

USHJA POLICY STATEMENT

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Officials Education

The **Officials Education Committee** is a Standing Sport Committee that reports to Board of Directors and applicable Working Group. Members shall serve terms of four years and are appointed by the President. The committee shall consist of a minimum of five USHJA Senior Active members in good standing.¹

The work of the Officials Education Committee supports the USHJA mission, which is to serve our members through educational programs, awards and recognition, communication and rules.

The committee's goal is to:

- Constantly improve the quality of education to licensed official applicants and current licensed officials with Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Judge, Jumper Judge, Hunter Breeding Judge, Jumper Course Design, and Hunter Course Design licenses.

The purpose of the Officials Education Committee is to provide its input and expertise in the Hunter/Jumper discipline to help the USEF meet its broader commitment of providing education to the many breed and discipline licensed officials under its umbrella.

Responsibilities:

- Recommend clinicians to teach the licensed official clinics; identify and recommend qualified educators and panelists, with emphasis on technical expertise, presentation experience, organization skills, and a deep understanding of the benefits of improving our sport through the education of our licensed officials
- Provide for the continuity of clinicians, clinic materials and presentations through the years and when panelists and presenters change
- Provide input on clinic host locations to the USHJA staff liaison; analyze potential clinic host locations for factors such as differing experience levels, differing member demographics, differing sport sophistication, and differing cultures; working with the USEF Education department to provide the best possible learning experience for attendees
- Develop continuing education materials for each clinic on a regular basis; strive to make the maximum use of technology in teaching with materials and methods, using tools available both inside and outside of our sport
- Evaluate input from clinic attendees on ways to improve the clinics

- Submit licensed official education rule changes if necessary
- Report to Board of Directors and applicable Working Group, keeping them regularly apprised of its efforts and deliberations
- Focus on the entire spectrum of the education of Hunter/Jumper Licensed Officials including from those USHJA members applying for enrollment or promotion and encompassing the continuing education of all Hunter/Jumper Licensed Officials.
- Evaluate every aspect of the education program for hunter/jumper licensed officials and make recommendations for the improvement of any phase, with specific focus on and analysis of each specific area: Hunter, Jumper, Hunter Seat Equitation, Hunter Breeding, Hunter Course Designer, Jumper Course Designer, and Category 1 Steward
- Create, review, revise, update, and standardize the curriculum for each of the above areas, taking into account the variables inherent in a given group of clinic attendees
- Investigate and evaluate the educational benefits of online and other methods of presenting quality education that may reduce the costs of transportation, hotel, and meal expenses, and still provide the same or improved education for our licensed officials

In order to efficiently carry out its duties, the Official's Education Committee may appoint small task forces consisting of a minimum of five (5) Senior Active Members of USHJA in good standing to represent any of the above license categories. At least one member of each task force, including the Chair, will be a member of the Official's Education Committee. Each task force shall contain the current clinicians for each of the seven (7) specific hunter/jumper discipline licenses.