

**USHJA ZONE 6  
2026 HUNTER, JUMPER AND EQUITATION SPECIFICATIONS**

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## **2026 ZONE 6 HUNTER, JUMPER AND EQUITATION SPECIFICATIONS**

### **(IA, MN, ND, SD, WI, NE)**

In accordance with GR1111.4: All members may compete for Zone Awards or money in any state contiguous to Zone 6: MT, WY, CO, KS, MO, IL, MI and Canada Contiguous points earned in USEF/Equine Canada licensed competitions will only receive national points in USEF rated divisions.

### **JUDGING FOR ALL HUNTER SECTIONS:**

- To be judged on performance and soundness, suitability to count.
- Horses and Ponies are not required to jog for soundness.

### **ELIGIBILITY FOR ADULT AMATEURS: HUNTER, JUMPER AND EQUITATION:**

- To be ridden by exhibitors who have reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year and who hold a current USEF Amateur certification. Open to horses and ponies.

### **ELIGIBILITY FOR CHILDREN'S SECTIONS: HUNTER, JUMPER AND EQUITATION:**

- To be ridden by exhibitors who have not reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year.

## **ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER**

### **Sections offered and requirements:**

- Adult Amateurs – may be split into three (3) sections

### **Cross Entry:**

#### **Riders:**

Riders can cross enter between the Amateur Owner 3'3" and 3'6" with a different horse. Riders in the Adult Amateur section may ride a different horse in the Amateur Owner section, and may ride in any section for which they are eligible at the same show.

#### **Horses:**

Horses may not cross enter between the Adult Amateur and Amateur Owner Hunter sections at the same competition.

#### **Horse and Rider Combination:**

n/a

### **Fence Height:**

- 2'9" to 3'
- Courses will not be adjusted for ponies.
- In and outs will be permitted

### **Combining/Dividing Sections:**

May be split into three sections:

- Adult Amateurs 18 – 35
- Adult Amateurs 36 – 49
- Adult Amateurs 50 & over

If there are fewer than three (3) entries in an age group, it is to be combined with the other age group that has the least number of entries.

The Adult Amateur and Children's Hunter sections may be combined if there are fewer than three (3) in any of these sections. If the Adult Amateur and Children's Hunter Horse sections are combined, a horse may only compete with one rider.

### **Awards:**

Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be presented annually to the following sections:

- Adult Amateur Hunter 18- 35
- Adult Amateur 36- 49
- Adult Amateur 50 & over

## **LOW ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER**

### **Eligibility:**

Open to amateur riders who have reached their 18th birthday and are no longer eligible to compete as a junior exhibitor.

### **Cross Entry:**

#### **Riders:**

Riders may not cross enter into any class or section at the same competition where fences exceed 1.15m or 3'9".

#### **Horses:**

N/A

#### **Horse and Rider Combination:**

Horse and Rider combinations may not cross enter into any class/section where fence heights exceed 2'9" or 0.90m (Exception: 3'0" Equitation).

### **Fence Height:**

- 2'6"

#### **Combining/Dividing Sections:**

If there are fewer than three (3) entries in the Low Adult Amateur Hunter section, it may be combined with the Low Children's Hunter Horse section.

The Low Adult Amateur Hunter Horse section may only be combined with the Children's Hunter Pony and Low Children's Hunter Horse sections after those sections have been combined and still do not meet the three (3) entry minimum.

#### **Awards:**

Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be presented annually to the following section:

- Low Adult Amateur Hunter

## **AMATEUR JUMPER**

### **Sections offered and requirements:**

- 1.00/1.05m Amateur Jumper
- 1.10/1.15m Amateur Jumper

### **Cross Entry:**

#### **Rider:**

1.00/1.05m Amateur Jumper riders may not cross enter into any classes held above 1.15m at the same competition (If a RIDER competes in the 1.00/1.05m Amateur section, they may NOT compete ABOVE 1.15m at the same show, but MAY also compete in the 1.10/1.15m Amateur section(s) on the same horse &/or any, otherwise eligible horse, and on the same day.).

1.10/1.15m Amateur Jumper riders may not cross enter into 1.40/1.45m Amateur Jumper classes or any other jumper class exceeding 1.35m and offering over \$1,500 in prize money at the same competition.

#### **Horse/Pony:**

n/a

#### **Horse and Rider:**

1.00/1.05m Amateur Jumper horse/rider combinations may cross enter into the 1.10/1.15m Amateur Jumper at the same competition and on the same day as showing in 1.00/1.05m Amateur Jumpers. 1.00/1.05m Amateur Jumper horse/rider combinations may enter only one classic, if both 1.00/1.05m and 1.10/1.15m are offered.

