

**USHJA ZONE 7  
2026 HUNTER, JUMPER AND EQUITATION SPECIFICATIONS**

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## **2026 ZONE 7 HUNTER, JUMPER AND EQUITATION SPECIFICATIONS**

**(AR, KS, LA, MO, OK, TX)**

In accordance with GR1111.4: All members may compete for Zone Awards or money in any state contiguous to Zone 7: MS, TN, KY, IA, IL, NE, CO & NM.

### **JUDGING FOR ALL HUNTER SECTIONS:**

- To be judged on performance and soundness, suitability to count.
- Horses and Ponies are not required to jog for soundness in the Adult Amateur Hunter, Children's Hunter Horse, and Children's Hunter Pony sections.

### **ELIGIBILITY FOR ADULT AMATEURS: HUNTER, JUMPER AND EQUITATION:**

- To be ridden by exhibitors who have reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year and who hold a current USEF Amateur certification. Open to horses and ponies. State rules **MAY** prohibit entry of ponies.

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

- To be ridden by exhibitors who have not reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year. State rules **MAY** prohibit entry of ponies.

## **ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER**

### **Sections offered and requirements:**

- Adult Amateurs – may be split into three (3) sections

### **Cross Entry:**

#### **Riders:**

The rider may compete on a different horse or pony at the same competition in any other division or sections for which the rider/horse or pony are eligible.

#### **Horses:**

The horse or pony may be shown by a different rider in any other division or section at the same competition except Amateur Owner Hunter or a different age group in Adult Amateur Hunter Exception: A state association may adopt more (but not less) restrictive cross entry rules.

#### **Horse and Rider Combination:**

The same horse (pony)-and-rider combination may not compete at the same competition in Amateur Owner 3'3" or any class in which fence heights exceed 3'3" Exception: Equitation and USHJA National Hunter Derby

### **Fence Height:**

- 3'0" with spreads not to exceed the fence height.
- Courses will not be adjusted for ponies.
- In and outs will be permitted

### **Combining/Dividing Sections:**

**MAY** be split into three sections:

- Adult Amateurs 18 – 35
- Adult Amateurs 36 – 49
- Adult Amateurs 50 & over

If any of the Adult Amateur sections have fewer than six (6) entries, they may, but are not required to combine with other section(s).

If there are fewer than six (6) entries in the entire section, the Adult Amateur entries may, but are not required to combine with Children's Hunter Horse, but not the Children's Hunter Pony. One award will be offered for the combined sections.

### **Awards:**

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

- Adult Amateur Hunter 18- 35
- Adult Amateur 36- 49
- Adult Amateur 50 & 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 1.05m or 3'3".

#### **Horses:**

N/A

#### **Horse and Rider Combination:**

Horse and Rider combinations may not cross enter into any class or section at the same competition where fences exceed 2'9"

### **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**

Classes to be scored under Table I; Table II, Section 1, Sections 2(a), 2(b), 2(c), 2 (d), or 3; or Table IV (Optimum Time)

### **Sections offered and requirements:**

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

### **Cross Entry:**

Competition Management may restrict cross entries between 1.10/1.15m and 1.00/1.05m sections at the same competition if stated in the prize list.

### **Rider:**

**Cross entry into any class at 1.25m and above is not permitted for a rider competing in the 1.00/1.05m Amateur Jumper at the same competition.**

If a 1.10/1.15m Amateur Jumper classic is offered in the Junior's or Amateur Jumpers and the rider has jumped above 1.30m at that show then they are not eligible for any Classic in the Junior's/Amateur Jumper sections.

### **Horse/Pony:**

n/a

### **Horse and Rider Combination:**

Cross entry into any class at 1.20m and above is not permitted for the same horse/rider combination at the same competition. 1.00/1.05m Amateur Jumper horse/rider combinations may cross enter into the 1.10/1.15m Amateur Jumpers at the same competition. 1.10/1.15m Amateur Jumper horse/rider combinations may cross enter into the 1.00/1.05m Amateur Jumpers at the same competition. Horse/rider combinations may enter only one classic, if both 1.00/1.05m and 1.10/1.15m are offered.

### **Fence Height:**

- Amateur Jumper 1.00m to 1.05m
- Amateur Jumper 1.10m to 1.15m

### **Combining/Dividing Sections:**

A combined Amateur/ Junior Jumper section may be offered, and if entries warrant, may thereafter be split into separate sections.

If only one section of the Junior's/Amateur Jumper is offered or if the 1.00/1.05m and 1.10/1.15m sections are combined, the classes will be conducted at the height appropriate for each section.

### **Awards:**

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

- 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- 49
- Adult Equitation 50 & Over

### **Cross Entry:**

No cross entry restrictions.

### **Fence Height:**

- 3'0" with spreads not to exceed fence height
- Combinations will be permitted

### **Combining/Dividing Sections:**

The Equitation sections may be combined if there are fewer than six (6) entries in a section.

### **Awards:**

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

- Adult Equitation (combined)

## **CHILDREN'S HUNTER HORSE**

### **Sections offered and requirements:**

- Children's Hunter Horse 14 & Under
- Children's Hunter Horse 15- 17

### **Cross Entry:**

#### **Rider:**

The rider may compete on a different horse or pony at the same show in any other division or section for which the rider/ horse/pony are eligible.

#### **Horses/Ponies:**

The horse or pony may be shown by a different rider in any other division or section at the same show except Junior Hunter or a different age group in Children's Hunter  
Exception: A state association may adopt more (but not less) restrictive cross entry rules.

