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HJ102 Definitions – Competition Rings, Schooling Areas, Exercise Areas & Lunge Areas, Maintenance and Judge's Site

Depending on competition rating or level approved, additional requirements may apply.

1. — A Competition Ring is defined as a designated area on the competition grounds where classes are held for competition of hunters and/or jumpers. All competitions must provide a minimum of one (1) dedicated competition ring. When a competition ring is not being utilized for its primary purpose, it may be utilized to meet other required HJS such as exercise, lunge or schooling areas. This area must still meet the HJS for the other required use.
2. — Beginning 12/01/2011 and ending 11/30/2016, competitions may apply in writing to the Federation for a "Temporary Waiver" of the HJS size requirement of a competition ring, schooling area, exercise area and/or lunge area as set forth in the Federation HJS. A Temporary Waiver may not exceed a five percent (5%) reduction from the HJS. The Temporary Waiver must be based on facts and circumstances that are beyond the control of the competition. Any Temporary Waiver request may only be approved for the period beginning 12/01/2011 and ending 11/30/2016. Full compliance with Federation HJS for competition rings, schooling areas, exercise areas and lunge areas will be required beginning 12/01/2016.
3. — A Schooling Area is defined as a designated area on the competition grounds in close proximity to the competition ring in which horses are being prepared to compete.
4. — An Exercise Area is defined as a designated area on the competition grounds in which horses at the competition may be exercised both on the flat and over fences.
5. — A Lunge Area is defined as a designated area on the competition ground that is used primarily to lunge horses.
6. — Horses cannot be required to be exhibited in the competition ring or schooled in the designated schooling areas before sunrise or after sunset unless lighting in accordance with HJ102.6 and GR834.2 is provided that assures full and complete visibility.
7. — Lighting which provides full and complete visibility for a safe working environment for horses and personnel must be provided if any of these areas (competition ring, schooling area, exercise area and lunge area) are open for use between sunset and sunrise.
8. — A Judge's site with climate appropriate protection from adverse weather conditions and seating must be provided at each competition ring or other judging location.
9. — Water trucks, sprinklers, snow removal or another climate appropriate system(s) must be used to address climate related conditions including, but not limited to, dust reduction for all required and provided rings, schooling, exercise and lunge areas.

HJ103 Footing for Competition Rings, Schooling Areas, Exercise Areas & Lunge Areas

{See HJ114 for additional requirements when the Horse Entry Numbers exceed five hundred (500) and/or licensed series of competitions are scheduled for a period of twenty-one (21) days or more without a break of at least five (5) consecutive calendar days}.

Depending on competition rating or level approved, additional requirements may apply.

1. — The footing in all rings, schooling rings, exercise areas and lunge areas must be safe, consistent and appropriate for the intended use and type of competition. These areas must be properly maintained at least daily, and more often depending upon use and weather conditions.
2. — Competition management is required to make an effort to maintain the best possible footing in competition, schooling, and exercise and lunge areas. Provisions must be made (by having on hand functioning proper equipment and scheduling sufficient breaks in the schedule) to maintain the footing in those areas throughout the competition by dragging, watering, and raking, if necessary.

HJ104 HJS Support and/or Stabling Facilities

Depending on competition rating or level approved, additional requirements may apply.

1. — When provided, stalls must be of sturdy construction, in good condition and safe for horses and ponies. Prize list must specify type of stabling and type of stabling flooring. Stall doors must be provided. The recommended minimum dimensions for box stalls for horses are 9'6" wide by 9'6" deep or comparable square footage with a minimum ceiling height of 7'0". It is essential that the covering over the stalls is weatherproof.
2. — If stabling is provided, each fifty (50) occupied stalls must be provided with one sharps container for the disposal of needles and other disposable sharp instruments. These containers must be placed in convenient locations in barns housing competition horses. If stabling is not provided, competition management must place a minimum of one sharps container for every seventy-five (75) horses entered the previous year in visible and convenient locations.
3. — It is competition management's responsibility to replace sharps containers when full and dispose of them properly. Competition management

may fine any individuals including trainers, owners, exhibitors, or their agents up to \$100 for improper disposal of needles or other sharp disposable instruments.

4. —If local law has more stringent requirements than above relating to sharps containers or disposal, local law will prevail. Competitions failing to comply with placing the required number of containers on the competition grounds will be considered in violation of the rules and may be subject to penalty as determined by the CEO or his designee and/or the Hearing Committee.
5. —The lighting in the barns and stabling areas must be adequate to provide a safe working environment for horses and personnel.
6. —A minimum of one (1) horse wash area with an operational water outlet and proper drainage for each fifty (50) horses entered in the prior year.
7. —When stabling is provided, trash and manure must be removed to the designated dumping area(s) daily or placed in adequate sanitary containment facility. When no stabling is provided there must be a designated trash and manure dumping area(s).

HJ105 HJ102 Other Competition Standards Requirements

Depending on competition rating or level approved, additional requirements may apply.

1. —Convenient and ample water facilities for horses and potable water for human consumption must be provided and available at all times.
2. —A minimum of one (1) clean and sanitary restroom (water closet) either portable or permanent must be provided for every fifty (50) horses entered in the previous year and must be cleaned and supplied daily.
3. —At least one (1) food and beverage service must be available on the competition grounds beginning thirty (30) minutes prior to start of first scheduled class and ending one (1) hour prior to the conclusion of the competition for each day of the competition. The food and beverage service must be adequate to meet the needs of those that attended in the prior year. Vending machines do not qualify.
4. —Adequate parking areas for vans, trailers, competitors and officials must be provided.
5. —A level surface area for measurement (if there are divisions that require measurement) in accordance with GR507.
6. —A competition office with adequate staff to process workload in a timely manner.
7. —Communication between secretary, Stewards, announcer, in-gate, all competition rings and stables (if applicable) must be provided.
8. —Subject to local law and/or management's specifications as published in both prize list and on entry form, any owner or trainer on the grounds of a competition must be permitted to haul in hay, grain and bedding for their own horses.
9. —An owner or trainer may utilize a farrier or veterinarian of their choice. It is the responsibility of the owner or trainer or competitor to advise the competition if they intend to bring their own vet or farrier onto the grounds.
10. —Management must provide emergency telephone numbers plus directions to the competition which may be quickly relayed to the offsite responder. If no cell phone service is available a land line with twenty-four (24) hour access must be provided. This information must be posted outside the horse show office and printed in the prize list.
11. —Information regarding the use of motorized vehicles (golf carts, motorbikes, scooters, etc.) must be included in the prize list.
12. —Adequate and knowledgeable jump crew, in-gate, and other personnel to assist in the operation of the competition.

