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HJ300 Federation Hunter/Jumper or Hunter/Jumper - Local Competitions [CHAPTER HJ-2 RATINGS & HORSE ENTRY NUMBER STANDARDS]

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CHAPTER HJ HUNTER/JUMPER COMPETITIONS STANDARDS

IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN THIS CHAPTER ADDITIONAL RULES RELATING TO FEDERATION HUNTER AND JUMPER COMPETITIONS ARE LOCATED IN OTHER CHAPTERS OF THE FEDERATION RULE BOOK specifically, GR, HU, EQ, and JP. Pursuant to GR 150.1, when a division or section rule is in conflict with a general rule (GR), the division or section rule shall govern. In the event that a standard within this section exceeds the requirement in other Federation rules, the higher standard is applicable.

SUBCHAPTER HJ-1 INTRODUCTION TO HUNTER/JUMPER COMPETITION STANDARDS TYPES

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HJ300 HJ215 Federation Hunter/Jumper or Hunter/Jumper - Local Competitions

All "Local" and Jumper Level 1 competitions must meet the Standards forth in HJ100 through HJ105. No additional option selections are required.

SUBCHAPTER HJ-3 COMPETITION SCHEDULING REQUIREMENTS

See also GR901.21b, GR901.24 and Chapter GR3.

All competitions must state their competition rating clearly on the cover of the prize list.

HJ300 Premier Rated Competitions

- 1. Must be held and judged over a minimum of five (5) days on the same competition grounds.**
- 2. Number of horse entries required for a Premier rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of two hundred (200).**
- 3. A minimum of fifteen (15) "A" rated Hunter sections listed in GR313.6 must be offered.**
- 4. A minimum of ten "A" and/or "C" rated hunter sections listed in GR313.6 must be held and judged, a maximum of four of which can be "C" rated sections. Ladies Side Saddle does not count towards these requirements.**
- 5. Scheduling**
 - a. A minimum of two performance classes from two different "A" rated Hunter sections must be scheduled and judged on four of the five days.**
 - b. Classes in recognized sections must run on consecutive days. (Exception: Hunter Classics)**
- 6. The High Performance Hunter section must be offered.**
- 7. Prize Money**
 - a. A minimum of \$24,000 in prize money, including add-back money if any, must be paid in the rated Hunter sections of a Premier competition. If an add-back is offered, the minimum required prize money for that section must be guaranteed, and the add-backs must be clearly indicated in the prize list. *Money from model classes does not count towards this requirement.**
 - b. A maximum of \$5,000 of Hunter Classic, USHJA National Hunter Derby, USHJA Pony Hunter Derby, USHJA Green Hunter Incentive, and/or USHJA Green Hunter Challenge prize money can be used towards calculating the \$24,000 of prize money, including add-back money if any, which must be paid for a Premier rated competition.**
 - c. If sections are canceled or entries are insufficient to award all prize money, then additional money not awarded must be pooled and redistributed 60% to the champions, and 40% to the reserve champions of the remaining "A" rated hunter sections. Model classes do not count towards the number of required classes to meet the rating requirement, therefore the prize money offered in Model classes cannot be used to determine the amount of required prize money to calculate the Premier rating.**

HJ301 National Rated Competitions

- 1. Must be held and judged over a minimum of three days on the same competition grounds.**
- 2. Number of horse entries required for a National rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of seventy-five (75).**

3. A minimum of ten "A" rated hunter sections listed in GR313.6 must be offered.
4. A minimum of five "A" and/or "C" rated hunter sections listed in GR313.6 must be held and judged. Ladies Side Saddle does not count towards these requirements.
5. Scheduling
 - a. A minimum of two performance classes from two different "A" rated Hunter sections must be scheduled and judged on each of the three days.
 - b. Classes in recognized sections must be held on consecutive days (Exception: Hunter Classics)
6. The High Performance Hunter section must be offered.
7. Prize Money
 - a. Minimum Prize Money paid- A minimum of \$5,000 in prize money must be paid in the rated Hunter sections of a National competition. *Money from model classes does not count towards this requirement.
 - b. How prize money from special classes counts- A maximum of \$2,000 of Hunter Classic, USHJA Pony Hunter Derby, USHJA National Hunter Derby, USHJA Green Hunter Incentive, and/or USHJA Green Hunter Challenge prize money can be used towards calculating the \$5,000 of required prize money for a National rated competition.

