

USHJA POLICY STATEMENT

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Horse and Rider Advocates

The **Horse and Rider Advocates 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 well-being of horse and rider, 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 Horse and Rider Advocates 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:

- Provide USHJA members with educational resources, a forum for member feedback, and an avenue for sending this feedback to relevant sport committees for further consideration regarding issues concerning the well-being of horses and riders.

The purpose of the Horse and Rider Advocates Committee is to recommend improvements for the well-being of horse and rider, 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 ensure fair treatment of horses and maintain safe competition for both horse and rider.
- Educate members, urging them to pursue the highest level of horsemanship through educational programs, literature, and clinics.
- Be a resource for members to communicate concerns regarding horse and rider welfare in the industry.

¹ Language from 11.19.18 Policy and Procedure Manual