



Dear Competition Secretary:

Thank you for your participation in the International Hunter Derby Program. Below are a few helpful hints for a successful Derby. This event should be referred to as the USHJA International Hunter Derby Series, 2025 Series Event.

Enrollment for the 2025 Series

- Horses must be enrolled or pay a \$150 non-enrolled horse fee to compete in an International Hunter Derby.
- Only enrolled horses will be eligible for inclusion on the regional and national money won tracking lists. Only money earned by riders on enrolled horses will count toward the regional and national rider money won tracking lists during the 2025 series. Money won in International Hunter Derbies prior to enrollment in the program is not retroactive and does not count toward tracking lists or regional awards.
- The 2025 International Hunter Derby Championship will not require minimum points/money won to qualify.
- Enrollment is valid through November 30, 2025.
- Class entries can be checked against the list of enrolled horses here: <https://hjdata.ushja.org/ihd/enrolled-horses>

All IHD entries must complete and sign the Official International Hunter Derby Declaration Form, for each horse they ride. This is the only document in which riders may declare the section to which their horses' money/points will be credited. The competition must submit the declaration forms to both the USHJA and USEF offices for the riders' sections to be credited.

For your results to be considered complete we need the following:

- 1st-12th Place results for the First Round, including declared section
 - 1st-12th Place results for the Second Round, including declared section
 - Champion-12th Place overall results, including prize money won and declared section
- *All results must also include horse, rider and owner information*

Please fax or email the complete list of your results, declaration forms and fee report (if paying by credit card) immediately following your class to USHJA at (859) 258-9033 or hunterdept@ushja.org.

Please do not email credit card information.

Please have your show photographer email the photo of the winner mentioned in the host agreement to hunterdept@ushja.org after the conclusion of the competition with the relevant caption and photo credit.

All horses entered in this class must complete the standard entry form you have for your horse show, complete with the USEF required signatures, drug fees, et cetera.

Included:

- Judging the International Hunter Derby information.
- List of awards.
- IHD and sponsor public announcements.
- Declaration Form – must be provided for entries to complete. Entries must declare for points to count.
- Rider Meeting Agenda
- Biography Form – optional, collect biographies that can be read while each horse is on course.
- Score Sheets – tool for scoring purposes; created for use by an announcer or a designated scribe rather than the judges of the class.
- Fee Report – to be used to calculate the payment due to USHJA (\$50 per entry) within 10 days following the Derby.

Thank you again for your help. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at josterman@ushja.org or (859) 225-6703.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Osterman
USHJA Sport Department Managing Director

Judging the

USHJA International Hunter Derby

- Hunter Derby classes are judged using accepted judging principles for hunters as well as incorporating a system of bonus points.
- The different types of fences and more difficult courses are designed to enhance our judging system of rewarding great jumping style, and athletic ability, as well as bold hunter riding.
- Horses will be judged and numerically scored on quality, movement, jumping style, manners and way of going. Pace and brilliance are to be rewarded.
- In all rounds of the Hunter Derby there must be four option fences set at a minimum of 4' in height. Each judge or judging panel must award an Option Bonus Score of one additional point for EACH of the higher option fences jumped by the rider in each round. The additional one point for each higher option fence jumped must be awarded even if there is a refusal, rail down, or loss of good jumping style at that higher option fence. First Example - If a rider jumps only one higher option fence, but has that rail down, his score would go from a 45 to a 46. Second Example - If a rider jumps only one higher option fence, but jumps it in very poor style, his score would go from a possible score of 65 to a score of 66. Third Example – If a rider attempts only one higher option fence but has a refusal, followed by a successful second attempt at the same higher option fence, his score would go from a possible score of 40 to 41.
- In the Classic Hunter Style Round of the Hunter Derby, each judging panel will give their base score for each horse-and-rider combination based on accepted hunter judging principals. This score and the Option Bonus Score will be announced separately, and then added together to determine the total score of each judging panel for this round.
- The Handy Hunter Round shall be judged on jumping style and efficiency while maintaining style and form, way of going, and overall flow. Pace and brilliance are to be rewarded. Each judging panel will give their base score for each horse-and-rider combination based on accepted handy hunter judging principles. Then, each judging panel will give their Option Bonus Score consisting of one additional bonus point for every higher height option fence jumped **and a Handy Bonus Score** ranging from 0-5 to award handiness in the round. These **three** scores will be announced separately and then added together to determine the Handy Hunter Round total from each judging panel.

- The total scores of each horse-and-rider combination from each judging panel are added together to determine that entrant's total score in each round.
- The total scores of each horse-and-rider combination in each round will be added together to determine their final overall Hunter Derby score. This score will determine the final overall standings of the Hunter Derby class.

