



All **Hunter Classes** are judged on manners, performance, way of going and soundness. Age cutoffs are as of **December 1<sup>st</sup>** of the current show year. Ponies and Small Junior Hunters must have USEF measurement cards. All rated hunter and jumper divisions are run in accordance with USEF and USHJA Zone 2 specifications, please refer to [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org) and [www.ushja.org](http://www.ushja.org) for further clarification.

Members must compete in a minimum of three (3) PHSA recognized shows in order to be eligible for a year-end award. PHSA reserves the right to combine, cancel or split any offered divisions depending upon participation. PHSA will notify members by no later than September 1<sup>st</sup> of the competition year regarding this decision.

### **USEF/USHJA RECOGNIZED DIVISIONS**

#### **Green Pony Hunter**

Open to junior riders on ponies of any age who have not been shown over fences at the regulation height (2'3" for small; 2'6" for medium; 2'9" for large) in a recognized division at a PHSA or USEF show prior to December 1<sup>st</sup> of current show year. Fences at 2'3" for small; 2'6" for medium and 2'9" for large. A Green Pony is eligible to compete as a Green Pony for a maximum of two years, they do not have to be consecutive years. Eligibility is the responsibility of the owner. A Green Pony can also compete in the Regular Pony Hunter division at its respective height.

#### **Small Pony Hunter**

Open to junior riders who are less than 12 years old as of December 1<sup>st</sup> of current show year and who are riding small ponies (not to exceed 12.2 hands). Riders may not cross-enter into Pre-Children's Hunter Pony or Children's Hunter Pony. Fences at 2'3". May be combined with Medium Pony Hunter and/or Large Pony Hunter for PHSA year-end award purposes.

### **Medium Pony Hunter**

Open to junior riders who are less than 14 years old as of December 1<sup>st</sup> of current show year and who are riding medium ponies (not to exceed 13.2 hands).

Riders may not cross-enter into Pre-Children's Hunter Pony or Children's Hunter Pony. Fences at 2'6". May be combined with Small Pony Hunter and/or Large Pony Hunter for PHSA year-end award purposes.

### **Large Pony Hunter**

Open to junior riders on large ponies (not to exceed 14.2 hands). Riders may not cross-enter into Pre-Children's Hunter Pony or Children's Hunter Pony. Fences at 2'9". May be combined with Small Pony Hunter and/or Medium Pony Hunter for PHSA year-end award purposes.

### **Junior Hunter 3'3"**

Open to junior riders who have not reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday as of December 1<sup>st</sup> of the current competition year. Riders may not cross-enter into any class at 3'6" or higher in the hunter division, higher than 3'9" in the equitation division or higher than 1.25m in the jumper division at the same competition. Horses entered in Junior Hunter 3'3" sections may not cross-enter into Junior Hunter 3'6" sections at the same competition. May be combined with Amateur Owner 3'3" for PHSA year-end award purposes.

### **Small Junior Hunter 3'6"**

Open to junior riders who have not reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday as of December 1<sup>st</sup> of the current competition year. Horses must be 16.1 hands and smaller with a USEF measurement card. Riders may not cross enter into Children's Hunter Horse or Pre-Children's Hunter Horse. Fences at 3'6". Can be combined with Large Junior Hunter 3'6 and/or Amateur Owner 3'6 for PHSA year-end award purposes.

### **Large Junior Hunter 3'6"**

Open to junior riders who have not reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday as of December 1<sup>st</sup> of the current competition year. Horses must be over 16.1 hands or any horse that does not have a USEF measurement card. Riders may not cross enter into Children's Hunter Horse or Pre-Children's Hunter Horse. Fences at 3'6". Can be combined with Small Junior Hunter 3'6 and/or Amateur Owner 3'6 for PHSA year-end award purposes.

### **Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3"**

Open to Amateur Owners or an amateur member of the owner's family. Riders may not cross enter into Pre-Adult or Adult Amateur divisions. Fences at 3'3". Can be combined with Junior Hunter 3'3" for PHSA year-end award purposes.

### **Amateur Owner Hunter 3'6"**

Open to Amateur Owners or an amateur member of the owner's family. Riders may not cross enter into Pre-Adult or Adult Amateur divisions. Fences at 3'6". Can be combined with Small Junior Hunter 3'6" and/or Large Junior Hunter 3'6" for PHSA year-end award purposes.

