

2017 USHJA Zone HOTY Program and Championship Event Specifications

I. MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- A. Horse owner, rider and trainer must be Active/Competing members of USHJA and USEF. Membership must be active on or before the first day of competition as outlined in the USEF rulebook.
- B. Horses must have a USEF annual or Life recording and a USHJA horse registration.
- C. The competition year is December 1 through November 30.

II. POINTS

- A. The points will be based on the current increment system for Premier (AA), National (A), Regional I (B) and Regional II (C) rated competitions established by USEF.
- B. Points accumulated in a state or country contiguous to an owner's home zone may be counted toward Horse of the Year points at both the zone and national level. If a contiguous state or country offers a section that is not offered by the owner's home zone, points will not count at the zone level, but they will be counted towards USEF national HOTY awards.
- C. USHJA zone points can only be accrued if the competition follows the zone specifications.
- D. The high performance, green, young hunter, amateur owner, conformation hunter, junior hunter, pony hunter and classics are awarded USHJA zone points as well as national USEF points. USHJA zone points are only awarded in contiguous states if horse and rider are competing in a section offered by their home zone. The USHJA zone points for the high performance hunter, green, amateur owner, conformation hunter, junior hunter and pony hunter divisions are based on the Regional I rated points chart, regardless the rating of the competition.

III. ZONE HOTY CHAMPIONSHIP

- A. Competitor Qualifying Criteria
 - a. HOTY Championship classes are open to all competitors who meet the minimum Zone HOTY Program eligibility requirements outlined in Section I.
- B. In order to earn Zone Championship Points, the owner or recorded leasee of the horse must reside within the Zone. All riders and owners must be Active/Competing members of USEF and USHJA and horses must be USEF recorded and USHJA registered in order to earn points.
- C. In Hunter and Jumper sections the owner or recorded leasee of the horse must reside within the Zone in order to participate in the Zone Championship and receive Championship Points. In Equitation sections the rider must reside within the Zone in order to participate in the Zone Championship and receive Championship Points.
- D. Each USHJA Zone HOTY Championship must offer a minimum of 50% of the applicable Zone Horse of the Year Awards sections. Complementary sections may be combined if there are not at least three entries in each section. Please note the age groups offered may vary for each zone. All sections must be run in accordance with the Zone Specifications.
- E. Eligible riders may participate in two Championships within the same zone.

HUNTERS

- Green Hunter 3', 3'3", 3'6", 3'9"
- USHJA Hunter 2', 2'3", 2'6", 2'9", 3'
- Young Hunter 3', 3'3", 3'6"
- High Performance Hunter
- Performance Hunter 3'6"
- Performance Hunter 3'3"
- High Performance Conformation Hunter
- Green Conformation Hunter 3'6"
- Small Hunter
- Amateur Owner 3'6" 18-35
- Amateur Owner 3'6" 36+
- Amateur Owner 3'3"- 18-35
- Amateur Owner 3'3"-36+
- Small Junior 3'6" 15 & Under
- Large Junior 3'6" 15 & Under
- Small Junior 3'6" 16-17
- Large Junior 3'6" 16-17
- Junior 3'3"
- Small Pony
- Medium Pony
- Large Pony

- Green Pony-Sm/Med
- Green Pony-Large
- Children's Pony Hunter
- Children's Hunter 13 & Under
- Children's Hunter 14-17
- Adult Amateur 18-35
- Adult Amateur 36-49
- Adult Amateur 50+
- Thoroughbred Hunter

- Low Children's Jumper
- Low Adult Amateur Jumper
- High Children's Jumper
- High Adult Amateur Jumper
- 5 Year Old Young Jumpers
- 6 Year Old Young Jumpers
- 7/8 Year Old Young Jumpers
- Pony Jumpers
- Thoroughbred Jumper

EQUITATION

- Equitation 14 & Under
- Equitation 15-17
- Adult Equitation 18-35
- Adult Equitation 36+

JUMPERS

- 1.20/1.25 Junior Jumper
- 1.20/1.25 Amateur Owner Jumper
- 1.30/1.35 Junior Jumper
- 1.30/1.35 Amateur Owner Jumper
- 1.40/1.45 Junior Jumper
- 1.40/1.45 Amateur Owner Jumper

HUNTER BREEDING

- Yearling
- 2 Year Old
- 3 Year Old
- Pony Yearling
- Pony 2 Year Old
- Pony 3 Year Old
- Best Young Horse/Best Young Pony

SIDE SADDLE

- Ladies Hunter Under Saddle
- Ladies Hunter Hack
- Ladies Over Fences

IV. ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION FORMAT

- A. A Zone HOTY Championship host must apply for a two year competition agreement. Only two year competition agreements will be accepted.
- B. The Zone HOTY Championship must be offered under the Section or Classic Format.

1. Hunter:

A. Section Format:

1. Must be offered with a minimum of two over fences classes and one under saddle as defined in HU148.
2. Management may designate classes of an existing section that will count for the USHJA Zone Championship Points. Additional classes are not required to be held for the USHJA Zone HOTY Championship.
3. Eligible exhibitors that place 1st-8th in each class will receive Zone HOTY Championship Points. Zone HOTY Championship Points will be awarded for Champion and Reserve Champion.

B. Classic Format:

1. Must be offered with two over fences classes as part of the Classic.
2. Eligible exhibitors that place 1st-8th in the second round of the Hunter Classic will receive Zone HOTY Championship Points.

2. Jumper

A. Section Format:

1. May be offered as two or three individual classes.
2. Management may designate classes of an existing section that will count for the USHJA Zone Championship Points. Additional classes are not required to be held for the USHJA Zone HOTY Championship.
3. Eligible exhibitors that place 1st-8th in each class will receive Zone HOTY Championship Points.