If you have any questions on the judging procedures or class specifications, please contact:

Jennifer Osterman (USHJA Sport Department Managing Director)

(859)225-6703



USHJA INTERNATIONAL HUNTER DERBY
2025 IHD Series

USHJA will provide the following for each International Hunter Derby series class:

(3) Sets of Ribbons to be presented to:

First Round 1st-12th

Second Round 1st- 12th

Overall Winners Champion -12th

(1) Coolerette to be presented to the Overall Champion

(1) Leather halter to the Overall Champion



USHJA INTERNATIONAL HUNTER DERBY

2025 IHD Series

USHJA AND SPONSOR PUBLIC ADDRESSES

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The non-enrolled horse fee is a one-time fee of \$150. There is no maximum number of times a horse can use enter an International Hunter Derbies through the year through this fee. However, the non-enrolled horse fee does not count towards a yearly enrollment fee.

Regional Championships

Six regional International Hunter Derby Championships will be offered in 2025 throughout the country, providing opportunities to win regional championship titles. Horses may compete in *multiple* regional championships of the exhibitor's choice per year and must be enrolled in the program. Dates and locations of the championships are available on the USHJA website.

USHJA Official Sponsors:

Nutrena, the Official Horse Feed of the USHJA

Nutrena ProForce PSA:

“Nutrena feeds those who want to go the distance, every time. Their specially designed ProForce formula provides the premium nutrition your horse needs to stay healthy and recover faster with rebound technology. So, whether you're looking for high performance results, or to maintain a healthy body condition, Nutrena ProForce delivers the nutrition your horse deserves. No matter which ProForce feed you choose, you'll unleash the athlete inside. Visit nutrenaworld.com to learn more.”

Nutrena SafeChoice PSA:

“The SafeChoice® family of feeds from Nutrena are proven controlled starch formulas that give your horse quality nutrition and give you peace of mind. Their ideal blend of nutrients delivers unmatched performance and supports healthy

digestion. No matter what your horse needs, there's always a SafeChoice. Visit nutrenaworld.com to learn more."

CWD Sellier, The Official Saddle of the USHJA

Thank you to CWD for being the official saddle of the USHJA in 2024. CWD has supported USHJA as a sponsor since 2016. CWD is a sport saddle maker, primarily known for innovation for the welfare of horses and performance or riders. Ten years ago, the company spent more than \$2 million to develop its dynamic tree that aims to provide the perfect mix of flex and pressure distribution for the horse's comfort. Since then, the company has launched the "mademoiselle" saddle—the first hunter/jumper saddle developed specifically for the female rider. CWD's commitment to high-quality leather and a vegetable tanning process sets their saddles apart in longevity.

Parlanti, the Riding Boot of the USHJA

1. Introducing the PARLANTI PRO BOOT. From the Parlanti Passion line, a glove-fit, ready-to-wear boot with buffalo inner calf for optimum grip, long life, unheard-of comfort and unmatched feel. Contact your Parlanti stylist today.

PARLANTI is the official riding boot of the USHJA
Step into PARLANTI and never look back.

2. Worn by the best in the world, PARLANTI is the official riding boot of USHJA. PARLANTI Roma, their line of custom boots, is unequalled in the marketplace. PARLANTI Passion, is their popular ready-to-wear line. Both lines are known for their perfect fit and immediate, unheard-of comfort. Each boot is entirely handmade and produced with meticulous attention to detail by Italian craftspeople.

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USHJA Public Address

The USHJA is dedicated to education, passionate about horsemanship and committed to the needs of hunter jumper industry. USHJA is building a future that honors the past by building tomorrow's horsemen today. For more information about the USHJA and its programs visit www.ushja.org.

USHJA INTERNATIONAL HUNTER DERBY RIDERS MEETING AGENDA

- I. Welcome
- II. Introduce course designer, judge(s) and steward
- III. Distribute copies of courses
- IV. Enrollment Policy
 - Remind riders that their horses must be enrolled in the IHD Program or pay a \$150 non-enrolled horse fee to compete in the class and for any money they as riders, or their horses earn in this class, to be included on any national or regional money won list.
 - Enrollment can be completed online through your Member Portal at ushja.org
 - There is no minimum points/money won required to qualify for the 2025 International Hunter Derby Championships.
- V. Class Procedures
 - When to start on course (related to scoring of previous competitor)
 - Promptness
 - Schedule (i.e., drag break)
 - Awards presentation
- VI. Sportsmanship
 - Importance of good sportsmanship
 - Public perception
 - Role model for younger riders
- VII. Open floor for questions regarding:
 - Course
 - Judging System
 - Class specifications
 - Other
- VIII. Adjourn and have a great class!



