

## USHJA POLICY STATEMENT

**Subject: Safety Committee Charter**

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### **Safety Committee**

The **Safety Committee** is a Standing Sport Committee that reports to the Board of Directors. Members shall serve terms of four years and are appointed by the President. The Committee shall submit recommendations to the Board of Directors for the improvement of the safety and well-being of all individuals participating in Hunter and Jumper sport, and work with the USHJA to educate members and facilitate the communication of information to the appropriate committees for their consideration.

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

The Committee's goals are to:

- Set standards for safety in the Hunter/Jumper sport
- Recommend safety standards and protocols at competitions
- Provide USHJA members with educational resources
- Create a forum for member feedback and an avenue for sending this feedback to relevant committees for further consideration regarding issues concerning the welfare of individuals who participate in equestrian activities

The purpose of the Safety Committee is to recommend improvements for the safety and welfare of all individuals, work with the USHJA to educate members, and facilitate the communication of information to the appropriate committees for their consideration.

Responsibilities:

- Review and develop rules with the intent to further enhance a "safety-first" practice in Hunter and Jumper sport
- Educate members to promote a culture of safety (or that pursues a high level of personal safety and welfare)
- Be a resource for members to communicate concerns regarding safety in the industry