

**USHJA ZONE 12
2026 HUNTER, JUMPER AND EQUITATION
SPECIFICATIONS**

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Zone 12 chooses no contiguous states.

JUDGING FOR ALL HUNTER AND EQUITATION SECTIONS:

- To be judged on performance and soundness, manners, suitability to count.
- Horses and Ponies are not required to jog for soundness.
- In Equitation: to be judged on performance, style, form and suitability of horse and rider to count.

ELIGIBILITY FOR ADULT AMATEURS: HUNTER, JUMPER AND EQUITATION:

- To be ridden by exhibitors who have reached their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year and who hold a current USEF Amateur certification. Open to horses and ponies. Any horse and pony regardless of money won is eligible to compete in this division.

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

- To be ridden by exhibitors who have not reached their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year. Any horse and pony regardless of money won is eligible to compete in this division.

ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER

Sections offered and requirements:

- Adult Amateurs – may be split into two (2) sections

Cross Entry:

No cross entry restrictions.

Fence Height:

- 3'0" with spreads not to exceed the fence height.
- To be shown over a minimum of eight fences.
- In and outs will be permitted.

Combining/Dividing Sections:

May be split into two sections:

- Adult Amateur Hunter 18– 35
- Adult Amateur Hunter 36 & Over

Adult Amateur Hunter classes may be combined with Children's Hunter classes.

Awards:

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

- Adult Amateur Hunter 18- 35
- Adult Amateur Hunter 36 & Over

LOW ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER

Eligibility:

Open to exhibitors who have 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 3'0" or 0.95m.

Fence Height:

- 2'6"

Combining/Dividing Sections:

The Low Adult Amateur Hunter and Low Children's Hunter sections may be combined if there are fewer than three (3) entries in either section.

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:

Riders may not show in any classes where the jumps exceed 1.25m.

Horse/Pony:

n/a

Horse and Rider Combination:

1.00/1.05m Amateur horse and rider combinations may not cross enter into the 1.10/1.15m Amateur Jumper section at the same competition.

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Fence Height:

- To be shown over a minimum of eight fences
- Amateur Jumper: 1.00m to 1.05m
- Amateur Jumper: 1.10m to 1.15m

Combining/Dividing Sections:

Amateur Jumper classes may be combined with Junior Jumper classes.

Awards:

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

- 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 & Over

Cross Entry:

No cross entry restrictions.

Fence Height:

- 3'0" with spreads not to exceed fence height
- Combinations will be permitted
- To be shown over a minimum of eight fences

Combining/Dividing Sections:

May be combined with Children's/Junior equitation.

Awards:

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

- Adult Equitation 18- 35
- Adult Equitation 36 & Over

CHILDREN'S HUNTER

Sections offered and requirements:

- Children's Hunter

Cross Entry:

No cross entry restrictions.

Fence Height:

- 3'0" with spreads not to exceed the fence height.
- In and outs will be permitted
- To be shown over a minimum of eight fences

Combining/Dividing Sections:

Children's Hunter classes may be combined with Adult Amateur Hunter classes.

Awards:

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

- Children's Hunter

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 3'0" or 0.95m.

Fence Height:

- 2'6"

Combining/Dividing Sections:

The Low Children's Hunter and Low Adult Amateur Hunter sections may be combined if there are fewer than three (3) entries in either section.

Awards:

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

- Low Children's Hunter Horse

JUNIOR JUMPER

Sections offered and Requirements:

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

Cross Entry:

Rider:

Riders may not show in any classes where the jumps exceed 1.25m, except Junior riders competing in FEI Children's classes and USEF Talent Search Class.

Horse/Pony:

n/a

Horse and Rider Combination:

1.00/1.05m Junior horse and rider combinations may not cross enter into the 1.10/1.15m Junior Jumpers at the same competition.

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Fence Height:

- To be shown over a minimum of eight fences
- Junior Jumper: 1.00m to 1.05m
- Junior Jumper: 1.10m to 1.15m

Combining/Dividing Sections:

Amateur Jumper classes may be combined with Junior Jumper classes.

Awards:

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

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

AGE GROUP EQUITATION: CHILDREN'S/JUNIOR

Sections Offered:

- Children's Equitation
- Junior Equitation 14 & Under
- Junior Equitation 15- 17

Cross Entry:

No cross entry restrictions.

Fence Height:

- 3'0" with spreads not to exceed fence height
- To be shown over a minimum of eight fences
- Combinations will be permitted

Combining/Dividing Sections:

May be combined with Adult equitation.

Awards:

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

- Equitation 14 & Under
- Equitation 15- 17

USHJA COMPETITIVE PROGRAMS

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

Green Hunter Incentive

Click [here](#) for full specifications

Hunter Team Challenge

Click [here](#) for full specifications

International Hunter Derby

Click [here](#) for full specifications

National Hunter Derby

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Outreach

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Pony Hunter Derby

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World Championship Hunter Rider

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Zone Horse of the Year Championships

Please check individual [zone pages](#)

Zone Jumper Team Championships

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1.00/1.05m Junior/Amateur Zone Jumper Championship

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SPECIAL CLASSES

3'3" Jumping Seat Medal

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3'3" Hunter Seat Medal

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Green Hunter Challenge

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Gladstone Cup Equitation Classic

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