HJ302 National Rated Junior/Amateur Restricted Competitions

1. Must be held on a minimum of two consecutive non-school days within the public school system, at the location of the competition, on the same competition grounds.
2. Two day National Junior/Amateur restricted competitions will have a Horse Entry Number requirement of fifty (50).
3. A minimum of six "A" rated Hunter sections listed in GR312.6 must be offered.
4. A minimum of three "A" and/or "C" rated hunter sections listed in GR312.6 must be held. Ladies side saddle does not count towards these requirements.
5. For scheduling see requirements for National Competitions (HJ301.5)
6. At Federation licensed Junior/Amateur competitions, the only rated Hunter sections that may be held are those which are restricted by definition to the participation of juniors and amateurs (example: Junior, Amateur, Children's, Adult and Pony). Exception: Pony Hunter Breeding and Hunter Breeding classes.
7. For Prize Money see requirements for National Competitions (HJ301.7)

HJ303 Regional I Rated Competitions

1. Number of horse entries required for a Regional I rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of fifty (50).
2. At least three (3) "B" rated Hunter sections must be offered. One Children's Hunter or one Adult Amateur Hunter section may be substituted for two required "B" sections. Divided sections count as a single section.

HJ304 Regional II Rated Competitions

1. Number of horse entries required for a Regional II rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of twenty-five (25).
2. At least two (2) "C" rated must be offered. Divided sections count as a single section. Competitions restricted to side saddle may offer a Ladies Hunter Side Saddle Section as the only "C" rated Hunter section.

HJ305 Cancellations

"A" or "B" rated sections with four (4) or more entries cannot be canceled.

HJ306 Prize Money

1. Prize money offered in the open sections must be awarded on an escalating scale related to the height of fences.
2. No more than 60% of the prize money in the required classes for an "A" rated section may be offered on any one day when the division is held on two or more days, exception: "A" rated sections in which all required classes are held on one day. Prize money offered in Model classes and Classics at Premier rated competitions including add-back money, if any, in rated Hunter sections, does not count toward the minimum prize money required for a section's rating nor is it considered for purposes of determining 60% to be offered.

SUBCHAPTER HJ-4 SCHEDULING REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIFIC SECTIONS

HJ400 General

1. "A" rated Hunter sections may be held and judged on one or more days. If held on one day "A" sections are limited to a maximum of four classes per section (3 over fences and 1 under saddle). If held on two or more days, three to five performance classes must be offered (Exception: Pony Hunter and Junior Hunter sections).
2. Competitions cannot offer more than the required amount of classes for an "A" or "B" section rating. Model classes and Classics do not count toward the number of classes required, (Model classes must be offered in "A" rated Conformation sections in addition to the four or five required classes), therefore, they can be offered as additional classes. In addition, Model and Classics do not count towards the number of required classes to meet the rating requirement, therefore the prize money offered in Model and/or Classic classes cannot be used to determine the amount of required prize money to calculate the Premier rating. (Exception: see HJ300.7 and HJ301.7).
4. No more than three (3) classes in any "A" rated hunter section at a National or Premier rated competition may be held in one day if the section is held over two days. (Exception: Model classes in Green Conformation Hunter 3'6" and High Performance Conformation Hunter sections may be held as a fourth class. High Performance Hunter, Performance Hunter 3'6" and Performance Hunter 3'3" at National and Premier rated competitions and Pony Hunter sections at National rated competitions may be held on one day.)
 - a. At National and Premier rated competitions, classes in recognized sections must be run on consecutive days.
 - b. (Exception: hunter classics).
5. At all Regular Competitions, an Under Saddle class cannot be the first performance class held in a section. (Exception: Ladies Hunter Side Saddle and un-rated sections).
6. A Model class must be offered as the first class in an "A" rated Conformation Section.
7. All Amateur Owner classes should be scheduled in as short a period of time as possible.

HJ401 Green Hunter Sections

1. Premier competitions offering Green Hunter must offer all four sections separately:

- a. Green Hunter 3'0"
- b. Green Hunter 3'3"
- c. Green Hunter 3'6"
- d. Green Hunter 3'9"

2. National, Regional I and Regional II competitions offering Green Hunter must offer all four sections. These sections may be offered either separately or combined as follows:

- a. Green Hunter 3'0"
- b. Green Hunter 3'3"
- c. Green Hunter 3'6"
- d. Green Hunter 3'9"
- e. Green Hunter 3'0"/3'3" and Green Hunter 3'6"/3'9"

