

## **CHAPTER HJ – HUNTER/JUMPER COMPETITIONS**

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#### **STANDARDS**

**IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN THIS CHAPTER ADDITIONAL RULES RELATING TO FEDERATION HUNTER AND JUMPER COMPETITIONS ARE LOCATED IN OTHER CHAPTERS OF THE FEDERATION RULE BOOK specifically, GR, HU, EQ, and JP.**

**Pursuant to GR 149.1, when a division or section rule is in conflict with a general rule (GR), the division or section rule shall govern.**

**In the event that a standard within this section exceeds the requirement in other Federation rules, the higher standard is applicable.**

#### **HJ100 Effective Dates for Application of Standards at Competitions.**

##### **APPLICATION OF STANDARDS TO HUNTER/JUMPER COMPETITIONS.**

It is anticipated that some competitions will elect not to meet the Standards that are adopted by the Federation. As part of the license renewal process, each competition will be advised of the Standards applicable to the existing Rating or Level of a H/J Competition. The Federation will allow a competition without loss of dates, to elect a lower Rating or Level for the H/J competition consistent with the Standard that the competition elects to achieve.

1. Existing Licensed Competitions including Heritage Competitions eligible for renewal on or after 12-01-2009. Unless stated otherwise in the Standard(s), all Standards established prior to 12-1-2010 are effective on the later of 12-01-2011, or with the first scheduled competition under the renewed Competition License beginning on or after 12-01-2011. See also HJ202 Horse Entry Standards Standards that become effective on 12-01-2011 and thereafter. See also HJ 202 Horse Entry Standards, Renewal & Transition.

3. Effective date for Subsequent changes to Standards.

Any subsequent changes or additions to H/J Standards, unless stated otherwise in the Standards being adopted, must be achieved by a competition effective the first of the month that is 12 months following the date of the Federation's adoption of the Standard. For example, changes or additions to Standards adopted in January of a year will normally become effective on February 1st of the following year, etc.

4. Competitions with the first licensed date of a competition year, prior to the effective date of the new or modified Standard(s) that are applicable to the Rating or Level of a competition, will not be required to meet the new Standard(s) until the next competition year.

5. Standards may be deleted effective immediately when such action is determined appropriate by the Federation.

## **SUBCHAPTER HJ-1 COMPETITION FACILITY AND SERVICE STANDARDS**

**HJ101 Standards.** For All Regular Classifications of Federation Licensed Hunter and Jumper Competitions, including multi-breed competitions with Hunter and or Jumper divisions (Not applicable to breed restricted competitions). Competition Standards set forth below are established to provide consistency in the quality of facilities and services offered in Federation Hunter and Jumper competitions. All such Hunter competitions fall into one of the following Classifications: AA, A, B, C, or Local. All Jumper competitions fall into one of the following Classifications: Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, Level 4, Level 5 or Level 1. For purposes of this chapter Hunter and Jumper competitions are considered a single discipline and subject to the same standards unless otherwise noted.

2. Standards are used as part of the evaluation process for the licensing of competitions and unless a competition intentionally AND/OR REPEATEDLY disregards the application of standards, no fines relating to Standards will be assessed, other than those specified in the Federation rules (i.e. sharps containers \$100, etc), to competitions unless the violation is egregious and/or is related to horse and human safety and welfare. Failure to achieve and to maintain required Standards will be considered as a major factor in the decision renew a license at the same rating.
3. A single competition may receive an exemption by the Federation for application of the standard(s) due to unforeseen and/or extenuating circumstances. Exemptions are not to modify the requirement to meet the standard.

**HJ102 Competition Rings, Schooling Areas, Exercise Areas & Lunge Areas.** Depending on competition rating or level approved, additional requirements may apply.

1. A Competition Ring is defined as a designated area on the competition grounds where classes are held for competition of hunters and/or jumpers. All Competitions must provide a minimum of one (1) dedicated Competition Ring. When a competition ring is not being utilized for its primary purpose, it may be utilized to meet other required Standards for the competition such as exercise, lunge or schooling areas. This area must still meet the Standard for the other required use.
  - a. Beginning 12/01/2011 and ending 11/30/2016, competitions may apply in writing to the Federation for a “Temporary Waiver” of the size requirement Standard of a competition ring, schooling area, exercise area and/or lunge area as set forth in the USEF Hunter and Jumper Competition Standards. A Temporary Waiver may not exceed a five percent (5%) reduction from the Standard. The Temporary Waiver must be based on facts and circumstances that are beyond the control of the competition. Any Temporary Waiver request may only be approved for the period beginning 12/01/2011 and ending 11/30/2016. Full Federation Hunter and Jumper Competition Standards will be required beginning 12/01/2016.

