

RULE CHANGE TYPE

Standard

EFFECTIVE

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PROPONENT

USHJA

INTENT

To create a Derby program specifically for ponies that will develop the skills and ability of both ponies and riders and provide a place for younger riders to gain Derby experience at an introductory level. To encourage participation in the Derby program from a broader group of animals, riders, owners and trainers as well as encourage the continued development of an upcoming group of Derby riders that can eventually graduate to the bigger IHD classes and grow the hunter division and hunter/jumper industry as a whole. This proposed rule change also intends to include the USHJA Pony Hunter derby in the existing rule regarding green pony reinstatement eligibility as well as include the USHJA Pony Hunter Derby as Derby money in the \$5,000/\$2,000 maximum applied toward a competition rating.

PROPOSED CHANGE

NEW - HU 191 USHJA PONY HUNTER DERBY [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-13 USHJA INTERNATIONAL HUNTER DERBY, USHJA NAITONAL HUNTER DERBY AND USHJA PRE-GREEN CHALLENGE]

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CHAMPIONSHIPS AND SPECIAL CLASSES

HU 191 USHJA PONY HUNTER DERBY

- 1. A USHJA Pony Hunter Derby may be offered at Federation licensed Premier, National, Regional I and Regional II rated competitions or competitions that have been approved for a Special Competition classification.**
- 2. USHJA Pony Hunter Derby must be offered and run in accordance with official class specifications located at www.ushja.org, including but not limited to:**
 - a. Remitting the per pony entrant fee**
 - b. Distribution of prize money**
 - 3. Riders, owners, and trainers must be current Active members of the Federation and USHJA to participate in this class. Ponies must be registered with USHJA to participate in this class. Exception: Foreign residents and ponies in good standing with their National Federation are eligible to compete in this class.**
 - a. Points earned in a USHJA Pony Hunter Derby will only count for any USHJA Pony Hunter Derby program standings or awards if the rider, owner and trainer are current Active members of the Federation and USHJA, and the horse is registered with USHJA.**
 - b. National and Zone HOTY bonus points will only be awarded for placing in a USHJA Pony Hunter Derby if the owner is a current Active member of the Federation and USHJA and the horse is recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA.**
 - c. National and Zone HOTY bonus points will only be awarded for placing in a USHJA Pony Hunter Derby if:**
 - i. A minimum of 12 ponies compete in the first round at a Premier or National rated competition or a competition that has been approved for a Special Competition classification.**
 - ii. A minimum of six ponies compete in the first round at a Regional I or II rated competition.**
- 4. National and Zone HOTY bonus points will be awarded for a USHJA Pony Hunter Derby as determined by USHJA.**

SUBCHAPTER HU-1 DEFINITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY

HU 103 HUNTER ELIGIBILITY, PRE-GREEN AND GREEN STATUS FOR HORSES AND PONIES

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SUBCHAPTER HU-6 CLASS SPECIFICATIONS

HU143 Hunter Classics

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15. A horse may not compete in more than one classic per section but may compete in an open classic, a USHJA National Hunter Derby, or a USHJA International Hunter Derby at the same competition. A horse is limited to competing in a maximum of two classics or derbies or combination of classics and derbies per competition. (Exception: Leagues approved by the Federation in accordance with GR915.3b).

16. The same pony may not compete in the USHJA Pony Hunter Derby and the USHJA National Hunter Derby at the same competition.

Renumber successive as necessary

SUBCHAPTER HU-8 CONDUCT

HU158 Scheduling

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b. National rated competitions must be held and judged over a minimum of three days on the same competition grounds. A minimum of five "A" rated hunter sections must be offered and a minimum of two performance classes from two different "A" rated Hunter sections must be scheduled and judged on each of the three days. "A" rated Hunter sections must be held and judged over two or more days. (Exception: High Performance Working Hunter, Performance Hunter 3'6", Performance Hunter 3'3" and pony hunter sections). A minimum of \$5,000 in prize money, must be paid in the rated Hunter sections of a National competition. A maximum of \$2,000 of Hunter Classic, **USHJA Pony Hunter Derby** and/or USHJA National Hunter Derby prize money can be used towards calculating the \$5,000 of required prize money for a National rated competition.