### **Green Hunter 3'0" and 3'3"**

A Green Hunter is a horse of any age in its first or second year of showing over 3'0" and 3'3". Eligibility is responsibility of the owner. A horse is eligible to compete as a Green Hunter 3'0" and 3'3" for a maximum of two years regardless of their age. These two years do not need to be consecutive. Horses may compete in either or both the 3'0" or 3'3" Green hunter sections during their two (2) years of eligibility. Horses may not cross enter between 3'0" and 3'3" Green Hunter sections at the same competition. Both 3'0" and 3'3" Green hunter sections will count towards the PHSA Green Hunter 3'0" and 3'3" year-end award. May be combined with the Green Hunter 3'6" and 3'9" for PHSA year-end award purposes.

### **Green Hunter 3'6" and 3'9"**

A Green Hunter is a horse of any age in its first or second year of showing over 3'6" and 3'9", eligibility is the responsibility of the owner. May be combined with the Green Hunter 3'0" and 3'3" for PHSA year-end purposes.

### **Performance Working Hunter**

Open to junior, amateur and professional riders on horses of any age who compete in the High Performance or Performance Working Hunter (3'3" or 3'6") Division(s). High Performance or Performance Working Hunters, are horses of any age, who are not restricted by previous showing.

### **Low Small/Medium Children's Hunter Pony \*C Points Only**

Open to small & medium ponies (not to exceed 13.2) ridden by junior riders according to USEF rules. Low Pony Hunter riders may not cross enter into any class exceeding 2'9" or into the Children's Hunter Pony, Pony Hunter or Green

Pony Hunter at the same competition. Height of Fences: 2'0". May be combined with Low Large Children's Hunter Pony for PHSA year-end purposes.

**Low Large Children's Hunter Pony** \*C Points Only

Open to large ponies (over 13.2 and not to exceed 14.2) ridden by junior riders according to USEF rules. Low Pony Hunter riders may not cross enter into any class exceeding 2'9" or into the Children's Hunter Pony, Pony Hunter or Green Pony Hunter at the same competition. Height of Fences: 2'0". May be combined with Low Small/Medium Children's Hunter Pony for PHSA year-end purposes.

**Low Children's Hunter Horse 14 and Under** \*C Points Only

Open to riders who are not older than 14 years of age as of December 1<sup>st</sup> of the current show year. Riders may not cross enter at the same show into the Children's Hunter, Pony Hunter or any class/section where fences exceed 2'9" (Exception: 3' Equitation). Height of Fences: 2'6". May be combined with Low Children's Hunter Horse 15-17 and/or Low Adult Hunter for PHSA year-end purposes.

**Low Children's Hunter Horse 15-17** \*C Points Only

Open to riders who are at least 15 years old and not older than 17 years old as of December 1<sup>st</sup> of the current show year. Riders may not cross enter at the same show into the Children's Hunter, Pony Hunter or any class/section where fences exceed 2'9" (Exception: 3' Equitation). Height of Fences: 2'6". May be combined with Low Children's Hunter Horse 14 and/or Low Adult Hunter under for PHSA year-end purposes.

**Low Adult Hunter** \*C Points Only

Open to horses and ponies ridden by adult riders who are considered amateurs according to USEF rules. Rider may not cross enter into any class or section at the same competition where the fences exceed 2'9". (Exception: 3' Equitation). Height of Fences: 2'6". May be combined with Low Children's Hunter Horse 14 and under and/or Low Children's Hunter Horse 15-17 for PHSA year-end award purposes.

**Small/Medium Children's Hunter Pony** \*C Points Only

Open to junior riders on small or medium ponies (not to exceed 13.2). Riders may not cross enter into any other class at the show where fences exceed 3' (exception Children's Jumper, Pony Jumper, USHJA National Hunter Derby or Equitation

Classes where the fences do not exceed 3'6"). A rider on a Children's Hunter Pony may not cross enter into Pony Hunter or Green Pony Hunter Divisions at the same show. Fences at 2' with spreads not to exceed fence height. May be combined with Large Children's Hunter Pony for PHSA year-end purposes.

**Large Children's Hunter Pony** \*C Points Only

Open to junior riders on large ponies (not to exceed 14'2"). Riders may not cross enter into any other class at the show where fences exceed 3' (exception Children's Jumper, Pony Jumper, USHJA National Hunter Derby or Equitation Classes where the fences do not exceed 3'6"). A rider on a Children's Hunter Pony may not cross enter into Pony Hunter or Green Pony Hunter Divisions at the same show. Fences at 2'6" with spreads not to exceed fence height. May be combined with Small/Medium Children's Hunter Pony for PHSA year-end purposes.