HJ402 Young Hunter Sections

1. Premier competitions offering Young Hunter must offer all three sections separately:

- a. Young Hunter 3'0"
- b. Young Hunter 3'3"
- c. Young Hunter 3'6"

2. National, Regional I and Regional II competitions offering Young Hunter must offer all three sections. These sections may be offered either separately or combined as follows:

- a. Young Hunter 3'0"
- b. Young Hunter 3'3"
- c. Young Hunter 3'6"
- d. Young Hunter 3'0"/3'3" and Young Hunter 3'6"
- e. Young Hunter 3'0" and Young Hunter 3'3"/3'6"

HJ403 Conformation Hunter Sections

At Premier competitions, the Conformation sections must be offered separately. At National, Regional I and Regional II competitions, the Conformation sections may be offered as combined.

HJ404 Amateur Owner Hunter Sections

1. Sections of Amateur Owner Hunter 3'6" held at National or Premier rated competitions must offer at least two (2) divided sections and may be divided as stipulated in HU159.6.b.1
2. Sections of Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3" held at National or Premier rated competitions must offer at least two divided sections and may be divided as stipulated in HU159.6.b.2
3. 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.

HJ405 Junior Hunter Sections

1. "A" Rated 3'6" Junior Hunter Sections. At least two sections must be offered in the prize list (large/small or older/younger). 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).
2. "A" Rated 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) See GR312.6 for number of required classes and prize money. If offered at least two sections are required to be listed in the prize list.
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.
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.
7. If a Model class is offered, it must be in addition to the minimum number of classes required for a section rating.

HJ406 Pony Hunter Sections

1. At a National or Premier rated competition, the Regular Pony Hunter section must be offered as three height sections (small, medium, and large) and the prize money must be tripled.
2. Competitions may offer the Green Pony Hunter Section as three separate sections (small, medium and large); however an "A" or "AA" or rated Green Pony Hunter Section must be offered as a minimum of two sections (small/medium and large).
3. Competitions cannot offer more than the required amount of classes for a National or Regional I section rating. If a Model class is offered it must be in addition to the minimum number of classes required for a section rating and must be held as the first class in any section.
4. "A" Rated Sections.

- a. "A" rated Regular and Green Pony Hunter sections may be held on one or more days. "A" rated Regular and Green pony Hunter sections at Premier rated competitions must be held over two or more days. If held in one day, four (4) performance classes must be offered. If held over two or more days, four (4) or five (5) performance classes must be offered.
- b. A minimum of \$400 prize money must be offered in any Regular Pony Hunter section. A minimum of \$250 prize money must be offered in any

Green Pony Hunter section.

c. An "A" rated Green Pony Hunter section may only be offered in conjunction with an "A" rated Regular Pony Hunter section.

d. National and Premier rated competitions must and all other rated competitions may, run an over fence class as a Handy Hunter. Exception: Green Hunter Pony sections may not offer Handy Hunter classes. Obstacles in this round should simulate those found in hunt country. The course must have two changes of direction and at least one combination. Ponies may be required to trot over one lowered fence on the course. Emphasis should be placed on turns and promptness. This class may not be used as a conformation class or offered as the first class of the section. Exception Green Hunter Pony Section may not have a Handy Hunter class.

5. "B" and "C" Rated Sections.

a. Three (3) or four (4) classes must be offered in any "B" or "C" rated Regular or Green Pony Hunter section.

b. "B" rated Regular Pony Hunter sections must offer a minimum of \$100. "B" rated Green Pony Hunter sections must offer a minimum of \$50.

c. No prize money is required for "C" rated sections.

6. Pony Conformation Classes.

In "A" rated sections, one over fence class must be judged 25% conformation; in "B" rated sections, one over fence class may include conformation at management's discretion. The conformation class must be clearly stipulated in the prize list. A Model class may be offered in addition to the conformation class. If a model class is held, it is recommended that all conformation classes offered in the section will be held on the same day as the model class.