1.10/1.15m Amateur horse/rider combinations may not cross enter into any classes held above 1.30m at the same competition. Horse/rider combinations may cross enter into the 1.00/1.05m Amateurs Jumpers at the same competition and on the same day. Horse/rider combinations may enter only one classic, if both 1.00/1.05m and 1.10/1.15m Amateur Jumper Classics are offered. Any horse/rider combination competing at 1.20m or above may not enter any 1.10/1.15m Amateur Jumper classes with \$1,000 or more in prize money. If the Junior Jumper, or Amateur Jumper classes do not fill on a given day, the horse/rider combination may move down to compete in the 1.10/1.15m Amateur Jumper classes.

### **Fence Height:**

- 1.00/1.05m Amateur Jumper
- Amateur Jumper 1.10m - 1.15m
  - Recommended to be conducted as a progressive section and/or offered as multiple sections at different heights.

### **Combining/Dividing Sections:**

1.00/1.05m Junior's and 1.00/1.05m Amateur Jumper sections must combine if there are fewer than three (3) in either section and may combine if there are fewer than six (6) in either section. If after combining the 1.00/1.05m sections there are fewer than three (3) entries then competition management must further combine the 1.00/1.05m sections with the 1.10/1.15m sections, allowing

each section to compete at their respective height.

1.10/1.15m Junior's and 1.10/1.15m Amateur Jumper sections must combine if there are fewer than three (3) in either section and may combine if there are fewer than six (6) in either section. If after combining the 1.10/1.15m sections there are fewer than 3 entries then competition management must further combine the 1.10/1.15m sections with the 1.00/1.05m sections, allowing each section to compete at their respective height.

**Awards:**

Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be presented annually to the following sections:

- 1.00/1.05m Amateur Jumper
- 1.10/1.15m Amateur Jumper

## **AGE GROUP EQUITATION: ADULT SECTION**

### **Sections Offered:**

- Adult Equitation 18-35
- Adult Equitation 36+

### **Cross Entry:**

No cross entry restrictions

### **Fence Height:**

- Minimum 2'9"
- Maximum 3'3"
- Management must state the height at which the class will be offered
- Each fence of the course must be set at the same height throughout
- Course design must comply with EQ108.11, however combinations are optional
- Spreads must not exceed fence height

### **Combining/Dividing Sections:**

Age-Group Equitation Sections for Amateurs and Juniors may be combined to meet the three entry minimum requirement for points to be awarded. In combined sections, exhibitors shall jump their respective height. Stallions are prohibited when Adult Equitation sections are combined with Children's/Junior Equitation sections EQ101.3.

- Equitation 11 and Under may only be combined with Equitation 12-14, combinations prohibited.
- Equitation 12-14 may be combined with Equitation 11 and Under, combinations prohibited.
- Equitation 12-14 may be combined with Equitation 15-17, and/or Adult Equitation.
- Equitation 15-17 may be combined with Equitation 12-14 and/or Adult Equitation.
- Adult Equitation may be combined with Equitation 12-14 and/or Equitation 15-17.

### **Awards:**

Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be presented annually to the following sections:

- Adult Equitation 18-35
- Adult Equitation 36+

## **CHILDREN'S HUNTER HORSE**

### **Sections offered and requirements:**

- Children's Hunter Horse 14 & Under
- Children's Hunter Horse 15-17

### **Cross Entry:**

#### **Rider:**

Riders entered in the Children's Hunter may not cross enter at the same competition in classes in which the jumps exceed 3'6", except in Children's Jumper classes where the height of the fences does not exceed 1.15m.

#### **Horses/Ponies:**

n/a

#### **Horse and rider combination:**

The horse and rider combination may cross enter into the 3'3" Junior Hunter section.

### **Fence Height:**

- 2'9" to 3'
- In and outs will be permitted

### **Combining/Dividing Sections:**

May be split into two sections:

- Children's Hunter Horse 14 & Under
- Children's Hunter Horse 15-17

If there are fewer than three (3) entries in an age group, it is to be combined with the other age group that has the least number of entries.

The Children's Hunter Horse and Adult Amateur sections may be combined if there are fewer than three (3) in any of these sections. If the Adult Amateur and Children's Hunter Horse sections are combined, a horse may only compete with one rider.