#### **Horse and rider combination:**

The same horse (pony)-and-rider combination may not compete at the same competition in any class in which fence heights exceed 3'3" or any Junior Hunter Section

Exception: Equitation and USHJA National Hunter Derby.

### **Fence Height:**

- 3'0" with spreads not to exceed fence height
- In and outs will be permitted
- Distances will not be adjusted for ponies.

### **Combining/Dividing Sections:**

If there are fewer than six (6) in the Children's Hunter Horse section or fewer than four (4) entries in the Children's Hunter Pony, the sections may, but are not required to be combined. One award will be offered for the combined section.

The Children's Hunter Horse section may but are not required to be combined with the Adult Amateur section if there are fewer than six (6) in either section or with the Children's Hunter Pony if there are fewer than four (4), but may not be combined with both sections.

### **Awards:**

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

- Children's Hunter Horse 14 & Under
- Children's Hunter Horse 15- 17

## **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 1.05m or 3'3".

#### **Horses/Ponies:**

N/A

#### **Horse and Rider Combination:**

Horse/Pony and Rider combinations may not cross enter into any class or section at the same competition where fences exceed 2'9"

#### **Fence Height:**

- 2'6"

#### **Combining/Dividing Sections:**

The Low Children's Hunter section and Low Adult Amateur Hunter section 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 Hors



## **CHILDREN'S HUNTER PONY**

### **Sections offered and requirements:**

- Small/Medium Children's Pony
- Large Children's Pony
- Prize Money: No minimum prize money is required.

### **Cross Entry:**

#### **Rider:**

The rider may compete on a different horse or pony at the same competition in any other division or section where the jumps do not exceed 3'0".

#### **Horse/Pony:**

Ponies competing in Children's Hunter Pony may not cross enter into the regular pony section.

#### **Horse and Rider Combination:**

n/a

### **Fence Height:**

- Small ponies: 2'0" with spreads not to exceed fence height
- Medium Ponies: 2'0"-2'3" with spreads not to exceed fence height
- Large Ponies: 2'6" with spreads not to exceed fence height
- Combinations will not be permitted

### **Combining/Dividing Sections:**

The Children's Hunter Pony and the Children's Hunter Horse sections may, but are not required to be combined if there are fewer than four (4) entries in the Children's Hunter Pony and fewer than six (6) in the Children's Hunter Horse section.

Children's Hunter Pony may not be combined with Adult Amateur Hunter.

### **Awards:**

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

- Children's Hunter Pony- Small/Medium
- Children's Hunter Pony- Lar

## **LOW CHILDREN'S HUNTER PONY**

### **Eligibility:**

Open to exhibitors who have not yet reached their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year.

### **Cross Entry:**

#### **Riders:**

Low Pony Hunter riders may not cross enter into any class where fences exceed 2'9" or into the Children's Hunter Pony, Pony Hunter, or Green Pony Hunter Section at the same competition.

### **Fence Height:**

- 2'0"

### **Combining/Dividing:**

- Can be split.
- If there are fewer than three (3) ponies the Low Pony Hunter section may combine with the Low Children's Hunter Pony section.
- If there are still fewer than three (3) entries after the Low Pony Hunter section has been combined with the Low Children's Hunter Pony section, these sections may only then combine with the Low Children's Hunter Horse

### **Awards:**

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

- Low Children's Hunter Pony

## **JUNIOR JUMPER**

Classes to be scored under Table I; Table II, Section 1, Sections 2(a), 2(b), 2(c), 2 (d), or 3; or Table IV (Optimum Time).

### **Sections offered and Requirements:**

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

### **Cross Entry:**

Competition Management may restrict cross entries between 1.10/1.15m and 1.00/1.05m sections at the same competition if stated in the prize list.

### **Rider:**

**Cross entry into any class at 1.25m and above is not permitted for a rider competing in the 1.00/1.05m Junior Jumper at the same competition.**

### **Horse/Pony:**

n/a

### **Horse and Rider Combination:**

Cross entry into any class at 1.20m and above is not permitted for the same horse/rider combination at the same competition. 1.00/1.05m Junior Jumper horse/rider combinations may cross enter into the 1.10/1.15m Junior Jumpers at the same competition. 1.10/1.15m Junior Jumper horse/rider combinations may cross enter into the 1.00/1.05m Junior Jumpers at the same competition. Horse/rider combinations may enter only one classic, if both 1.00/1.05m and 1.10/1.15m are offered.

### **Fence Height:**

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

### **Combining/Dividing Sections:**

A combined Amateur/Junior's Jumper section may be offered, and if entries warrant, may thereafter be split into separate sections. If only one section of the Junior's/Amateur Jumper is offered or if the 1.00/1.05m and 1.10/1.15m section are combined, the classes will be conducted at the height appropriate for each section.

### **Awards:**

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

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

## **AGE GROUP EQUITATION: CHILDREN'S/JUNIOR SECTION**

To be judged on performance and soundness, suitability to count.

### **Sections Offered:**

- Junior Equitation 14 & Under
- Junior Equitation 15- 17

### **Cross Entry:**

#### **Rider:**

n/a

#### **Horse:**

n/a

#### **Horse and Rider Combination:**

A horse rider combination may not cross enter between height sections.

### **Fence Height:**

- Junior Equitation 14 & Under: 3'0" with spreads not to exceed fence height
- Junior Equitation 15- 17: 3'6" with spreads not to exceed fence height
- Combinations will be permitted

### **Combining/Dividing Sections:**

The Equitation sections maybe combined if there are fewer than six (6) entries in a section.

### **Awards:**

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

- Equitation 14 & Under
- Equitation 15- 17

## **USHJA COMPETITIVE PROGRAMS**

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## **SPECIAL CLASSES**

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