eligible to compete as junior exhibitors. See GR 1306 for Amateur Rules.

- a. Amateurs may compete up to two horses they do not own, per height section of Amateur Jumpers per competition. There is no limit on the number of horses that may be ridden by the owner or an amateur member of the owner's family.
- b. Dividing Classes. Class within a section with eighty (80) or more entries at the beginning of the first class must be divided. If there are eighty (80) or more entries remaining in a class after it has been divided, the class must be redivided by every other number or a California Split.

c. Level of Difficulty

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

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

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

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

c. Level of Difficulty

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

Year awards.

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