c. Premier rated competitions must be held and judged over a minimum of five (5) days on the same competition grounds. A minimum of five "A" rated Hunter sections must be offered and a minimum of two performance classes from two different "A" rated Hunter sections must be scheduled and judged on four of the five days. "A" rated Hunter sections must be held on two or more days. (Exception: High Performance Working Hunter, Performance Hunter 3'6" and Performance Hunter 3'3"). A minimum of \$24,000 in prize money, including add-back money if any, must be paid in the rated Hunter sections of a Premier competition. A maximum of \$5,000 of Hunter Classic, USHJA International Hunter Derby, **USHJA Pony Hunter Derby** and/or USHJA National Hunter Derby prize money can be used towards calculating the \$24,000 of prize money, including add-back money if any, which must be paid for a Premier rated competition. If an add-back is offered, the minimum required prize money for that section must be guaranteed, and the add-backs must be clearly indicated in the prize list. Exception: If sections are canceled or entries are insufficient to award all prize money, then additional money not awarded must be pooled and redistributed 60% to the champions, and 40% to the reserve champions of the remaining "A" rated hunter sections.

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SUBCHAPTER HU-13 USHJA INTERNATIONAL HUNTER DERBY AND USHJA NATIONAL HUNTER DERBY

HU188 USHJA National Hunter Derby

USHJA National Hunter Derby may be offered at USEF Licensed Premier, National, Regional I or Regional II Competitions and at Competitions approved for a Special Competition Status.

1. Competing in the USHJA National Hunter Derby does not qualify a horse or rider for the USHJA International Hunter Derby Finals.

2. USHJA National Hunter Derby are open to all horses and ponies; however, distances will not be adjusted for ponies.

3. The same pony may not compete in the USHJA Pony Hunter Derby and the USHJA National Hunter Derby at the same competition.

3. 4. All USHJA National Hunter Derby classes must meet the requirements set forth by USHJA. Information on class procedures, class requirements, judging system and course requirements is available from the Programs Department in the USHJA office.

4. 5. Competition management will collect and remit to USHJA the per horse entrant fee within 14 days of the competition. This fee must be included in the 10% entry fee maximum. The per horse entrant fee is \$25 at Premier, National and Special Competitions and is \$15 at Regional I and Regional II Competitions.?

~~5- 6. Zone bonus points will be awarded to each horse's respective hunter section as declared at time of entry. A horse may be declared in only one of the following sections at the competition: Pre-Green, Performance Hunter 3'3", Children's, Pony, Small Hunter, Junior Hunter 3'3", Adult Amateur or Amateur Owner 3'3". Only Juniors or Amateurs may declare for the applicable Children's, Pony, Adult Amateur or Amateur Owner 3'3" section. National bonus points will not be awarded. At Premier or National rated competitions zone bonus points will be awarded as follows: 1st - 75, 2nd - 60, 3rd - 54, 4th - 45, 5th - 38, 6th - 30, 7th - 23 and 8th - 15, 9th - 10, 10th - 7, 11th - 5, 12th - 3. At Regional I or Regional II rated competitions, Zone bonus points will be awarded as follows: 1st - 50, 2nd - 40, 3rd - 35, 4th - 30, 5th - 25, 6th - 20, 7th - 15, 8th - 10, 9th - 7, 10th - 5, 11th - 3, 12th - 2. Zone bonus points will be awarded as per a specifications which are found on the USHJA website.~~

6. 7. Prize Money must be distributed in accordance with the official USHJA Class Specifications at www.ushja.org.

7. 8. Riders, owners and trainers must be current active members of USEF and USHJA to participate in this class. (See GR202). Horses and ponies must be registered with the USHJA to participate in this class. Exception: Foreign residents and horses and ponies in good standing with their National Federation are eligible to compete in this class.

a. Money won in a USHJA National Hunter Derby will only count for any USHJA National Hunter Derby program standings or awards if the rider, owner and trainer are current Active member of the Federation and USHJA and the horse is registered with USHJA.

b. USHJA Zone Horse of the Year bonus points will only be awarded for placing in a USHJA National Hunter Derby if the owner is a current Active member of

the Federation and USHJA and the horse is recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA. For additional information and Zone residency requirements see GR1110 and GR1111.

~~8.~~ **9.** No more than one National Hunter Derby may be held during a given competition.

~~9.~~ **10.** The same horse may not compete in the USHJA National Hunter Derby and International Hunter Derby at the same competition.

~~10.~~ **11.** Each class must have a minimum of two judges. All judges will sit together and provide one score.