

Rule Change Type	Effective Date	Draft Received	Board Action
Standard	12/1/2018	9/20/2017	

Proposed Change

HU116 Amateur Owner Sections [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-2 DIVISION OF SECTIONS OR CLASSES]

1. Amateur Owner 3'6"

a. When a section is divided, one section must be offered for amateurs 18-35 and one section for amateurs over 35 years of age. If there are ~~six~~ **four** or more entries in each divided section, the divided sections must be held separately. If there are fewer than ~~six~~ **four** entries in either divided section, they must be combined. If there are a minimum of ~~42~~ **18** entries once the sections are combined, the newly combined section must be re-divided using ~~either a Floating or California Split~~ **using one of the options listed in HU118**. (See HU112 for definition of a Floating and California Split.) Management may determine a cutoff time for entering before redividing any section(s). When using a floating split the age groups must be posted at the competition office. Rider age must be given on the entry blank. When divided as to age of rider no horse may compete in more than one section. These sections may be further divided by age of rider or by every other number.

[...]

2. Amateur Owner 3'3"

a. When a section is divided, one section must be offered for amateurs 18-35 and one section for amateurs over 35 years of age. If there are ~~six~~ **four** or more entries in each divided section, the divided sections must be held separately. If there are fewer than ~~six~~ **four** entries in either divided section, they must be combined. If there are a minimum of ~~42~~ **18** entries once the sections are combined, the newly combined section must be re-divided using ~~either a Floating or California Split~~ **using one of the options listed in HU118**. (See HU112 for definition of a Floating and California Split.) When using a floating split the age groups must be posted at the competition office. Rider age must be given on entry blank. When divided as to age of rider no horse may compete in more than one section. These sections may be further divided by age of rider or by every other number.

Proponent Details Contact Information

National Hunter Committee

Kelsey Shanley
kshanley@usef.org

Rule Change Intent

Reducing the minimum number of horses required to hold a divided section will make it easier for competition management to continue to hold the smaller sections of amateur owner hunters as divided and encourage a more level playing field than currently exists. Additionally, raising the minimum number of entries requiring a section that has been combined to be re-divided it will further allow managers to keep the appropriate age/height groups together while still maintaining a competitive environment for these horses and riders.

Linked Rules Comments

Web: A/O Hunter - Combining/Dividing

Committee Actions

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: Recommends Disapproval 12/14/2017

Draft 1: The current rule has not been in place long enough to adequately determine whether or not it is working; it needs more time before being considered for change.