2. A Schooling Area is defined as a designated area on the competition grounds in close proximity to the competition ring in which horses are being prepared to compete.
3. An Exercise Area is defined as a designated area on the competition grounds in which horses at the competition may be exercised both on the flat and over fences.
4. A Lunge Area is defined as a designated area on the competition ground that is used primarily to lunge horses.
5. Horses cannot be required to be exhibited in the competition ring or schooled in the designated schooling areas before sunrise or after sunset unless lighting in accordance with HJ101.6 and GR 834.2 is provided that assures full and complete visibility.
6. Lighting which provides a full and complete visibility for a safe working environment for horses and personnel must be provided if any of these areas (Competition Ring, Schooling area, Exercise area and Lunge area) are open for use between sunset and sunrise.
7. A Judge's site with protection from adverse weather conditions must be provided at each competition ring.
8. Water trucks, sprinklers or another suitable system which must be used for dust reduction for all required and provided rings, schooling, exercise and lunge areas.

### **HJ103 Footing for Competition Rings, Schooling Areas, Exercise Areas & Lunge Areas.**

Depending on competition rating or level approved, additional requirements may apply.

1. The footing in all rings, schooling rings, exercise areas and lunge areas must be safe, consistent and appropriate for the intended use and type of competition. These areas must be properly maintained at least daily, and more often depending upon use and weather conditions.
2. Competition management is required to make an effort to maintain the best possible footing in competition, schooling, exercise and lunge areas. Provisions must be made (by having on hand functioning proper equipment and scheduling sufficient breaks in the schedule) to maintain the footing in those areas, e.g. by dragging, watering, and raking, if necessary, throughout the competition.

### **HJ104 Support and/or Stabling Facilities.**

Depending on competition rating or level approved, additional requirements may apply.

1. When provided, stalls must be of sturdy construction, in good condition and safe for horses and ponies. Prize list must specify type of stabling and type of stabling flooring. Stall doors must be provided. The recommended minimum dimensions for box stalls for horses are 9'6" wide by 9'6" deep or comparable square footage with a minimum ceiling height of 7'0". It is essential that the covering over the stalls is weatherproof.
2. If stabling is provided, at least one sharps container per fifty (50) occupied stalls for the disposal of needles and other disposable sharp instruments must be placed in convenient locations in barns housing competition horses. If stabling is not provided, Competition management must place a minimum of one sharps

container for every seventy-five (75) horses entered the previous year in visible and convenient locations.

3. It is competition management's responsibility to replace sharps containers when full and dispose of them properly. Competition management may fine any individuals including trainers, owners, exhibitors, or their agents up to \$100 for improper disposal of needles or other sharp disposable instruments. Competition management will place a notice of this requirement in its prize list and on a specific handout given to trainers, owners or their authorized representative on check in at the competition.

4. If local law has more stringent requirements than above relating to sharps containers or disposal, local law will prevail. Competitions failing to comply with placing the required number of containers on the competition grounds will be considered in violation of the rules and may be subject to penalty as determined by the CEO or Executive Director and/or the Hearing Committee.

5. Lighting in the barns and stabling area which provides a safe working environment for horses and personnel must be provided.

6. A minimum of one (1) horse wash area with an operational water outlet and drainage for each fifty (50) horses entered in the prior year.

7. When stabling is provided, trash and manure must be removed to the designated dumping area(s) daily or placed in adequate sanitary containment facility. When no stabling is provided there must be a designated trash and manure dumping area(s).

### **HJ105 Other Competition Standards Requirements.**

Depending on competition rating or level approved, additional requirements may apply.

1. Convenient and ample water facilities for horses and potable water for human consumption must be provided and available at all times.

2. A minimum of one (1) clean and sanitary restroom (water closet) either portable or permanent must be provided for every fifty (50) horses entered in the previous year and must be cleaned and supplied daily.