SUBCHAPTER HJ- 2 RATINGS & HORSE ENTRY NUMBER STANDARDS

HJ406 HJ102 HJ Competition Standards (HJS) are Specific Only to Regular Competition Classification and Ratings as Defined Below

HJ406 does not apply to Local competitions. All Local competitions must meet the Basic Standards set forth in HJ100 through HJ405 **HJ107**. Regardless of rating, additional requirements apply (HJ414 **HJ108**) when Horse Entry Numbers exceed five hundred (500) and/or licensed series of competitions are scheduled for a period of twenty-one (21) days or more without a break of at least five (5) consecutive calendar days

HJ407 HJ103 Definitions

1. Definitions.
 - a. Rated Hunter competitions are classified as Premier, National, Regional I, or Regional II. Unrated competitions are classified as Local.
 - b. Jumper competitions are designated as Levels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 based upon prize money. See JP104.
 - c. Rated competitions offering hunter only, or both hunter and jumper will be subject to HJS set forth under the Premier, National, Regional I and Regional II hunter rating.
 - d. HJS for a jumper only competition will be:
 1. Standards set forth under Premier required for Jumper Levels 5 and 6
 2. Standards set forth under National required for Jumper Levels 3 and 4
 3. Standards set forth under Regional I required for Jumper Level 2
 4. Standards set forth under Local required for Jumper Level 1
2. Federation Special competitions or Jumper Level 6 competitions may be subject to a Federation approved waiver (GR309) or other modification of a portion of the Standards (including HJS), in connection with the Special competition approval. Whenever two (2) Standards are applicable to a competition, the entire competition is to achieve the highest Standard applicable to any portion of the competition.
3. For multi-breed competitions (see HJ101) which contain hunter and/or jumper sections, and for local competitions when operating within an existing rated hunter and/or jumper competition, the highest applicable HJS for any portion of the hunter and/or jumper competition is to be applied to the entire hunter and/or jumper discipline sections only.
4. **All competitions must state their competition rating and/or level clearly on the cover of the prize list.**

HJ408 HJ104 HJS Competition Standards Horse Entry & Renewal

1. Number of Horse Entries Required for HJ Competition Rating.
2. No minimum horse entry number is required to achieve the rating for jumper competitions. Prize money is the alternative criteria required for a jumper rating.

3. Competitions restricted to only conducting Breeding classes are exempt from the Horse Entry standard requirement.
4. Two day National Junior/Amateur restricted competitions will have a Horse Entry Number requirement of fifty (50). Competitions which utilize only one (1) competition ring or which offer only hunter and equitation classes (no jumper classes) will have a Horse Entry Number requirement as follows: Premier – seventy-five (75), National – fifty (50), Regional I – thirty-five (35) and Regional II – twenty (20).
5. Rating and Horse Entry Numbers.
(See HJ414 **HJ108** for additional HJS requirements)
Required number of Horse Entries for Regular or Local competition Classification rated hunter or hunter/jumper are:
 - a. Number of horse entries required for a Premier rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of two hundred (200).
 - b. Number of horse entries required for a National rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of seventy-five (75).
 - c. Number of horse entries required for a Regional I rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of fifty (50).
 - d. Number of horse entries required for a Regional II rated hunter or HJ competition is a minimum of twenty-five (25).
 - e. There is no minimum number of horse entries required for a Local competition.
 - f. For the required number of hunter classes per rating for hunter sections see GR312.6.
6. Horse Entry Number Determination and License Renewal Requirements.
The HJS Horse Entry Number (HJ408 **HJ104**) is based on the number of horses entered as determined by drug fees paid for the prior year. Horses used in equitation classes are included in the number of horses entered.
7. New Competition or New Rating Horse Entry Requirement.
During the first three (3) years of a competition, the minimum number of horse entries is determined based upon the minimum number of horse entries required for the rating applied for by the Licensee and approved by the Federation. During one (1) of the first three (3) years for a competition that is new, or for a competition that is held at a new rating, the minimum Horse Entry Number (HJ408 **HJ104**) for the competition must be achieved.
8. Renewal Competition Horse Entry Number Rating Requirements.
 - a. For competitions with three (3) or more years of operation, a competition License may be renewed if they have achieved the HJS Horse Entry Number in at least two (2) of the last three (3) years. The License renewal may be delayed until the completion of the last competition of the existing License, if it is in the best interest of the competition to achieve the HJS Horse Entry Number required for renewal. The other HJS that are applied to a competition must be achieved every year in order to maintain the Rating/Level.
 - b. If the required minimum HJS Horse Entry Number is not achieved during the period set forth, then the competition will be provided with a License at a lower rating consistent with the Horse Entry Numbers achieved. The Licensee may continue to conduct a competition at the same location and one the same dates at the new Rating and/or Level in accordance with (HJ408 **HJ104**) and subject to achieving other HJS required for the Rating or Level.
9. Renewal License Request at a Higher HJS Horse Entry Number Requirement. Any higher rating for a competition may only occur upon application by the Licensee and approval of the Federation in accordance with established license procedures. When a competition is approved to receive a license for a higher rating they must conduct at least three (3) competitions at the new rating before they may again apply for a higher rating.
10. Renewal License Request at a Lower HJS Horse Entry Number or Other HJS Requirement. If the competition Licensee is not able to, or does not wish to, meet the applicable HJS to continue their current rating, the Licensee may request and receive a License at a lower rating, subject to meeting the applicable HJS for the new rating and Federation approval.
11. Renewal License Process Review.
The Federation, in its sole discretion, may determine that a competition has been adversely affected in the competitions ability to achieve the HJS as a result of an unforeseen or unavoidable occurrence. If this unusual occurrence adversely impacts the number of horses entered in the competition, the Federation will not consider the affected competition year in determining renewal rating eligibility. In order for the Federation to make their determination, facts must be reported in writing by competition management to the Federation Competitions Department prior to the earlier of the third day or end of writing by competition management to the Federation Competitions Department prior to the earlier of the third day or end of the licensed competition. Unforeseen or unavoidable occurrences may include Acts of God. The Federation, in its sole discretion, may audit competitions to determine that they are faithfully compliant with the HJS Horse Entry Number Requirement. If a competition is found to be non-compliant due to inclusion of inaccurate information in the competition report or other reports to the Federation, Licensee is subject to immediate revocation of all licenses.

SUBCHAPTER HJ-3 REQUIREMENTS TO OBTAIN RATING

US Equestrian Minimum Requirements for Hunter Jumper Competitions

Each chart is used to determine the minimum requirement for each rating. The definitions above the chart correspond directly to the requirements in the left column of the chart.