### **Awards:**

Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be presented annually to the following sections:

- Children's Hunter Horse 14 & Under
- Children's Hunter Horse 15-17



## **LOW CHILDREN'S HUNTER HORSE**

### **Eligibility:**

Open to exhibitors who have not yet reached their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year.

### **Cross Entry:**

#### **Riders:**

Riders may not cross enter into any class or section at the same competition where fences exceed 1.15m or 3'9".

#### **Horses:**

N/A

#### **Horse and Rider Combination:**

Horse and Rider combinations may not cross enter into any class/section where fence heights exceed 2'9" or 0.90m (Exception: 3'0" Equitation).

### **Fence Height:**

- 2'6"

### **Combining/Dividing Sections:**

If there are fewer than three (3) horses entered in the Low Children's Hunter Horse section, then they may be combined and judged with the Children's Hunter Pony or the Low Adult Amateur Hunter section. If there are still fewer than three (3) entries after the Children's Hunter Pony section has been combined with the Low Children's Hunter Horse section, these sections may only then combine with the Low Adult Amateur Hunter Horse section.

### **Awards:**

Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be presented annually to the following section:

- Low Children's Hunter Horse

## **CHILDREN'S HUNTER PONY**

### **Sections offered and requirements:**

- Small/Medium Children's Pony
- Large Children's Pony

### **Cross Entry:**

#### **Rider:**

Riders may not cross enter into any USEF rated classes at the same competition where the height of fences exceeds 3'3". Riders may cross enter into Pony Jumpers regardless of fence heights.

#### **Horse/Pony:**

Ponies may cross enter into rated pony sections.

#### **Horse and Rider Combination:**

Children's Hunter Pony may cross enter into Rated Pony Hunter Sections at the same competition.

### **Fence Height:**

- Small/Medium Ponies: 2'0" with spreads not to exceed height of fence.
- Large Ponies: 2'6" with spreads not to exceed height of fence.
- In and outs prohibited

### **Combining/Dividing Sections:**

The Children's Hunter Pony section may be divided by size. If the Children's Hunter Pony is offered divided by size the sections will be: Children's Hunter Pony Small/Medium and Children's Hunter Pony Large. If there are fewer than three (3) entries in either height section, the two sections must be combined. The Children's Hunter Pony section may be combined with Low Children's Hunter Horse when there are fewer than three (3) entries in either section. The Low Children's Hunter (horse & pony) section may be combined with the Low Adult Amateur Hunter section when there are fewer than three (3) entries in either section. If Children's Hunter Pony is combined with Low Children's Hunter Horse and/or Low Adult Amateur, combinations are prohibited.

### **Suggested distances for the Children's Hunter Pony sections:**

- Children's Hunter Pony sections should be based on a horse stride

### **Awards:**

Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be presented annually to the following sections:

- Children's Hunter Pony-Small/Medium
- Children's Hunter Pony-Large

## **LOW CHILDREN'S HUNTER PONY**

### **Eligibility:**

Open to exhibitors who have not yet reached their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year.

### **Cross Entry:**

#### **Riders:**

Low Pony Hunter riders may not cross enter into any class where fences exceed 3'0" at the same competition.

#### **Horse and Rider Combination:**

Pony/rider combinations may enter into the Children's Hunter Pony, but not the Regular or Green pony.

#### **Horse/Pony:**

Ponies may cross enter into children's hunter pony, green pony hunter and rated pony sections.

### **Fence Height:**

- 2'0" (spreads not to exceed height of fence, no in and outs allowed)

### **Combining/Dividing Sections:**

Can be split, If there are fewer than three (3) ponies the Low Pony Hunter section may combine with the Low Children's Hunter Horse section. If there are still fewer than three (3) entries after the Low Pony Hunter section has been combined with the Low Children's Hunter Horse section, those sections may only then combine with the Low Adult Amateur Hunter Horse Section.

### **Awards:**

Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be presented annually to the following section:

- Low Children's Hunter Pony

## **JUNIOR JUMPER**

### **Sections offered and Requirements:**

- 1.00/1.05m Junior Jumper
- 1.10/1.15m Junior Jumper

### **Cross Entry:**

#### **Rider:**

1.00/1.05m Junior Jumper Riders may not cross enter into any classes held above 1.15m at the same competition (If a RIDER competes in the 1.00/1.05m Junior section, they may NOT compete ABOVE 1.15m at the same show, but MAY also compete in the 1.10/1.15m Junior section(s) on the same horse and or any, otherwise eligible horse, and on the same day.).

1.10/1.15m Junior Jumper riders may not cross enter into 1.40/1.45m Junior Jumper classes or any other jumper class exceeding 1.35m and offering over \$1,500 in prize money at the same competition.

