

USHJA POLICY STATEMENT

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Stewards Committee

The **Stewards Committee** is a Standing Sport Committee that reports to the Board of Directors. *The mission of the USHJA Stewards Committee is to facilitate constructive communication surrounding day to day issues encountered by Stewards, and to work with the United States Equestrian Federation to promote practical and enforceable rules, all of which protect human and horse welfare for safe, fair competition and for the future of the sport.* Members shall serve terms of four years and are appointed by the President. The Committee shall submit recommendations to the Board of Directors for improvement of safety, fairness, enforceability of rules, and horse and human welfare for those participating in the Hunter and Jumper sport, and work with the USHJA to educate members and facilitate the communication between licensed officials, competition management, and competitors.

The work of the Stewards 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:

- Protect human and horse welfare
- Ensure fair competition
- Provide unbiased protection for Licensed Officials, Competition Management, and competitors
- Protect adherence to the rules
- Communicate with USEF regarding topical issues in the sport

The purpose of the Stewards Committee is to recommend practical, enforceable rules to promote safety, fairness, and protect human and horse welfare, work with the USHJA to educate members, and facilitate the communication of information to the appropriate committees for their consideration.

Responsibilities:

- Promote practical and enforceable rules
- Represents stewards and certified schooling supervisors
- Uphold utmost integrity of welfare, rules, and the sport