3. At least one (1) food and beverage service available beginning thirty (30) minutes prior to start of first scheduled class and ending one hour prior to the conclusion of the competition for each day of the competition which is adequate to meet the needs of those that attended in the prior year. Vending machines do not qualify.

4. Parking area(s) adequate for vans, trailers, competitors and officials must be provided.

5. A level surface area for measurement (if there are divisions that require measurement) in accordance with GR506.

6. A Competition Office with adequate staff to process workload in a timely manner.

7. Communication between secretary, announcer, in-gate, each ring and stables, if applicable, must be provided.

8. Subject to local law and/or management's specifications as published in both prize list and on entry form, any owner or trainer on the grounds of a competition

must be permitted to haul in hay, grain and bedding, in for their own horses use.

9. The owner or trainer may utilize a farrier or veterinarian of their choice. It is the responsibility of the owner or trainer or competitor to advise the competition if they intend to bring their own vet or farrier onto the grounds.

10. Management must post outside the competition office and include in the prize list emergency telephone numbers plus directions to the competition which could be quickly relayed to the offsite responder. If no cell phone service is available a land line with twenty-four (24) hour access must be provided.

11. The Federation required accident preparedness plan must be distributed to appropriate staff/officials.

12. Information regarding the use of motorized vehicles (golf carts, motorbikes, scooters, etc.) must be in the prize list.

13. Adequate and knowledgeable jump crew, ingate and other personnel to assist in the operation of the competition.

## **SUBCHAPTER HJ-2 RATINGS & HORSE ENTRY NUMBER STANDARDS**

**HJ200 Competition Standards Specific Only to Regular Competition Classification and Ratings as defined below. HJ200 does not apply to Local Competitions. All “Local” Competitions must meet the Standards set forth in HJ100 through HJ105.**

### **HJ201 Definitions.**

1. Definitions.

a. Rated Hunter competitions are classified as “AA”, “A”, “B” and “C” and unrated competitions are classified as “Local”.

b. Jumper competitions are designated as Levels #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 based upon prize money, see JP104.

c. Rated competitions offering Hunter only, or both Hunter and Jumpers will be subject to Standards set forth under the “AA”, “A”, “B” or “C” hunter rating.

d. Standards for a Jumper only competition will be;

(1) Standards set forth under AA required for Jumper Levels 5 and 6

(2) Standards set forth under A required for Jumper Levels 3 and 4

(3) Standards set forth under B required for Jumper Level 2

(4) Standards set forth under HJ100 through HJ104 required for Jumper Level 1

e. Federation Special Competitions or Jumper Level 6 competitions may be subject to a Federation approved waiver or other modification of a portion of the Standards in connection with the Special Competition approval.

f. Whenever two (2) Standards are applicable to a competition, the entire competition is to achieve the highest Standard applicable to any portion of the competition. For Multi-breed competitions which contain hunter and/or jumper sections, and for Local competitions when operating within an existing rated Hunter and/or Jumper Competition, the highest applicable Standard for any portion of the hunter and/or jumper competition is to be applied to the entire

hunter and/or jumper discipline Sections only.

### **HJ202 Horse Entry Standards, Renewal & Transition.**

#### 1. Number of Horse Entries Required for Competitions.

a. Jumper only competitions - no specific number of horse entries are required to achieve the rating for jumper only competitions. Prize money is the alternative criteria required for jumper rating.

b. Required number of Horse Entries for Regular or Local Competition Classification rated Hunter or Hunter/Jumper.

(1) Number of horse entries required for a “AA” rated Hunter or Hunter/Jumper competition is two hundred (200).

(2) Number of horse entries required for an “A” rated Hunter or Hunter/Jumper competition is one hundred (100).

(3) Number of horse entries required for a “B” rated Hunter or Hunter/Jumper competition is fifty (50).

(4) Number of horse entries required for a “C” rated Hunter or Hunter/Jumper competition is twenty-five (25).

(5) There is no number of horse entries required for a “Local” competition.

c. For required number of hunter classes per rating for hunter sections see GR 313.5.