**Children's Hunter Horse 14 and Under** \*C Points Only

Open to horses ridden by juniors who are not greater than 14 years old as of December 1<sup>st</sup> of the current show year. Riders may not cross enter into any other class at the show where fences exceed 3' (exception Children's Jumper, Pony Jumper, USHJA National Hunter Derby or Equitation Classes where the fences do not exceed 3'6"). A rider on a Children's Hunter Horse may not cross enter into Pony Hunter or Green Pony Hunter section at the same show. Horses competing in Children's Hunter Horse may not cross enter in a Junior Hunter section at the same show. Fences at 3' with spreads not to exceed fence height. May be combined with Children's Hunter Horse 15-17 for PHSA year-end award purposes.

**Children's Hunter Horse 15-17** \*C Points Only

Open to horses ridden by juniors whose are at least 15 years old and not older than 17 years old as of December 1<sup>st</sup> of the current show year. Riders may not cross enter into any other class at the show where fences exceed 3' (exception Children's Jumper, Pony Jumper, USHJA National Hunter Derby or Equitation Classes where the fences do not exceed 3'6"). A rider on a Children's Hunter Horse may not cross enter into Pony Hunter or Green Pony Hunter section at the same show. Horses competing in Children's Hunter Horse may not cross enter in a Junior Hunter section at the same show. Fences at 3' with spreads not to exceed fence height. May be combined with Children's Hunter Horse 14 and under for PHSA year-end award purposes.

**Adult Amateur Hunter 18-35 \*C Points Only**

Open to adult amateur riders who are not older than 35 years of age as of December 1<sup>st</sup> of the current show year. Riders may not compete in any other class at the show where fences exceed 3'6", except Adult Amateur Jumper or USET Talent Search. Riders competing in Amateur Owner Hunter sections may compete one horse they do or do not own in the Adult Amateur Hunter section. Horses may not cross enter between any Adult Amateur or Amateur Owner Hunter section at the same show. Fences at 3', with spreads not to exceed fence height. May be combined with Adult Amateur Hunter Over 35 for PHSA year-end purposes.

**Adult Amateur Hunter (Over 35) \*C Points Only**

Open to adult amateur riders who are more than 35 years old as of December 1<sup>st</sup> of the current show year. Riders may not compete in any other class at the show where fences exceed 3'6", except Adult Amateur Jumper or USET Talent Search. Riders competing in Amateur Owner Hunter sections may compete one horse they do or do not own in the Adult Amateur Hunter section. Horses may not cross enter between any Adult Amateur or Amateur Owner Hunter section at the same show. Fences at 3', with spreads not to exceed fence height. May be combined with Adult Amateur Hunter 18-35 for PHSA year-end purposes.

**Junior Jumper 0.90m – 1.05m and 1.10m – 1.15m \*C Points Only (For PHSA purposes, only one year-end award will be presented)**

To be ridden by exhibitors who have not reached their 18th birthday by December 1<sup>st</sup> of the current competition year. Two sections shall be offered, Junior Jumper 0.90m – 1.05m and Junior Jumper 1.10m to 1.15m. Riders that compete in any over 1.25m cannot compete in any Junior Jumper class below 1.20m at that competition. Horses may show at 1.40m (4'7") or below with another rider. A horse/rider combination may not compete in the classic, stake or highest prize amount class in both the Junior Jumper 0.90m – 1.05m and Junior Jumper 1.10m – 1.15m at the same show. Should the cross entries rules be violated, points in the lower height section are forfeited for that show. If fewer than three (3) entries, the sections may be combined, but horses cannot compete in both height sections. May be combined with Adult Amateur Jumper 0.90m – 1.05m and 1.10m – 1.15m for PHSA year-end award purposes.

**Adult Amateur Jumper 0.90m – 1.05m and 1.10m – 1.15m** \*C Points Only (For PHSA purposes, only one year-end award will be presented)

All exhibitors must be Amateurs in accordance with GR 1306 and must show USEF Amateur Certification. Two sections shall be offered, Adult Amateur Jumper 0.90m – 1.05m and Adult Amateur Jumper 1.10m - 1.15m. Riders that compete in any class over 1.25m are ineligible to compete in any Adult Amateur Jumper class below 1.20m at that show. Horses may show at 1.40m (4'7") or below with another rider. A horse/rider combination may not compete in the classic, stake or highest prize amount class in both the Adult Amateur Jumper 0.90m – 1.05m and Adult Amateur Jumper 1.10m – 1.15m at the same show. Should the cross entries rules be violated, points in the lower height section are forfeited for that show. If fewer than three (3) entries, the sections may be combined, but horses cannot compete in both height sections. May be combined with Adult Amateur Jumper 0.90m – 1.05m and 1.10m – 1.15m for PHSA year-end award purposes.