B. Classic Format:

1. May be offered in a two round/one jump-off Jumper Classic.
2. Eligible exhibitors that place 1st-8th for the Championship overall placings in the Classic.

3. Equitation

A. Section Format

1. Must be offered at two over fences classes and one under saddle.
2. Management may designate classes of an existing section that will count for the USHJA Zone Championship Points. Additional classes are not required to be held for the USHJA Zone HOTY Championship.
3. Eligible exhibitors that place 1st-8th in each class will receive Zone HOTY Championship Points. Zone HOTY Championship Points will be awarded for Champion and Reserve Champion.

B. If the competition charges exhibitors an additional fee (“Armband Fees”) to compete in the Zone HOTY Championship, a minimum of 3 exhibitors must pay the additional fee and compete in order for the Zone HOTY Championship Points to be awarded.

V. HOTY CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

- A. Classic format is defined as one zone Championship class, per section, running as a two round class. The eligible exhibitors that place 1st – 8th in the second round will receive the Zone HOTY Championship Points listed under the Classic Format. In order to receive points a minimum of three exhibitors are needed to compete for Championship Points to be awarded. This class is a Zone Championship class format which does not follow the HU145 rules.
- B. If a competition uses a Classic and run the class concurrently, the Classic will need to follow HU146, including the minimum of six entries. Competition management will pull the eligible exhibitors from the classic for the Zone Championship class and re-pin the class. This Zone Championship class will then follow the minimum of three entries to obtain points. These exhibitors will receive the regular points for the classic and the additional points from the Zone Championship class.
- C. A minimum of three exhibitors must compete at a Zone HOTY Championship in order for Zone HOTY Championship Points to be awarded. The definition of compete for Hunters and Age Group Equitation is in accordance with HU133 and the definition of compete for Jumpers is in accordance with JP135.13.
- D. Hunter Zone HOTY Championship Point Chart

Champion and Reserve Championship Points will be given to the Zone HOTY Championship sections that follow HU148. Champions will receive 80 Championship Points for each section completed and Reserve Champions will receive 48 Championship Points. The following chart will also be applicable to Zone HOTY Championship Side Saddle classes.

Placing	Championship Points for Each Class (Section Format)	Championship Points for Each Class (Classic Format)
1	40	80
2	30	60
3	20	40
4	12	24
5	10	20
6	8	16
7	6	12
8	4	8
Champion	80	
Reserve	48	

E. Jumper Zone HOTY Championship Point Chart

Low Children's/Adult Jumpers, High Children's/Adult Jumpers and Thoroughbred Jumper will receive points from the Zone HOTY Championship Point Chart excluding Champion and Reserve points.

1.20/1.25 Junior Jumpers, 1.20/1.25 Amateur Owner Jumpers, 1.30/1.35 Junior Jumpers, 1.30/1.35 Amateur Owner Jumpers, 1.40/1.45 Junior Jumpers, 1.40/1.45 Amateur Owner, Pony Jumpers and Young Jumpers will be based on one point for every dollar won unless no money is awarded and then these classes will receive the points from the Zone HOTY Championship Point Chart excluding Champion and Reserve points.

Placing	Championship Points for Each Class (Section Format)	Championship Points for Each Class (Classic Format)
1	40	80
2	30	60
3	20	40
4	12	24
5	10	20
6	8	16
7	6	12
8	4	8
Champion	NA - Jumpers	
Reserve	NA - Jumpers	

F. Equitation Zone HOTY Championship Point Chart

Champion and Reserve Championship Points will be given to the Zone HOTY Championship sections that follow HU148. Champions will receive 80 Championship Points for each section completed and Reserve Champions will receive 48 Championship Points.

Placing	Championship Points for Each Class	Placing	Championship Points for Each Class
1	40	6	8
2	30	7	6
3	20	8	4
4	12	Champion	80
5	10	Reserve	48

G. Hunter Breeding Zone HOTY Championship Point Chart

Placing	Championship Points for Each Class
1	10
2	6
3	4
4	3
5	2
6	1
Best Young Horse/Best Young Pony Champion	10
Best Young Horse/Best Young Pony Reserve	6

VI. ADDITIONAL FEES ("Armband Fees") FOR ZONE HOTY CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRIES

- A. Host Competitions may only charge additional fees (“Armband Fees”) to participate in the USHJA Zone HOTY Championship under the following conditions:
 - 1. The fees are included in the qualifying criteria developed by each Zone and approved by the USHJA.
 - 2. The fees in the qualifying criteria are being assessed to benefit the Zone.
 - 3. The fees are remitted to the USHJA within 10 days of the conclusion of the competition.
- B. If qualifying criteria is not developed by the Zone, no additional fees may be charged.

VI. CONTACT INFORMATION

Please contact USHJA if questions arise pertaining to the USHJA HOTY Championship cannot be answered by the show steward, management or the zone committee representative based on the class specifications provided (USHJA Phone: 859-225-6700).

The USHJA Zone HOTY Championship and the related format and specifications are the sole properties of the USHJA and may only be held, conducted or used upon the terms and conditions specified by the USHJA. USHJA reserves the right to change language in documents related to the conduct of the USHJA Zone HOTY Championship as necessary for the purposes of consistency and clarity. Any USHJA Zone HOTY Championship which is not conducted in accordance with the USEF Rules and Zone Specifications will not count for Championship Points. Any deviations from the class specifications for the USHJA Zone HOTY Championship are not permitted without the express written permission from USHJA prior to the printing of the prize list.

For any rules not specified above, please refer to the current USEF Rule Book.