SUBCHAPTER HJ-45 LIMITING ENTRIES

HJ500 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 HU496-HJ501

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 HOTOY 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 HOTOY 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

HJ501 Limiting Entries in the Hunter Division

Hunter sections restricting entries based on winnings must use the Federation National Horse of the Year points or prize money won, whichever is applicable, as a means of qualification for the specified time period or, alternatively, must use the greatest number of Federation National Horse of the Year points won at a specified number of competitions within a specified time period. (Exception: Green Hunter 3'0", 3'3", 3'6", and 3'9", Young Hunter 3'0", 3'3", and 3'6", Green Conformation Hunter 3'6", High Performance Conformation Hunter, High Performance Hunter, Performance Hunter 3'6" and Performance Hunter 3'3" sections restricting entries based on winnings must accept 50% of the entries from the Federation National Horse of the Year points list and 50% of the entries from the Federation National Horse of the Year prize money won list. If an odd number of entries will be accepted, the Federation National Horse of the Year prize money won list will take precedence. The procedure for determining horses that qualify and their ranking will begin with the top placed horse on the Money Won standings list, then go to the top placed horse on the Points standings list, back to the second placed horse on the Money Won standings list, then on to the second placed horse on the Money Won standings list, continuing down both lists in that order until all available slots have been filled. If during this process a horse appears on either list that has already qualified, skip that horse and go instead to the next horse on the same list. Continue using this process until all slots are filled). Only points awarded in the particular section to count except in Amateur Owner, Adult Amateur and Junior Hunter sections where points from both the younger and older sections shall be counted. If the Horse of the Year list has been exhausted and positions are still available, an alternate system may be used provided it has been published in the prize list or otherwise prior to the end of any specified time period. Whichever method is used, no other restrictive criteria can be imposed. The method chosen may be clearly stated. Management can allow the previous year's Champion and Reserve Champion or Champion to enter the section he or she was Champion or Reserve Champion in the previous year without qualifying. Management may allow the horse or pony that is leading for the respective Federation Zone Award in its Zone to enter that section.

SUBCHAPTER HJ-6 MEASUREMENT

HJ600 General

1. Horses or ponies competing in any division, section or class where height is a requirement must be measured. Measurements will be conducted in accordance with HU172.1 below.

2. Competition Management is required to check measurement cards for horses or ponies showing in divisions, sections, or classes where height is a requirement. Management shall not provide a back number to an animal entered in such sections unless the exhibitor or his agent is in possession of:

a. the original or a copy of a measurement card issued by the Federation. Equine Canada measurement cards are not acceptable proof of height.

b. a copy of a valid measurement form.

3. It is the responsibility of each owner to possess a valid measurement card for horses and ponies showing in divisions, sections or classes where height is a requirement.
 4. Failure to comply with this rule by the owner, trainer or competition will result in a charge pursuant to GR6 and GR7.
 5. Competition management may, at its discretion, confirm any of the foregoing information electronically with the Federation office.
 6. If an exhibitor, owner, or trainer requests a reprint of a measurement card from the Federation office after the original measurement card has been issued, there will be a \$10.00 fee for service charged to the requestor.
 7. All horses and ponies that are presented for measurement of any kind are subject to drug testing.
 8. Measurements must be performed by a steward and the official competition veterinarian. The official competition veterinarian must confirm the age of the horse or pony and that it was jogged and is serviceably sound. Upon the official competition veterinarian's verification of soundness, the steward's measurement is final. The steward and the official competition veterinarian shall sign the measurement form. A steward may not measure a horse or pony that is owned by a member of his family or by any of his or his family member's clients. (See GR1038.4)
- a. Written reports of every measurement or attempt to measure must be sent to the Federation's Lexington, KY office together with the Steward's Report, or the steward will be subject to charges and penalties per Chapters GR6 and GR7.
 - b. The steward shall be either a steward officiating at the competition or a steward authorized in writing to conduct the measurement by the Federation CEO or his designee. If the official competition veterinarian is not present at the competition, or not available when on call (see GR1210.3) the measurement may be conducted by a steward and a judge officiating at the competition, or another steward officiating at the competition; however, the measurement will be for the purposes of that competition only and no measurement card will be issued. Measurement forms will be sent to the Federation, but will not be given to the owner. (Exception: Exhibitors will not be penalized by having points withheld for measurement forms that are incorrectly filled out by USEF stewards and/or competition management and/or competition veterinarians.
9. Stewards who perform measurements and other competition officials present who measure horses or ponies at a competition are responsible for their true measurement and must use the Federation approved measurement stick (See HJ404). The names of the measuring stewards will be printed on the measurement card and they and other measuring officials will be subject to charges of rule violations for hearing and determination pursuant to Chapters GR6 and GR7 if it is subsequently determined that a measurement is incorrect.
 10. Measurements are solely for the internal use of the Federation, its Licensed Competitions and its licensed officials in connection with competing for prizes, and do not constitute any representation or warranty regarding measurement information; accordingly, the Federation, its Licensed Competitions and its licensed officials make no representation and shall have no liability whatsoever for measurement errors.
 11. Measurements must take place at a Licensed Competition in which the horse or pony is entered to compete. Once the pony or horse has been measured the measurement is effective whether or not the pony or horse does in fact compete; whether or not the pony or horse competes, it is also subject to drug testing.
 12. Measurement forms received by the Federation that have inconsistencies or errors may be denied a measurement card at the discretion of the Federation. If the horse or pony is denied a measurement card, The Federation will notify the owner of the horse or pony and they must be measured before they are eligible to show.