HJ105 Safety and Welfare

1. Definitions

- a) ***Potable Water: Convenient and ample water for horses and potable water for human consumption must be free and available at all times. If the facility cannot provide adequate potable water or runs out of potable water, management must provide an alternate water source as soon as possible. If the competition has been without water for a maximum of four hours, the competition must be halted until water is available.***
- b) ***Restrooms: A minimum of one operable, sanitary restroom (water closet) must be provided for every fifty horses entered the [BM3] prior year. Restrooms must be supplied daily, or more often depending on use, and must be cleaned and thoroughly sanitized daily, or more often to prevent the accumulation of debris in undesignated areas. A maintenance log must be kept to indicate the date that each area was serviced and by whom.***
- c) ***Reserved Phone Line: An operable landline or cell phone must be reserved and accessible at all times for the purposes of contacting emergency personnel.***
 - i. ***Management must provide emergency telephone numbers plus directions to the competition which may be quickly relayed to the offsite responder. This information must be posted outside the horse show office and printed in the prize list.***
- d) ***Map with Directions to Competition: A map of the competition's surrounding area and turn-by-turn directions to the competition from the nearest hospital must be posted outside the horse show office.***
- e) ***Accident Preparedness Plan Posted: The Accident Preparedness Plan must be posted at the competition and provide a list of all applicable 24-hour emergency numbers for both horse and human emergencies, facility address, GPS coordinates, and important competition contact information. See GR846 and GR848 for additional requirements.***

f) **Safe Sport Information Signage:** Signage provided by USEF detailing information regarding Safe Sport practices and reporting procedures must be posted in the show office.

g) **Veterinarian:**

i. The official competition veterinarian must be on grounds or on call with a written agreement during the competition. A veterinarian is required on grounds if the competition meets the following criteria and/or rating:

1. All Premier rated and/or Jumper Level 5/6 competitions;
2. A competition in which the previous year's horse entry number exceeds 200 (HU114 and JP105.5); or
3. A first-year multi-day competition with 'A' rated sections.

ii. Whether on call or on site, the official competition veterinarian must be provided with a clean area that is protected from the elements and secured from public view to serve as a first aid station or emergency treatment area of ill and injured horses. The first aid area must be lighted, supplied with electricity and running water, and large enough to provide a suitable and safe working environment. See GR1211.4 for additional requirements.

iii. An owner or trainer may utilize a veterinarian of their choice. It is the responsibility of the owner, trainer, or competitor to advise the competition if they intend to bring their own veterinarian onto the grounds at any time.

h) **Farrier:** If the farrier is required to be on-site, the official competition farrier must be provided with a clean area protected from the elements with a level surface. The farrier area must be lighted, supplied with electricity and running water, and large enough to provide a suitable and safe working environment.

i. An owner or trainer may utilize a farrier of their choice. It is the responsibility of the owner, trainer, or competitor to advise the competition if they intend to bring their own farrier onto the grounds.

j) **Ambulance:** A medical vehicle used to respond to medical emergencies and to transport medical patients to the hospital for treatment. Emergency medical service calls must be placed in accordance with applicable local Health Department statutes and regulations.

j) **Motorized Vehicle Statement:** Information regarding the use of motorized vehicles (golf carts, motorbikes, scooters, etc.) must be included in the prize list. See GR1301.7

k) **Qualified Medical Personnel:** See GR848.

l) **Horse Ambulance:** A vehicle dedicated to the transportation of equines on and/or from the property in the instance of an equine injury or emergency.

m) **Automated External Defibrillator (AED):** An automated external defibrillator (AED) must be operable and placed in a designated, safe location. All qualified medical personnel must be informed of the AED's location prior to the start of competition.

2. Minimum Requirements

Minimum Requirements to Obtain Rating	Local Jumper 1	Regional II	Regional I Jumper 2	National Jumper 3/4	Premier Jumper 5/6
Potable Water	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Restrooms	1 per 50 horses entered	1 per 50 horses entered	1 per 50 horses entered	1 per 50 horses entered	1 per 50 horses entered
Reserved Phone Line	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Map with Directions to Competition	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Accident Preparedness Plan Posted	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Safe Sport Information Signage	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Veterinarian (GR1211.4, HU114 and JP105.5)	On call w/ written agreement	On call w/ written agreement; for exception see HJ105.1g	On call w/ written agreement; for exception see HJ105.1g	On call w/ written agreement; for exception see HJ105.1g	Onsite w/ written agreement

FARRIER (GR1211.5)	On call w/ written agreement	On call w/ written agreement	On call w/ written agreement	Onsite for entire competition	Onsite for entire competition
Ambulance (GR848)	On call	On call	On call	On call	On call
Motorized Vehicle Statement	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Qualified Medical Personnel (GR848)	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Horse Ambulance	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Onsite for entire competition
AED	n/a	Required	Required	Required	Required