**Jumpers .85m and Lower**

Open to all juniors, amateurs, or professionals on horses or ponies competing at fence heights lower than .85m (2'9" or below). All classes to be run concurrent with USEF Tables. Horse/rider combinations may only incur points in one section at a competition. The highest number of points awarded in a section will count towards year-end awards. May be combined with Jumpers 0.90m and Higher for PHSA year-end award purposes.

**Jumpers 0.90m and Higher**

Open to all juniors, amateurs, or professionals on horses or ponies competing at fence heights of 0.90m and higher (or between 2'11" and higher). All classes to be run concurrent with USEF tables. Horse/rider combinations may only incur points in one section at a competition. The highest number of points awarded in a section will count towards year-end awards. May be combined with Jumpers 0.85m and Lower for PHSA year-end award purposes.

**PHSA RECOGNIZED DIVISIONS**

**Baby Green Hunter** \*C Points Only

Open to all horses and ponies ridden by any rider, amateur, junior or professional, who are in their first or second year of showing over fences. Fences not to exceed 2'9". Trotting in the corners will not be penalized.

**Low Hunter** \*C Points Only

Open to all horses and ponies ridden by any rider, amateur, junior or professional. May cross enter into any other divisions. Fences at 2'6" – 3'.

**Modified Hunter** \*C Points Only

Open to all Adult Amateur and/or Junior riders on horses and ponies. Riders may only cross enter into beginner rider or pleasure divisions. Ponies to jump 2'; Horses to jump up to 2'3", no oxers. Division may be split into Modified Hunter Horse and Modified Hunter Pony if entries warrant.

**Short Stirrup Equitation** \*C Points Only

Open to junior riders who are less than 12 years of age as of December 1<sup>st</sup> of the current show year. Open to horses and ponies. Judged on hands, seat, general appearance, and control of mount. Four classes: W/T; W/T/C; 2 Over Fence classes, fences not to exceed 2', no oxers. Short Stirrup Equitation riders may cross enter only into Short Stirrup Hunter; however, a Short Stirrup Equitation mount may be ridden by another rider in any other division in which it is eligible.

**Short Stirrup Hunter** \*C Points Only

Open to junior riders who are less than 12 years of age as of December 1<sup>st</sup> of the current show year. Open to horses and ponies. This division consists of one W/T/C class and 3 Over Fence classes (minimum of 6 jumps each class). Fences not to exceed 2', no oxers. Short Stirrup Hunter riders may cross enter only into Short Stirrup Equitation; however, a Short Stirrup Hunter mount may be ridden by another rider in any other division in which it is eligible.

**Leadline** \*C Points Only

Open to children 7 years of age and younger. Riders may not cross-enter any other divisions at the same show.



**Mini Stirrup \*C Points Only**

Open to children 10 years of age and younger that are not yet cantering at shows.  
May not cross enter into any Walk/Trot/Canter class or division.

**PHSA High Score Thoroughbred Performance Award \*C Points Only**

This is awarded to the PHSA registered thoroughbred- as defined as registered with or eligible to be registered with the Jockey Club, and whose owner and rider are current members- who has compiled the greatest number of points in any PHSA Performances division(s). All points will be accrued at the “C” rating to ensure balance amongst eligible competitors.

**Ladies Side Saddle Classes \*C Points Only**

(See also EQ105.1) 1. To be ridden by ladies who are no longer eligible to compete as junior exhibitors. 2. Stallions not permitted. 3. To be judged on performance and soundness with emphasis on manners 75%; formal hunting attire, appointments and general overall appearance of horse and rider 25%. Judges should give particular consideration to quality, condition and cleanliness of tack. Mane and tail must be braided, (Exception: roached manes or pulled tails). Judges must line up exhibitors in order of preference before checking appointments. 4. All horses being considered for an award must be serviceably sound. 5. Over Fences: To be shown over a course of at least eight fences 3’ in height. No in and out to be used. 6. Under Saddle: To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring in formal hunting attire with appointments. See HU148-HU149. If the Under Saddle class is not scheduled as the first class of the section, the schedule must allow at least two hours to prepare before the start. 7. Hunter Hack: To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Judges may ask for a hand gallop but no more than eight to hand gallop at one time. To jump two fences at 2’6”. To be judged on performance and soundness with an emphasis on manners. Under Saddle performance to count 50%, Over Fences performance to count 50%. 8. Three classes must be offered: Over Fences, Under Saddle and Hunter Hack. a. All three classes will count equally for the Championship.