HJ601 Required Measurements

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.
2. All horses and ponies issued a Standard Measurement card prior to December 1, 2014 are not required to be re-measured for a Standard Measurement card.
3. If an owner fails to present a valid measurement card or form or if Management cannot confirm the measurement electronically with the Federation at more than one (1) competition during the competition year an additional measurement fee of \$250 will be charged by the Federation for each subsequent remeasurement necessary.

HJ602 Membership Requirements and Fees

Before any animal is measured the person presenting the animal must have in his possession the owner's membership number, a signed statement signifying that membership has been applied for or proof of Equine Canada membership.

HJ603 Completing the Measurement Form

1. The measurement form must be filled out completely in triplicate before measurement takes place. Measurement cards will not be issued if the form is not completely filled out and legible. Exhibitors are cautioned to make sure their measurement forms are filled out accurately and completely.
 - a. It must include the name and date of the competition, the height of the animal, name, color and markings or absence thereof, sex, year foaled which must be verified by the official competition veterinarian at time of measurement.
 - b. It must include the name and address of the owner and his/her Federation membership number, if applicable, must be given. The form must be signed by the trainer furnishing the above information immediately before the animal is measured and then signed by the competition officials appointed to measure.
 - c. The trainer who signs the entry blank at the competition must provide the information that appears on the measurement form. The trainer must

be 18 years or older and is responsible for the accuracy of such information and care should be taken that all is in order before signing. When the trainer signs the form he/she is certifying that all information is complete and correct. Charges of rule violation for hearing and determination pursuant to Chapters GR6 and GR7 shall result for failure of compliance with this Rule. If a measurement form is signed by a person under the age of 18 and submitted to the Federation office, the measurement will be invalid. The official completing the form must designate on the form that the owner is a current member or that the membership has been applied for (See HJ602) and that the horse or pony is entered in a class at that competition. The white copy is given to the owner or trainer and the blue copy, with applicable fee, is returned to the Federation office.

d. No changes can be made to such information once the form is signed. Any alterations, scratch outs, or rewrites to any part of the height must be clearly indicated and initialed by the measuring officials.

2. Before an animal is measured for a measurement card, the animal must be jogged for soundness on a firm, level surface with the official competition veterinarian in attendance, and show no evidence of lameness. If found to be lame by the official competition veterinarian, said animal cannot show at that competition and no measurement may be conducted. If an animal whose height has been protested is found to be lame by the official competition veterinarian, the measurement card will be held by the Federation and the owners must request an appeal measurement in order to reinstate the card.

3. Federation officials are not to perform "courtesy", "trial", or repeat measurements. Once a pony or horse is presented for measurement, the owner/agent must accept the resulting measurement.

4. The owner will retain the white copy which, when properly signed by the two officials who have made the measurement, is valid for 45 days from the time the animal is measured, regardless of age.

5. Once a foal year has been submitted to the Federation office, the original date cannot be changed without a copy of the animal's breed registration papers or a signed statement from a veterinarian certifying the animal's age.

HJ604 Measurement Device

1. Federation Approved Measurement Stick.

2. A Federation approved measurement stick is a straight, stiff, unbendable stick that is equipped with a plumb bob or spirit level to make sure the standard is perpendicular to the ground and that the cross-piece or arm is parallel with the ground surface, and must be shod with metal. All Federation approved measurement sticks will be numbered, carry the Federation logo and the legend "Federation approved".

HU605 Measurement Surface

1. The measurement surface must be level and under no circumstances should animals be measured on dirt or gravel. A level concrete slab or other paved surface is required. (Exception: the measurement surface for a junior hunter can be a sheet of plywood in good condition.)

2. If the steward determines that a suitable surface is not available at a competition, animals without a measurement card or a valid measurement form may nonetheless be measured for the purpose of competing in that competition only, and no measurement form shall be given to the owner.

3. All Licensed Competitions having divisions, sections or classes requiring measurement are responsible for providing a Federation Approved Measurement stick and a suitable surface for measurements and for failure to do so charges of rule violation shall result for hearing and determination pursuant to Chapters GR6 and GR7.