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INTERNATIONAL HUNTER DERBY

BIOGRAPHY FORM

Horse Name: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____ Breed: _____

Sire: _____ Dam: _____

Owner Name: _____ Hometown: _____

Rider Name: _____ Hometown: _____

RIDER BIOGRAPHY:

HORSE BIOGRAPHY/AWARDS:

HIGHLIGHT OF CURRENT SHOW YEAR:

****Please provide information to announcer for use while horse is in the ring****

2025 COMBINED PROGRAM/CLASS FEE REPORT FOR COMPETITION

UNITED STATES HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION



Competition Name: _____ Competition ID: _____
 Competition Date & Location: _____

Competition Fees Reported (Please check all that apply):

	REGIONAL JUMPER 1-3	PREMIER/NATIONAL JUMPER 4-6	
<input type="checkbox"/> *USHJA Fee	_____ x \$5	_____ x \$10	= \$ _____
<i>Please note that Local and Outreach Competitions, and the following classes: lead line, exhibitions, games and races, 4-H member classes, Academy classes and Opportunity classes are exempt from payment of USHJA fees.</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> USHJA International Hunter Derby Fee	_____ NA _____	_____ x \$50 Total # Horses	= \$ _____ Intl. Hunter Derby
<input type="checkbox"/> USHJA International Hunter Derby <u>Non-Enrolled</u> Horse Fee	_____ NA _____	_____ x \$150 Total # Horses	= \$ _____ Intl. Hunter Derby
<input type="checkbox"/> USHJA National Hunter Derby Fee	_____ x 25 Total # Horses	_____ x \$35 Total # Horses	= \$ _____ NHD
<input type="checkbox"/> USHJA Pony Hunter Derby Fee	_____ x \$25 Total # Ponies	_____ x \$35 Total # Ponies	= \$ _____ Pony Hunter
<input type="checkbox"/> USHJA Young Hunter Pony Championship Fee	_____ NA _____ Total # Ponies	_____ . 50% of the entry fee for each pony entry Please enter the total amount to be paid	= \$ _____ YHPC
<input type="checkbox"/> Sallie B. Wheeler Hunter Breeding Championship Fee	_____ NA _____ Total # Horses	_____ x \$37.50 50% of the entry fee for each horse Please enter the total amount to be paid	= \$ _____ SBW
<input type="checkbox"/> USHJA Green Hunter Incentive Fee	_____ x \$10 Total # Horses	_____ x \$20 Total # Horses	= \$ _____ Green Incentive
<input type="checkbox"/> USHJA Hunter Team Challenge Fee	_____ x \$75 Total # Riders	_____ x \$75 Total # Riders	= \$ _____ HTC
<input type="checkbox"/> USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Fee - Junior	_____ x \$10 Total # Riders	_____ x \$10 Total # Riders	= \$ _____ JSM - Junior
<input type="checkbox"/> USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Fee - Adult	_____ x \$10 Total # Riders	_____ x \$10 Total # Riders	= \$ _____ JSM - Adult
<input type="checkbox"/> USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal Fee	_____ x \$10 Total # Riders	_____ x \$10 Total # Riders	= \$ _____ HSM
<input type="checkbox"/> USHJA Equitation Finals (JSM, HSM, Gladstone) Fee	_____ x \$50 Total # Riders	_____ x \$50 Total # Riders	= \$ _____ EQ Finals
<input type="checkbox"/> USHJA Outreach Competition Fee	_____ x \$5 Total # Horses	_____ x \$5 Total # Horses	= \$ _____ Outreach Comp
<input type="checkbox"/> USHJA Outreach Festival Fee	_____ x \$5 Total # Horses	_____ x \$5 Total # Horses	= \$ _____ Outreach Fest

PAYMENT INFORMATION. DO NOT DETACH.

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____
 PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH
Check # _____ (Make Check Payable to: United States Hunter Jumper Association)
 Visa Master Card Discover Card AMEX
Card Number: _____

Exp. Date: ____ / ____ / ____ **Billing Zip Code:** _____
 Card Holder's Name (Print): _____
 Card Holder's Signature: _____
 Go Green - I do not need a hard copy of my USHJA membership card. I will access my card online.
 Your membership includes a one-year subscription to *USHJA In Stride* magazine (\$9.00).

SHOW PASS, MEMBERSHIPS, & HORSE REGISTRATIONS REPORTED:

(PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

USHJA Show Pass Fee _____ x \$30 = \$ _____

USHJA MEMBERSHIPS (Included in Payment)

3 Year Active Membership _____ x \$240 = \$ _____

Active Membership _____ x \$85 = \$ _____

Life Membership _____ x \$1500 = \$ _____

USHJA HORSE REGISTRATIONS (Included in Payment)

USHJA Life Registration _____ x \$75 = \$ _____

Post Comp Total = \$ _____

Mail Application and Payment to:

