

CHAPTER HU HUNTER DIVISION

WHEN A SUBJECT IS NOT ADDRESSED IN THESE RULES, IT MUST BE ADDRESSED BY THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE AND THAT COMMITTEE'S INTERPRETATION WILL STAND AS THE RULE UNTIL THE NEXT YEAR WHEN AN APPROPRIATE RULE CHANGE WILL BE SUBMITTED.

SUBCHAPTER HU-1 DEFINITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY

HU101 Eligibility to Compete – Horse & Pony

1. USHJA Horse Registrations.
 - a. All horses competing in Federation **licensed and/or USHJA sanctioned** competitions with **Hunter, Hunter Breeding, Jumper and Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes not restricted by breed** must be properly identified **in accordance with GR1101**, and must **also be registered with USHJA (see GR1101.1)**. The **USEF/USHJA** registration number for each horse must be entered on all entry forms for licensed competitions.
 - b. Applications for **USHJA** Registration can be completed online at www.ushja.org or www.usef.org using the **USEF** Horse Registration application form. **This** form is also available from the USHJA or Federation office, **as a** download from the USHJA or Federation website or from competition management. Competition management is responsible for notifying exhibitors of this requirement in their prize list.
2. The Hunter Division is open to horses, stallions, mares or geldings. (For rules pertaining to exhibitors who are 18 years of age or older riding ponies, see HU110.11.)
 - 3.1 **In addition to the provisions of HU 101.1, on or after December 1, 2017, all horses competing in classes that require USHJA horse registration must provide a microchip number that verifies their animal's identity in order to compete for points, money won or be eligible for Federation and/or USHJA programs and awards where horses are required to be recorded or registered.**
 - 3.2 **A microchip used to verify identity must be a fifteen digit ISO compliant 11784/11785 chip and be implanted in the nuchal ligament of the animal.**
 - 3.3 **This rule will have a transition period from December 1, 2017 to November 30, 2018. During this period, animals that are not in compliance with this rule will not receive points or be eligible for Federation and/or USHJA programs and awards. After this period, all horses that are competing in classes which require USHJA registration which are not microchipped will be ineligible to compete in Federation licensed competitions.**
4. The Hunter Breeding Section is open to horses only.
 - a. Horses shown as a Thoroughbred must have been either registered with The Jockey Club or meet one of the criteria below. All competitions must require verification of registration on the day of the competition through one of the following methods:
 1. The Jockey Club Certificate of Foal registration or a copy thereof
 2. The horse's lip tattoo, the horse's 5-cross pedigree and the successful tattoo lookup result from The Jockey Club's Tattoo Identification Services, (located at www.registry.jockeyclub.com)
 3. If neither of the above is available, a letter from The Jockey Club verifying the horse's identity.
5. Pony Hunter Breeding classes are open to ponies.
6. Stallions are prohibited from all Pony Hunter classes except breeding classes.
7. Stallions are prohibited from all Junior and Children's' Hunter classes.
8. **Ponies shown by a junior cannot be shown by an adult at the same competition, except in breeding classes in-hand and in accordance with HU110. Ponies shown by an adult at a Licensed Competition cannot compete in any sections or classes at the same competition with a junior rider. (Exception: Breed restricted classes at multi-breed/discipline competitions. *BOD 1/16/16 Effective 12/1/16, BOD 11/7/16 Effective 12/1/16***