HJ606 Position of Animal

1. The animal must stand squarely on all four feet in such a position that the front legs are vertical to the ground and the back of the hocks are in a vertical line with the point of the animal's quarters. The poll must be in the same horizontal plane as the withers and no lower and the head should be in a normal position.

2. A maximum of two handlers may present the animal for measurement and they must not interfere with the animal in any way that will prevent it from standing in this position nor may they have any direct physical contact with the animal that could influence the measurement, except that a handler may cover the animal's eyes.

3. The animal may be presented for measurement with or without shoes regardless of how it is shown.

4. Prior to presenting the animal for measurement it is the responsibility of the owner, and in his interest, to ensure that the pony or horse is handled properly, accustomed to the application of a measuring stick, and correctly prepared for measurement.

5. Exhibitors should make themselves familiar with the "Measurement Guidelines Brochure", which is available from the competition steward on the reverse side of the measurement form.

HJ607 Method of Measurement

With the animal in the aforementioned position, measure the vertical distance from the highest point of the withers to the ground. The cross-piece, arm or bar of the measuring device must be placed over the highest point of the withers and no measurement taken at any other part of the animal's body will count. Additional pressure must not be applied to the cross-piece, arm or bar.

HJ608 Re - Measurement

1. An owner may request a re-measurement of a horse or pony to a larger height section. Re-measurement may be done one time during a horse or pony's life.

2. Procedure:

The owner requests a re-measurement from the Federation by either letter or e-mail. The Federation issues a re-measurement permission letter to the owner. After consulting with the owner, the Federation will select the Measuring Steward and competition at which the re-measurement will take place. This letter is presented to the measuring steward at the competition. If the horse or pony measures into a larger height section, a copy of the measurement form will be given to the presenter and a new card will be issued to the owner. The original card will be invalidated by the Federation. If the horse or pony measures into a larger height section it immediately becomes eligible to show in that section. The Horse of the Year points received in the previous height section is forfeited for the current competition year. No penalties will be incurred by the original measuring steward or current trainer.

3. An owner of a horse or pony may request a re-measurement of a horse or pony to a lower height section. Re-measurement may be done one time during a horse or pony's life.

4. Procedure:

a. The owner requests a re-measurement from the Federation by either letter or email.

- b. The re-measurement is conducted under the Measurement Appeal Rules (HJ611.1 and HJ611.2). Drug testing of the horse or pony may be required.
- c. If the horse or pony measures into a smaller height section, a copy of the measurement form will be given to the presenter and a new card will be issued to the owner.
- d. The original card will be invalidated by the Federation.
- e. If the horse or pony measures into a smaller height section it will be ineligible to show in either section for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of the re-measurement. The horse or pony may compete in other divisions, sections or classes that do not have height as a requirement. The Horse of the Year points received in the previous height section is forfeited for the current competition year.
- f. No penalties will be incurred by the original measuring steward or current trainer.

HJ609 Protesting Height

1. An owner or trainer may protest the height of only one horse or pony competing in a class in which he is also competing.
2. A protest questioning the height of a horse or pony showing in a division, section or class requiring measurement must be filed with the steward and must be filed at least one hour prior to the end of the competition day on which the horse or pony is showing in a division, section or class requiring measurement. Such measurement shall be conducted pursuant to HJ600-HJ611 rather than GR512-514.
3. The animal is required to be presented for measurement within one hour of the completion of the animal's last class on the day of the protest.
4. The animal may be presented for a protest measurement with or without shoes regardless of how shown.
5. Protest Results. If a horse or pony is found to be outside the permitted height range that is determined by the animal's measurement card (e.g. Small Hunter Pony, Large Junior Hunter, etc.), the owner forfeits entry fees and winnings for that competition. All points accumulated for Horse of the Year and Zone Horse of the Year Awards to that date are forfeited. Said animal is suspended from competing in USEF Licensed Competitions for ninety (90) days from the date of the protest and a new measurement card will be issued to the owner at the end of the suspension period.

- a. The current trainer and the Steward who conducted the original measurement of a horse or pony that is found to measure outside of the permitted height range that is determined by the horse or pony's measurement card may be subject to penalty by the Federation.
- b. If the horse or pony remains in its current height section, the animal may continue to compete as before.
- c. The decision of the measuring officials is final unless an appeal is filed with the Federation within fourteen (14) days (see HJ611).

6. If a competition's steward is unable to notify an exhibitor of a protest before the exhibitor leaves the competition grounds, the protest will become void, and the steward will refund the protest fee. If a competition's steward notifies an exhibitor of a protest of an animal's height, and the exhibitor leaves the grounds before the measurement can be conducted, the protest will be filed with the Federation and an official protest measurement will be set up at the owner's expense, before the animal is eligible to compete again. In addition, charges for rule violations may be filed against the owner and trainer by the Federation CEO or his designee per GR604.
7. The measurement card, or valid measurement form of any animal that is found ineligible for the height section in which the animal was shown must be surrendered to the competition steward who must forward it to the Federation office with his report. If the owner is not in possession of the original measurement card at the time of the protest it is the owner's responsibility to surrender all measurement cards to the Federation Kentucky office within five (5) days of the protest.
8. The decision of competition officials is final unless an appeal is filed with the Federation.
9. Pony and Junior Hunter measurement protests.

- a. The identity of the protestor will be revealed to the protestee by the competition steward. At the time the competition steward receives the protest, the competition steward will explain the protest measurement process to the parties involved and answer any questions. The competition steward will instruct the protestor and the protestee that any inappropriate behavior and/or communication between parties will result in charges being filed against those parties. This is not limited to those parties directly involved in the protest. Charges may be filed against any individuals at the discretion of the competition steward.
- b. When the animal is presented for measurement, only the following individuals may be present: The owner of the animal, two representatives/handlers of the animal being protested, the protestor, the competition veterinarian(s), the competition steward(s), and any representative of The Federation and the Federation Hunter/Jumper Pony Committee.
- c. If an animal is protested and found to be within its height section, the animal's height cannot be protested again for the remainder of the competition year.

HJ610 Federation Measurement Verification

1. The CEO of the Federation may, at his/her discretion, cause a measurement verification to be undertaken of any animal competing in a division, section or class requiring measurement at a Licensed Competition.
2. The animal is required to be presented to the steward within one hour of the completion of the animal's last class on the day of the measurement verification within the section requiring measurement. At that time, the animal will be measured or the presenter will inform the steward that the animal will be presented for an appeal measurement see HJ611.5 b/c. The animal's measurement card will be forfeited and the animal will be suspended from showing until it is presented for the appeal measurement. If the measurement verification is on the first day of the section, the animal may finish competing in the section or class requiring measurement. The animal will be photographed by the measurement technician on the left and right sides, front and back at the time the animal is tagged for measurement verification. The photographs will be used to verify the identity of the animal at the appeal measurement.
3. The animal may be presented to be jogged shod or unshod, prior to measurement.

- a. If jogged with shoes, shoes may be removed after the jog but no changes to the hoof may occur prior to the measurement.
- b. If jogged without shoes, all changes to the hoof must be done prior to the jog but no changes to the hoof may occur after the animal has been jogged.

4. The animal may not receive or ingest any substances other than hay and water until the measurement is complete.
5. The animal must be sound. The Official Show Veterinarian will determine age and soundness. If the animal is determined to be unsound, the measurement verification cannot be completed and the animal may not compete until an appeal measurement is completed.
6. A Steward appointed by the Federation will perform the measurement(s).
7. If an animal is found to be outside the permitted height range that is determined by the animal's measurement card by 1/4", the owner forfeits entry fees and winnings for that competition. All points accumulated for Horse of the Year and Zone Horse of the Year Awards to that date are forfeited. Said animal is suspended from competing in Federation Licensed Competitions for 90 days from the date of the measurement verification and a new measurement card will be issued to the owner at the end of the suspension period.

- a. The current trainer and the Steward who conducted the original measurement of an animal that is found to measure outside of the permitted height range that is determined by the animal's measurement card may be subject to penalty by the Federation.
- b. If the animal remains in its current height section, the animal may continue to compete as before.
- c. The decision of the measuring officials is final unless an appeal is filed with the Federation within fourteen (14) days (see HJ611.5 b and c).

8. An animal may only be selected for a Federation Measurement Verification one time in each calendar year. Animals that are 15 years of age or older are not subject to Federation Measurement Verification.

HJ611 Measurement Appeal

1. Conditions. An owner or trainer who questions the accuracy of an initial measurement or an owner or trainer of an animal declared ineligible for a division or section on account of height may appeal a measurement.

- a. Pending the appeal of an initial measurement, the animal continues to be eligible to compete as initially measured.
- b. With respect to animals declared ineligible as a result of a protest measurement, the animal is barred from competing in the particular height division or section for which he was declared ineligible until the measurement is performed.
- c. There shall be only one appeal per each initial measurement, and only one appeal per each protest measurement.

2. Procedures.

- a. The appeal must be made to the Federation office in writing within fourteen (14) days of the measurement. The Federation reserves the right to grant an appeal measurement. The request for an appeal measurement due to extenuating circumstances must be made in writing to the Federation office.
- b. All expenses including veterinary fees must be paid to the Federation by the appellant. With respect to any appeal prior to the appeal measurement both the owner and trainer may be required to sign a waiver and consent on a form prepared by and acceptable to the Federation agreeing to the arrangements for the appeal measurement, agreeing to the administration of Lasix to the animal to aid in the collection of a urine sample for laboratory tests for Federation forbidden substances, agreeing that the appeal measurement shall be final and unappealable to a court of law, and agreeing that the owner and trainer of the animal each release and hold the Federation, and its officers, directors and licensed officials harmless from any claim whatsoever regarding the appeal measurement and respecting any measurements of the animal made prior to the appeal measurement.
- c. The Federation will select a location and time for the appeal measurement as convenient as possible. The owner or trainer must deliver the animal to the location at his own expense within 45 days of filing the appeal.
- d. The measurement must be performed by at least two persons appointed by the Federation which shall include one veterinarian who is a member of the American Association of Equine Practitioners and one Registered steward. The officials whose measurement is being appealed cannot be part of the team conducting the measurement appeal.

3. Any animal submitted for an appeal measurement must show no evidence of lameness. If found to be lame by the examining veterinarian, the animal cannot be measured or remeasured for thirty (30) days and the appellant forfeits his deposit and any veterinary expenses incurred. Each animal submitted for an appeal measurement must be tested for drugs and medications in accordance with General Rules, Chapter GR4, GR405.

4. Appeal of initial measurement.

- a. If the appeal is denied the initially issued card remains in effect.
- b. If the appeal is upheld, upon surrender of the initially issued card (if any) a new card will be issued based upon the appeal measurement; such cards remain subject to protest per HJ609 of this rule.

5. Appeals of protest measurements,

- a. If the appeal is not upheld or the appellant fails to submit the animal within 45 days, all points accumulated for Horse of the Year Awards are nullified.
- b. If the appeal is upheld, a Temporary Measurement card is issued to animals seven years of age and under and a Standard Measurement card is issued to animals eight years of age or over. The Temporary and Standard Measurement cards cannot be protested for the remainder of the competition year.
- c. If the appeal is upheld, the animal will receive credit for all points accumulated including all points, prize money and trophies won at the competition where protested.

HJ612 Official Measurement

No Official Measurements will be granted for Pony Hunters, Junior Hunters, or Pony Jumpers.

SUBCHAPTER HJ-7 EXHIBITIONS

HJ500700 Exhibitions at Hunter, Jumper or Hunter/Jumper Competitions

1. For the purposes of this rule, an Exhibition is defined as a recognized, but unrated class or demonstration.
2. At Federation licensed Hunter, Jumper or Hunter/Jumper competitions, only one Exhibition may be held per licensed competition day.
3. An Exhibition must be held on a Federation licensed date, must be conducted in accordance with Division rules and is governed by all other applicable Federation rules.
4. Exhibitions held at competitions operating under a Mileage Exemption or with approved Special Competition status must be approved as part of the Mileage Exemption or Special Competition status request and the specifics of such exhibitions must be included in the competition license.
5. An Exhibition must be advertised in the prize list and may be judged and ranked. However, the following conditions apply:

- a. Results will not be counted for any Federation, Federation Alliance Member and/or USHJA high score awards or championships.
- b. If published, the Exhibition ranking report must be clearly separated from competition results and noted as being from an Exhibition.
- c. Judges for an Exhibition held at Licensed Competitions are not required to be licensed by USEF.

6. An Exhibition may also be held using horses individually, in groups or in entertainment acts. Such Exhibitions cannot be ranked.

7. Horses used in exhibitions, demonstrations, and retirement ceremonies are subject to the provisions of GR839, but are exempt from the dress and saddlery rules of the competition.

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Rule Change Intent

Many of the rules contained within Hunter Division Chapter related to competition structure, management, and procedure actually belong in the HJ Chapter rather than their current location. This rule change proposal contains NOnew rule language, but rather simply reflects a relocation and reorganization of existing language transferred from the HU Chapter into the HJ Chapter.

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