#### **Horse/Pony:**

n/a

#### **Horse and Rider Combination:**

1.00/1.05m Junior horse/rider combinations may cross enter into the 1.10/1.15m Junior Jumpers at the same competition and on the same day as showing in 1.00/1.05m Junior Jumpers. 1.00/1.05m Junior horse/rider combinations may enter only one classic, if both Low and 1.10/1.15m are offered.

1.10/1.15m Junior Jumper horse/rider combinations may not cross enter into any classes held above 1.30m at the same competition. 1.10/1.15m Junior Jumper horse/rider combinations may cross enter into the 1.00/1.05m Junior Jumpers at the same competition and on the same day. Horse/rider combinations may enter only one classic, if both 1.00/1.05m and 1.10/1.15m Junior Jumper Classics are offered. Any horse/rider combination competing at 1.20m or above may not enter any 1.10/1.15m Junior Jumper classes with \$1,000 or more in prize money.

### **Fence Height:**

- Junior Jumper 1.00m or 1.05m (choice classes run at two different heights but judged together)

- Junior Jumper 1.10m- 1.15m
  - Recommended to be conducted as a progressive section and/or offered as multiple sections at different heights.

**Combining/Dividing Sections:**

1.00/1.05m Junior and 1.00m Amateur Jumper sections must combine if there are fewer than three (3) in either section and may combine if there are fewer than six (6) in either section. If after combining the 1.00/1.05m sections there are fewer than three (3) entries then competition management must further combine the 1.00/1.05m sections with the 1.10/1.15m sections, allowing each section to compete at their respective height.

1.10/1.15m Junior and 1.10/1.15m Amateur Jumper sections must combine if there are fewer than three (3) in either section and may combine if there are fewer than six (6) in either section. If after combining the 1.10/1.15m sections there are fewer than three (3) entries then competition management must further combine the 1.10/1.15m sections with the ~~Low~~ 1.00/1.05m sections, allowing each section to compete at their respective height.

**Awards:**

Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be presented annually to the following section:

- 1.00/1.05m Junior Jumper section
- 1.10/1.15m Junior Jumper section

## **AGE GROUP EQUITATION: CHILDREN'S/JUNIOR SECTION**

To be judged on performance and soundness, suitability to count.

### **Sections Offered:**

- Equitation 11 & Under
- Equitation 12- 14
- Equitation 15- 17

### **Cross Entry:**

No cross entry restrictions

### **Fence Height:**

Equitation 11 & Under:

- Minimum 2'0", maximum 2'6" - management must state height at which class will be offered.
- Management may offer multiple height options if stated in the prize list, but each course must be set at the same height throughout.
- Course design must comply with EQ108.8 and 108.11, combinations not permitted.

Equitation 12- 14:

- Minimum 2'9", maximum 3'3" - management must state height at which class will be offered.
- Management may offer multiple height options if stated in the prize list, but each course must be set at the same height throughout.
- Course design must comply with EQ108.11 except combination is optional.

Equitation 15- 17:

- Minimum 3'0", maximum 3'6" - management must state height at which class will be offered.
- Management may offer multiple height options if stated in the prize list, but each course must be set at the same height throughout.
- Course design must comply with EQ108.11 except combination is required. Spreads not to exceed fence height

### **Combining/Dividing Sections:**

Age-Group Equitation Sections for Amateurs and Juniors may be combined to meet the three (3) entry minimum requirement for points to be awarded. In combined sections, exhibitors shall jump their respective height. Stallions are prohibited when adult equitation sections are combined with children's/junior equitation sections EQ101.3.

- Equitation 11 and Under may only be combined with Equitation 12-14, combinations prohibited.
- Equitation 12-14 may be combined with Equitation 11 and Under, combinations prohibited.
- Equitation 12-14 may be combined with Equitation 15-17, and/or Adult Equitation.
- Equitation 15-17 may be combined with Equitation 12-14 and/or Adult Equitation.
- Adult Equitation may be combined with Equitation 12-14 and/or Equitation 15-17.

### **Awards:**

Zone Horse of the Year Awards will be presented annually to the following sections:

- Equitation 11 & Under

- Equitation 12- 14
- Equitation 15- 17

## **USHJA COMPETITIVE PROGRAMS**

For more information regarding the following programs please click on the links below:

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### **Zone Horse of the Year Championships**

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### **Zone Jumper Team Championships**

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## **SPECIAL CLASSES**

### **3'3" Jumping Seat Medal**

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