HJ106 Riding and Lunging Areas

1. *Each riding and lunging area must be clearly labeled with signs indicating whether the area is open or closed, in accordance with the competition schedule. Riding or lunging may not occur in a closed riding or lunging area. The prize list must specify the dimensions of each riding and lunging area at the facility.*
2. **Definitions**
 - a) *Competition Ring: An area designated with signage and a barrier, with a gate or space for entry and exit, on competition grounds where classes are held for competition of hunters and/or jumpers. All competitions must provide a minimum of one dedicated competition ring. Competition rings may be utilized as an exercise, lunge, or schooling area when not being used for its primary purpose if the ring meets the sizing requirements for each area.*
 - b) *Main Competition Ring: The main competition ring is defined as a competition ring for hunters and/or jumpers which takes priority scheduling over all other competition rings, or holds the class with the largest amount of prize money, and has designated seating for spectators and riders. If one competition ring (defined above) is provided, it will serve as the main competition ring.*
 - c) *Schooling Area or Warm-up Area: A designated area on the competition grounds in which horses are being prepared to compete. A schooling area is required to be designated for each competition ring and in close proximity to the competition ring it serves. Schooling areas must be available one hour prior to the start of the first scheduled class until the end of the last scheduled class in the competition ring for which the schooling area is designated.*
 - d) *Exercise Area: A designated area on the competition grounds in which horses at the competition may be exercised, or lessons may be held, both on the flat and over fences.*
 - e) *Lunging Area: An area designated on the competition grounds that is used to safely lunge horses on the flat only.*
 - f) *Lighting: Lighting must provide full and complete visibility for a safe working environment for horses and personnel if competition rings, schooling areas, exercise areas, and lunge areas are open for use between sunset and sunrise. Horses cannot be required to be exhibited in the competition ring or schooled in the designated schooling areas before sunrise or after sunset unless lighting in accordance with GR 834.2 is provided that assures full and complete visibility.*
 - g) *A Judge's Site or Judge's Booth: A judge's site must offer climate appropriate protection from adverse weather conditions, seating, and complete visibility of the area being judged. Judges' sites must be provided at each competition ring and all other judging locations.*
 - h) *Footing: The footing in all competition rings, schooling rings, exercise areas and lunge areas must be safe, consistent and appropriate for the intended use and type of competition. These areas must be properly maintained at least daily, and more often depending upon use and weather conditions. Plans and knowledgeable maintenance staff must be in place to monitor the safety of the footing in all riding and lunging areas. Competition Licensee or Manager must provide a footing maintenance plan for all competition rings, schooling areas, exercise areas and lunging areas indicating type of footing, planned maintenance for each area (water, drag, etc) to the USEF upon request.*
 - i. *Competition management is required to make appropriate efforts to maintain the best possible footing in competition, schooling, and exercise and lunge areas. Provisions must be made (by having on hand functioning proper equipment and scheduling sufficient breaks in the schedule) to maintain the footing in those areas throughout the competition by dragging, watering, and raking, if necessary.*
 - ii. *Water trucks, sprinklers, snow removal, or other climate appropriate system(s) must be used to address climate related conditions, including dust reduction for all riding and lunging areas.*
 - iii. *Horses are not permitted in riding and lunging areas while the areas are being serviced by motorized equipment.*
 - i) **Scoreboard:** *A large, electronic board adjacent to a main ring on which visible information is displayed. This information must include*

competitor and horse names, number, and scores, if applicable.

j) **Spectator Seating:** Bleachers, benches, or chairs available for spectators adjacent to the main competition ring. Seating must be well-constructed, in good condition, and safe for use.

k) **Designated Competitor Seating:** Bleachers, benches, or chairs designated specifically for competitor use only, and located adjacent to the main competition ring. Seating must be well-constructed, in good condition, and safe for use.

l) **Sun and Rain Shelter for Horses & Riders:** A structure with a minimum size of 400 square feet with the capacity to comfortably and safely cover horses and riders, that provides protection from the sun or rain. The sun and rain shelters must be located adjacent to the schooling area(s). Sun and rain shelters must be well-constructed, in good condition, safe for use, and anchored securely to the ground in order to withstand wind.

m) **Ring Staff:** Jump crew must be assigned to each competition ring in which jumps are used, to replace fences that were knocked down, help with course setting, rake or tamp footing, and aid in the event of an accident or emergency. In-gate personnel must be assigned to each competition ring to ensure the competition runs on schedule – each must be equipped with a legible schedule and entry list for each class.

2. Minimum Requirements to Obtain Rating

Minimum Requirements to Obtain Rating	Local Jumper 1	Regional II	Regional I Jumper 2	National Jumper 3/4	Premier Jumper 5/6	Additional Requirements for 500+ Horses - Outdoor	Additional Requirements for 500+ Horses - Indoor
Main Competition Ring	n/a	n/a	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Competition Ring – 1 Outdoor	20,000 Sq. Feet	20,000 Sq. Feet	24,000 Sq. Feet	28,000 Sq. Feet	28,000 Sq. Feet		
Competition Ring – 1 Indoor	14,000 Sq. Feet	14,000 Sq. Feet	16,000 Sq. Feet	18,000 Sq. Feet	20,000 Sq. Feet		
Designated Schooling Area for each Competition Ring	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Schooling Area 1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	45,000 Sq. Feet	30,000 Sq. Feet
Exercise Area – 1 Outdoor	Required	Required	16,000 Sq. Feet	20,000 Sq. Feet	24,000 sq. ft.	Combined w/ lunging area requirement	Combined w/ lunging area requirement
Exercise Area – 1 Indoor	n/a	n/a	n/a	18,000 Sq. Feet	18,000 sq. ft.		Required
Lunging Area	2,500 sq. ft.	2,500 sq. ft.	10,000 Sq. Feet	10,000 Sq. Feet	15,000 Sq. Feet	45,000 Sq. Feet + additional 10,000 sq. ft. per 100 horses	30,000 Sq. Feet + additional 10,000 sq. ft. per 100 horses
Lighting	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required		

Judges' Site	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Footing Safety	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Scoreboard	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required
Spectator Seating	n/a	n/a	Seating for at least 25 spectators at main competition ring	Seating for at least 50 spectators at main competition ring	Seating for at least 100 spectators at main competition ring
Designated Competitor Seating	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required
Sun/Rain Shelter for Horses & Riders	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required	Required
Ring Staff	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required

HJ107 Facilities.

1. **Definitions**

a. **Parking Areas:** Parking areas for vans, trailers, competitors, spectators, and officials must be provided. Parking for spectators and competitors must be designated with signage. Any areas used for competition, riding, or lunging must not be used as a parking area. Vehicles must be parked in designated areas away from stabling to not impede foot or vehicle routes.

b. **Measurement:** A level surface area for measurement (if there are divisions that require measurement) in accordance with GR50Z and HU476 HJ140.

c. **Press Center:** Members of the press must be provided with a designated, climate-controlled area that is separate from the public and competitors. The press center must be clean, lighted, supplied with electricity, tables and chairs, and large enough to provide a suitable working environment. Communications staff at the competition must be designated and equipped to promptly and effectively respond to inquiries regarding incidents that occur at the competition.

d. **Lighting in Stabling:** The lighting in the barns and stabling areas provided by the competition must provide a safe environment for horses and clear visibility for people ~~without the need for auxiliary light sources~~. There must be access to a functioning electrical outlet in each aisle for use to provide auxiliary lighting if needed.

e. **Manure Containment and Removal:** Manure throughout the facility, including soiled shavings in stabling areas, must be removed daily or as soon as practicable. Upon removal, manure must be put in a designated, undamaged containment facility or brought to a designated dumping area contained by a barrier to prevent overflow. Manure containment facilities or dumping areas must be serviced daily and emptied when full. Manure containment areas must not obstruct foot or vehicle traffic routes or be placed in areas where fluids accumulate.

f. **Trash Containment and Removal:** Trash must be placed in designated trash receptacles which must be available in convenient places throughout the facility. Trash receptacles must not obstruct foot or vehicle traffic routes or be placed in areas where fluids accumulate. Trash receptacles must be emptied by a waste collection service when they are full.

g. **Sharps Containers:** A sharps container is made of puncture-resistant plastic with leak-resistant sides and bottom. They have a tight fitting, puncture-resistant lid which does not allow sharps to come out of the container. Sharps containers must be properly labeled to warn of hazardous waste inside the container.

i. **If stabling is provided, each fifty (50) occupied stalls must be provided with one sharps container for the disposal of needles and other disposable sharp instruments. These containers must be placed in visible, accessible, and convenient locations in barns housing competition horses. If stabling is not provided, competition management must place a minimum of one sharps container for every seventy-five (75) horses entered the previous year in visible, accessible, and convenient locations.**

ii. **It is competition management's responsibility to dispose of contents of sharps containers when the container is three-**

quarters (3/4) full, in accordance with community guidelines for proper disposal methods. Competition management may fine any individuals including trainers, owners, exhibitors, or their agents up to \$100 for improper disposal of needles or other sharp disposable instruments.

iii. If local law has more stringent requirements than above relating to sharps containers or disposal, local law will prevail. Competitions that fail to place the required number of containers on the competition grounds or dispose of the contents properly will be considered in violation of the rules and may be subject to penalty as determined by the CEO or his designee and/or the Hearing Committee.

h. **Stabling:** When provided, stalls must be of sturdy construction, in good condition, well-ventilated, and safe for horses and ponies. Prize list must specify the type of stabling and type of stabling flooring. Trash, debris, and hazardous materials must be removed from every stall prior to and during the time of occupation. Functional and durable stall doors must be properly attached to every stall. Aisles must be sized so that the stall doors across from each other can open concurrently to the widest point without touching. The minimum dimensions for box stalls for horses are 9'6" wide by 9'6" deep with a minimum ceiling height of 7'0". The covering over the stalls must be weatherproof, properly secured, and undamaged.

i. Subject to local law and/or management's specifications as published in both prize list and on entry form, any owner or trainer on the grounds of a competition must be permitted to haul in hay, grain and bedding for their own horses

ii. Overnight stabling, on the competition grounds, must be provided for any accepted and confirmed entry in a section held on multiple days that has requested and paid for the stall(s) by the closing date of entries. Subject to competition management approval, additional entries may be accepted without stalls with exhibitor prior consent.

i. **Public Address (PA) System:** An electronic system comprising microphones and amplifiers used for the purpose of making announcements on competition grounds. The PA system must be audible and clear in all areas of the facility.

i. Competition management must test all communication systems prior to the start of competition to ensure that each component is operable, charged, and offers clear and consistent communication in all areas of the facility. Faulty components must be repaired or replaced prior to the start of competition.

j. **Portable Communication Devices:** Operable portable communication devices, such as handheld transceivers, must be provided for all secretaries, stewards, announcers, and personnel monitoring the in-gates, riding and lunging areas, and stabling.

i. Competition management must test all communication systems prior to the start of competition to ensure that each component is operable, charged, and offers clear and consistent communication in all areas of the facility. Faulty components must be repaired or replaced prior to the start of competition.

k. **Night Watch:** Security and monitoring service offered to exhibitors, which must be available to contract at an additional cost, for horses stabled on the grounds

l. **24-Hour Facility Security:** Trained security personnel in place to protect the facility against unauthorized entry, detect and suppress fires, and respond to emergencies.

m. **Horse Wash Areas:** A minimum of one horse wash area for each fifty horses entered in the prior year must be available. Each horse wash area must have an operational water spigot, hose, and proper drainage, so that water drains away from the wash area and stabling into a routed area or storm drain.

n. **Competition Office & Staff:** Office must be operated with enough staff to process workload in a timely manner. Office must keep current and accurate records of event participants, staff and officials, contact information, and horse arrivals and departure times. The competition office must open at least 1 hour prior to the start of scheduled classes and close at least 1 hour after classes conclude on each day of the competition.

o. **Results Posted:** Results must be available at the show office or on the internet within four hours of the conclusion of the section.

p. **Competition Website:** The competition website must provide current information and resources applicable to the facility and competition, including maps, services, rental agreements, entry systems, and other relevant information useful to competitors and trainers.

q. **Online Entry System:** The online entry system must meet all requirements for USEF competition entries.

r. **Electrical Outlets in Stabling:** Electrical outlets or receptacles must comply with applicable sections of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), National Electrical Code, National Electrical Safety Code, and state-adopted electrical codes. Competitions offering electrical outlets or receptacles must have the ability to provide proof of compliance with applicable electrical codes, verified by a certified electrician.

s. **Separate vehicle/horse/pedestrian traffic:** Well-maintained paths must be in place throughout the facility that separate motor vehicles from horses and pedestrians. These paths must be designated with legible signage in high-traffic areas.

t. **Drainage System:** Drains must be in place at each stabling area and wash area so that water drains away from the wash areas and stabling into a routed area or storm drain. Each must be operable and cleared periodically, with the ability to prevent the accumulation of rain and ground water in undesignated areas.

u. **Food and Beverage Service:** At least one staffed food and beverage service area must be available on the competition grounds during all classes for each day of the competition. Competitions offering hot and cold food and beverage operations or vendors must have the ability to provide proof of compliance with FDA and local food safety regulations.

2. Minimum Requirements to Obtain Rating

Minimum Requirements to Obtain Rating	Local	Regional I	National	Premier	
	Jumper 1	Regional II	Jumper 2	Jumper 3/4	Jumper 5/6
Parking	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Level Surface for Measurement (HJ140)	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required

Sufficient Lighting in stabling areas	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Press Center	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required
Manure Containment and Removal	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Trash Containment and Removal	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Sharps Containers	1 container per 50 occupied stalls or 1 container per 75 horses entered	1 container per 50 occupied stalls or 1 container per 75 horses entered	1 container per 50 occupied stalls or 1 container per 75 horses entered	1 container per 50 occupied stalls	1 container per 50 occupied stalls
Stabling	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required	Required
Public Address System	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required	Required
Portable Communication Devices	n/a	Required	Required	Required	Required
Night Watch	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required	Required
24-Hour Facility Security	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required
Horse Wash Areas	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Competition Office & Staff	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Results Posted	n/a	Required	Required	Required	Required
Competition Website	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required	Required
Online Entry System	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required
Drainage System	n/a	n/a	n/a	Required	Required
Food/Beverage Service	Required	Required	Required	Required – hot and cold	Required – Hot and cold

HJ109 HJS Requirements to Obtain Federation Local and/or Jumper Level 1 Rating

1. — All Local and/or Jumper Level 1 competitions must meet the Basic Standards set forth in HJ100 through HJ105.
2. — All Local hunter only, or hunter/jumper competitions do not have a minimum HJS Horse Entry Number requirement.

3. —All jumper only Level 1 and Local competitions have no HJS Horse Entry Number requirement to achieve their rating. Prize money is the alternative criteria required for a jumper rating. See JP104.
4. —A minimum of one (1) competition ring of at least 20,000 square feet when using an outdoor ring and/or a minimum of one (1) competition ring of at least 14,000 square feet when using an indoor ring.
5. —A minimum of one (1) dedicated schooling area that is not being used at the time as an exercise area or lunge area for the period beginning one (1) hour prior to the start of the first scheduled class in the competition ring and ending at the end of the last class in the competition ring. When utilizing an indoor ring as a competition ring, the competition may use schooling breaks between sections within the competition schedule for each day to comply with this Standards requirement.
6. —An exercise area must be available for at least one (1) hour during each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset unless lighted as specified in HJ102.6.
7. —A minimum of one (1) lunge area not being used at the time as competition rings, schooling areas and/or exercise areas must be available for at least one (1) hour during each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset unless lighted as specified in HJ102.6.

HJ110 HJS Requirements to Obtain Federation Regional II Rating

1. —All Regional II rated competitions must meet the Basic Standards set forth in HJ100 through HJ105.
2. —All Regional II rated hunter only, or hunter/jumper competitions must have the minimum required number of twenty-five (25) horse entries, in accordance with HJ108.
3. —A minimum of one (1) competition ring of at least 20,000 square feet when using an outdoor ring, and/or a minimum of one (1) competition ring of at least 14,000 square feet when using an indoor ring.
4. —A minimum of one (1) dedicated schooling area that is not being used at the time as an exercise area or lunge area for the period beginning one (1) hour prior to the start of the first scheduled class in the competition ring and ending at the end of the last class in the competition ring. When utilizing an indoor ring as a competition ring, the competition may use schooling breaks between sections within the competition schedule for each day to comply with this Standards requirement.
5. —An exercise area must be available for at least two (2) contiguous hours within each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset unless lighted as specified in HJ102.6.
6. —A minimum of one (1) lunge area not being used at the time as competition rings, schooling areas and/or exercise areas must be available for at least one (1) hour during each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset unless lighted as specified in HJ102.6.
7. —Results must be available at the show office, on the internet or other convenient identified location within four (4) hours.
8. —Licensees providing a Regional II rated competition must select and describe with their license application a minimum of ten (10) additional items (not on the required list) from HJ117, four (4) of which must be selected from Group I.
9. —Communication or public address system which provides clear announcements from the competition rings to the stabling and trailer day parking areas.

HJ111 HJS Requirements to Obtain Federation Regional I Rating and/or Jumper Level 2

1. —All Regional I rated and/or Jumper Level 2 competitions must meet the Basic Standards for all competitions set forth in HJ100 through HJ105.
2. —All Regional I rated hunter only, or hunter/jumper competitions must have the minimum required number of fifty (50) horse entries, in accordance with HJ202.
3. —All jumper only Level 2 and Local competitions have no minimum horse entry requirements to achieve their rating. Prize money is the alternative criteria required for a jumper rating. See JP104.
4. —A minimum of one (1) competition ring of at least 24,000 square feet when using an outdoor ring and/or a minimum of one (1) competition ring of at least 16,000 square feet when using an indoor ring.
5. —A minimum of one (1) dedicated schooling area that is not being used at the time as an exercise area or lunge area for the period beginning one (1) hour prior to the start of the first scheduled class in the competition ring and ending at the end of the last class in the competition ring. When utilizing an indoor ring as a competition ring, the competition may use schooling breaks between sections within the competition schedule for each day to comply with this requirement.
6. —An exercise area of at least 16,000 square feet must be available for at least three (3) contiguous hours during each calendar day during the hours of sunrise and sunset unless lighted as specified in HJ102.6.
7. —A minimum of one lunge area of at least 10,000 square feet not being used at the time as competition ring, schooling areas and/or exercise areas must be available for at least one (1) hour during each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset unless lighted as specified in HJ102.6.
8. —Results must be available at the show office, on the internet or other convenient identified location within four (4) hours.
9. —Minimum bleacher type seating capacity for at least twenty-five (25) must be provided at one (1) of the designated competition ring(s).
10. —Licensees providing a Regional I rated and/or jumper Level 2 competition must select and describe with their license application a minimum of ten (10) additional items (not on the required list) from HJ117, four (4) of which must be selected from Group I.
11. —Communication or public address system which provides clear announcements from the competition rings to the stabling and trailer day parking areas.

HJ112 HJS Requirements to Obtain Federation National Rating and/or Jumper Levels 3 and 4

1. —All National rated and/or Jumper Levels 3 and 4 competitions must meet the Basic Standards for all competitions set forth in HJ100 through HJ105.
2. —All National rated hunter only or hunter/jumper competitions must have the required minimum number of one hundred (100) entries, in accordance with HJ108.
3. —All jumper only Levels 3 and 4 and Local competitions have no minimum horse entry requirements to achieve their rating. Prize money is the alternative criteria required for a jumper rating. See JP104.
4. —Overnight stabling, on the competition grounds, must be provided for any accepted and confirmed entry in a section held on multiple days that has requested and paid for the stall(s) by the closing date of entries. Subject to competition management approval, additional entries may be

- accepted without stalls with exhibitor prior consent.
5. — Adequate hot and cold food and beverage service must be available beginning one (1) hour prior to the start of the first scheduled class and continuing until the end of the last class of each competition day. (Excludes schooling days).
 6. — A minimum of one (1) competition ring of at least 28,000 square feet when using an outdoor ring and/or minimum of one (1) competition ring of at least 18,000 square feet when using an indoor ring.
 7. — A minimum of one (1) schooling area that is not being used at the time as an exercise area or lunge area for the period beginning one (1) hour prior to the start of the first scheduled class in the competition ring and ending at the end of the last class in the competition ring.
 8. — An exercise area of at least 20,000 square feet if outdoors and 18,000 square feet if indoors must be available for at least three (3) contiguous hours within each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset unless lighted as specified in HJ102.6.
 9. — A minimum of one (1) lunge area of at least 10,000 square feet not being used at the time as competition rings, schooling areas and/or exercise areas must be available for at least two (2) contiguous hours within each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset unless lighted as specified in HJ102.6.
 10. — Results must be available at the show office, on the internet or other convenient identified location within four (4) hours.
 11. — Minimum bleacher type seating with capacity for at least fifty (50) must be provided at one (1) of the designated competition ring(s).
 12. — Water trucks, sprinklers or a system which must be used for dust reduction for all required and provided rings, schooling, exercise and lunging areas as well as all access and egress paths.
 13. — Sun/rain weather appropriate and properly sized to provide shelter for horses and riders conveniently located to the competitions must be provided.
 14. — The official competition veterinarian must be provided with a clean stall or other suitable area, protected from the elements, secured from public view, adequately lighted, with adequate electrical supply and running water, to serve as a first aid station for the emergency treatment of ill and injured horses.
 15. — Licensees proving a National Rated and/or jumper Levels 3 or 4 competition, must select and describe with their license application a minimum of sixteen (16) additional items (not on the required list for the National Rating) from HJ117, eight (8) of which must be selected from Group I.
 16. — Communication or public address system which provides clear announcements from the competition rings to the stabling and trailer day parking areas.

HJ113 HJS Requirements to Obtain Federation Premier Rating and/or Jumper Level 5

1. — All Premier rated and/or Jumper Level 5 competitions must meet the Basic Standards for all competitions set forth in HJ100 through HJ105.
2. — All Premier rated hunter only, or hunter/jumper competitions must have the required minimum number of two hundred (200) horse entries, in accordance with HJ108. (See HJ114 additional requirements when horse entry numbers exceed five hundred (500) and/or licensed series of competitions are scheduled for a period of twenty-one (21) days or more without a break of at least five (5) consecutive calendar days).
3. — All jumper only Level 5 and Local competitions have no minimum horse entry requirements to achieve their rating. Prize money is the alternative criteria required for a jumper rating. See JP104.
4. — Overnight stabling, on the competition grounds, must be provided for any accepted and confirmed entry in a section held on multiple days that has requested and paid for the stall(s) by the closing date of entries. Subject to competition management approval, additional entries may be accepted without stalls with exhibitor prior consent.
5. — Adequate hot and cold food and beverage service must be available beginning one (1) hour prior to the start of the first scheduled class and continuing until the end of the last class for each competition day. (Excludes schooling days). Vending machines do not count.
6. — A minimum of one (1) competition ring of at least 28,000 square feet when using an outdoor ring and/or a minimum of one (1) competition ring of at least 20,000 square feet when using an indoor ring. Competition ring, whether outdoor or indoor, must have designated rider stand/seating.
7. — A minimum of one (1) schooling area for each jumper competition ring and a minimum of one (1) schooling area for every two (2) hunter rings that is not being used at the time as an exercise area or lunge area for the period beginning one (1) hour prior to the start of the first scheduled class in the competition ring and ending at the end of the last class in the competition ring. A separate schooling area for hunters, jumpers and ponies must be provided if running concurrently. Any combination of exercise and schooling area must be a minimum of 30,000 square feet.
8. — An exercise area of at least 24,000 square feet if outdoors and 18,000 square feet if indoors must be available during competition hours within each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset unless lighted as specified in HJ102.6. Any combination of exercise and schooling area must be a minimum of 30,000 square feet.
9. — 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 during competition hours within each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset unless lighted as specified in HJ102.6.
10. — Minimum bleacher type seating capacity for at least one hundred (100) must be provided at one (1) of the main competition ring(s).
11. — Overnight security for the purpose of deterring the removal of horses and/or equipment from the grounds must be provided. Exhibitors should recognize that it is not intended for the competitions to take responsibility for items owned by others.
12. — Competition results must be available at the show office, on the internet or other convenient identified location within four (4) hours.
13. — Water trucks, sprinklers, snow removal or other climate appropriate system must be used for dust reduction or other weather related conditions for all required and provided rings, schooling, exercise and lunging areas as well as all access and egress roads/paths.
14. — Sun/rain weather appropriate and properly sized to shelter for horses and riders conveniently located to the competition rings must be provided.
15. — The official competition veterinarian to be on grounds during periods of competition. The official competition veterinarian must be provided with a clean stall or other suitable area, protected from the elements, secured from public view, adequately lighted, with adequate electrical supply and running water, to serve as a first aid station for the emergency treatment of ill and injured horses.
16. — Premier competitions must conduct award ceremonies and designate within the prize list both a time(s) during the program and location(s) for award ceremonies.
17. — Licensees providing a Premier Rated and/or Jumper Level 5 competition must select and describe with their license application a minimum of twenty (20) additional items (not on the required list for the Premier Rating) from HJ117, ten (10) of which must be selected from each group.
18. — Communication or public address system which provides clear announcements from the competition rings to the stabling and trailer day parking areas.

HJ114 HJ108 Horse Entry Numbers Exceed Five Hundred the Previous Year Based on Drug Fees Paid or Duration of Competition or Series of Competitions Exceeds Twenty-One Days without a Break of five (5) consecutive calendar days

When Horse Entry Numbers exceed five hundred (500) the previous year based on drug fees paid or licensed series of competitions under the same license 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. Outdoor competitions. When the above conditions set forth in HJ114 **HJ108** exist, the following minimum requirements must be met for exercise

and lunge areas on both competition and non-competition days:

Required Exercise/Lunge area 45,000 square feet

Additional 10,000 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.
1. Indoor competitions. When the above conditions set forth in HJ114 HJ108 exist, the following minimum requirements must be met for exercise and lunge areas on both competition and non-competition days.

Required Exercise/Lunge area 30,000 square feet

Additional 10,000 square feet for each increment of 100 horses

1. 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 HJ402.6 HJ106.2.f and GR 834.2 .

HJ115 HJ109 HJS Requirements for Federation Special Competitions and/or Jumper Level 6 Events

1. The purpose of this rating/level category is to allow the production of a special competition entertainment Event. This Event may be held in connection with a highly promoted and attended, and/or broadcast hunter and/or jumper competition. The venue and promotion of the Event would benefit the sport of Equestrian in a manner that would reflect favorably on the discipline of hunters and/or jumpers.
2. HJS applicable to the Event would be those set forth for a Premier competition. The special competition Event may not be required to meet all of the standards (including HJ competition standards) for a Premier hunter or jumper Level 5 competition, and a waiver may be authorized by the Federation, following consultation with the applicable Recognized Affiliate, to operate with modified standards for the Event.
3. The purpose of this Special competition rating is not to allow a scheduled licensed competition to operate other than in accordance with the minimum standards set forth above.
4. Special competition Event(s) may count for awards if they qualify and are approved by the Federation, following consultation with the applicable Recognized Affiliate, for the award participation.
5. An application to conduct a Special hunter and/or jumper competition, that requires a waiver or modification of the HJS or other standards applicable to a hunter a/or jumper competition, as either part of an existing competition or a separate competition, must receive approval by the Federation following consultation with the applicable Recognized Affiliate in accordance with GR309.
6. Mileage protection would not apply to a Special competition, unless the Special competition occurs within an existing licensed competition that has been licensed by the Federation, and already has mileage protection. Any mileage protection must be specifically requested and approved by the Federation, following consultation with the applicable Recognized Affiliate in accordance with GR309.

HJ116 HJS Options Menu Sections Required to Obtain Federation Rating for Premier, National, Regional I, or Regional II Rated and/or Jumper Levels 5, 4, 3, or 2.

(See Specific Rating and Competition Standards Requirements)

1. Licensees providing a Premier Rated and/or Jumper Level 5 competition must select and describe with their license application, a minimum of twenty (20) additional items (not on the required list for a Premier rated and/or jumper Level 5 competition) from HJ117, ten (10) of which must be selected from Group I.
2. Licensees providing a National Rated and/or jumper Level 3 and 4 competition must select and describe with their license application a minimum of sixteen (16) additional items (not on the required list for a National rated and/or jumper Level 3 and 4 competition) from HJ117, eight (8) of which must be selected from Group I.
3. Licensees providing a Regional I Rated and/or jumper Level 2 competition must select and describe with their license application a minimum of ten (10) additional items (not on the required list for a Regional I rated and/or Jumper Level 2 competition) from HJ117, four (4) of which must be selected from Group I.
4. Licensees providing a Regional II Rated competition must select and describe with their license application a minimum of ten (10) additional items (not on the required list for a Regional II rated competition) from HJ117, four (4) of which must be selected from Group I.
5. Licensees providing a Local competition are not required to provide any additional items from the options selection list.

HJ117 HJS Option Selection List

Rated hunter, hunter/jumper and/or jumper Levels 5, 4, 3, or 2 competitions must select and describe with their license application the required minimum number of items to be provided from optional items list below. Licensee(s) must select the number of items required for the Rating and cannot select option items already required for the competition rating.

1. Group I – In selecting the required number of options for the rating, note that options specifically required for a particular rating do not count toward the required number of options.
 - Sun/rain shelter for spectators.
 - VIP hospitality and sponsor lounge
 - Designated main competition ring for hunters and/or jumpers which takes priority scheduling over all other competition rings with designated rider stand/seating.
 - Competition website.

- _____ Night watch for horses stabled on the grounds to be available to exhibitors to contract separately, at exhibitor cost.
 - _____ Provide a Jumbotron, defined as a functioning electronic board that provides both scoring information and video capability in at least one of the Main competition ring(s).
 - _____ Provide a functioning visible scoreboard (minimum of forty (40) square feet) adjacent to the Main Ring(s) where either/or both hunter and/or jumper competition are held.
 - _____ Competition to designate access and egress for horses, pedestrians and vehicles which separates motor vehicles from horses and pedestrians.
 - _____ Camper hook ups with connections for water, electric and tank pump out.
 - _____ Permanent restroom facilities.
 - _____ Shower facilities.
 - _____ Ambulance or additional medical personnel exceeding the minimum required under Federation rules.
 - _____ Automatic External Defibrillator device (AED).
 - _____ Horse ambulance.
 - _____ Permanent stabling.
 - _____ Official competition photographer.
 - _____ Water trucks, sprinklers or another suitable system which must be used for dust reduction in all other areas in addition to rings, schooling, exercise and lunge areas.
 - _____ Conduct award ceremonies and designate within the prize list both a time(s) during the program (i.e. following completion of class 10) and location(s) for presentation award ceremonies.
 - _____ Provide a visible scoreboard (minimum of 60 square feet) adjacent to the Main competition ring(s) where either/or both hunter and/or jumper competitions are held.
2. _____ Group II – In selecting the required number of options for the rating, note that options specifically required for a particular rating do not count toward the required number of options.

*Denotes options which may be required depending on rating.

- _____ Wireless internet access.
- _____ Exhibitor appreciation party.
- _____ Exhibitor lounge.
- _____ Climate appropriate exhibitor lounge area (heated or cooled).
- _____ Online/internet competition entry system available at no charge.
- _____ Acceptance of credit cards for payments by exhibitors.
- _____ Equestrian equipment vendors with repair service.
- _____ Veterinarian on grounds during entire competition.
- _____ Provide two (2) or more food and beverage areas not including VIP or other restricted entry facilities.
- _____ Provide golf carts which are available for rent on a reservation basis up to the close of entries.
- _____ Implementation of a plan that includes measurable community awareness and involvement at the competition.
- _____ Press center available during competition hours at no cost to the media covering the competition with protection from adverse weather conditions and provides electrical plugs and internet access.
- _____ Official competition videographer.
- _____ Sun/rain shelter for horses and riders.*
- _____ Twenty-four (24) hour security.*
- _____ A dedicated schooling area for each competition ring. The schooling area must not be used as an exercise or lunge area for the period beginning one (1) hour prior to the start of the first scheduled class in the competition ring until the conclusion of the last class in the competition ring.*
- _____ Farrier on grounds during entire competition.*
- _____ Seating for a minimum of one hundred (100) spectators at the Main competition ring.*
- _____ Electrical outlets throughout stable area.
- _____ Storm drain in stable area.
- _____ Isolation stalls.
- _____ Hot water supply in stable area.
- _____ Free wireless internet access.
- _____ Upgraded horse wash area with one (1) spigot per 25 horses.
- _____ Course Designer responsible for maximum of two (2) competition rings.
- _____ Self-service station in show office for bills, results and class counts.
- _____ Results and orders of go updated online daily.
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- _____ Express checkout available.

HJ118 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.

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

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

HJ119 HJ110 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 GR312.6 must be offered.
4. A minimum of ten "A" and/or "C" rated hunter sections listed in GR312.6 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)
 - c. **Awards presentations involving a presentation of honors recognizing competitors and owners in the special classes, both Hunter and Jumper, must be held.**
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.

[renumber accordingly]

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Rule Change Intent

To more clearly define the specific standards required for hunter/jumper or hunter/jumper licensed competitions and to remove any confusion due to ambiguity and the options list.

Linked Rules

Comments

Web: requirements to obtain rating

Committee Actions

Competition Management

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Admin & Finance

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Intl Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Council - Natl Breed & Discipline

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

Jumper

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

National Hunter Committee

Draft 1: No Action

Draft 1: No Comments

USHJA

Draft 1: No Action

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