#### 2. Horse Entry Number Determination and License Renewal Requirements.

a. The Competition Horse Entry Numbers Standard (HJ202) is based on the number of horses entered as determined by drug fees paid for the prior year. Horses used in Equitation classes are included in the number of horses entered.

b. During the first three (3) years of a competition, the minimum number of horse entries is determined based upon the minimum number of horse entries required for the rating applied for by the Licensee and approved by the Federation. Following the first three (3) years of operation, a Competition’s License may be renewed if they have achieved the Horse Number Standard in at least one (1) of the first three (3) years. The other Standards that are applied to a competition must be achieved every year in order to maintain the Rating/Level. The License renewal for those competitions in the first three (3) years of operation will occur following completion of the 3rd year of the competition.

c. For Competitions with more than three (3) years operation, a Competitions License may be renewed if they have achieved the Horse Number Standard in at least two (2) of the last three (3) years. The License renewal may be delayed until the completion of the last Competition of the existing License if in the best interest of the competition in an effort to achieve the Horse Entry Numbers required for renewal. The other Standards that are applied to a competition must be achieved every year in order to maintain the Rating/Level.

d. If the required Horse Entry Number Standard is NOT achieved during the period set forth, including if applicable the period set forth in Special Transition (HJ202.3), then the Competition will be provided with a License at a lower rating consistent with the Horse Entry Numbers achieved. The Licensee may continue to conduct a Competition at the same location and on the same dates at the new Rating and/or Level in accordance with HJ202 and subject to achieving other Standards required for the Rating or Level.

e. Renewal at a Higher Horse Entry Standard Requirement. Any higher rating for a competition may only occur upon application by the Licensee and approval of the Federation in accordance with established license procedures.

f. The Federation in its sole discretion may determine that a competition has been adversely affected as a result of an unforeseen or unavoidable occurrence. If this unusual occurrence adversely impacts the number of horses entered in the competition, the Federation will not consider the affected competition year in determining renewal rating eligibility. In order for the Federation to make their determination, facts must be reported in writing by competition management to the Federation Competitions Department prior to the earlier of the third day or end of the licensed competition. Unforeseen or unavoidable occurrences may include Acts of God.

g. The Federation in its sole discretion may audit competitions to determine that they are faithfully compliant with the Horse Entry Standard. If a competition is found to be non-compliant due to inclusion of inaccurate information in the competition report or other reports to the Federation, Licensee is subject to immediate revocation of all licenses.

3. Special Transition for Horse Entry Numbers for Competitions (Licensed prior to 12-01-10)

a. All of the currently licensed competitions that have that have at least 85% of the number of Horse Entries required (HJ202) to meet the Horse Entries Standard for their current Rating and/or Level, may be provided with a Transition Period License. The Transition Period License will allow the Competition Licensee three (3) Federation Competition years beginning on 12/01/2010 to achieve the Horse Entry Numbers required. The other Standards that are applied to a competition must be achieved beginning with the first year that a competition is subject to application of Standards (see H/J000) in order to maintain the Rating/Level.

b. If the required Horse Entry Number Standard has been achieved in two (2) of the three (3) years during this Transition period, the Competition License may be renewed at the same Rating and/or Level in accordance with HJ200 and subject to achieving all of the other Standards required for the Rating or Level.

c. If the required Horse Entry Number Standard is NOT achieved during this Transition period the Competition may be provided with a License at a lower rating consistent with the Horse Entry Numbers achieved. The Licensee may continue to conduct a Competition at the same location and on the same dates at the new Rating and/or Level in accordance with HJ200 and subject to achieving other Standards required for the Rating or Level.

d. Following completion of the Transition Period, when the Competition does not have the required number of horse entries to meet the rating requirement for license renewal, on renewal, the competition rating will be reduced to the rating that reflects the number of horse entries.

e. Currently Licensed Competitions REQUEST for Lower Rating or Level Competition - Prior to or following the effective date of the application of Horse Entry Standard or any other the Hunter and Jumper Competition Standards to a competition, if the competition Licensee is not able or does not wish to meet the

applicable standards to continue their current rating, the Licensee may request and receive a license at a lower rating, subject to meeting the applicable standards for the new rating.

### **HJ203 Requirements to Obtain Federation “Local” and/or Jumper Level 1.**

1. All “Local” and/or Jumper Level 1 competitions must meet the Standards set forth in HJ100 through HJ105.
2. All “Local” Hunter only, or Hunter/Jumper competitions do not have a minimum horse entry requirement.
3. All Jumper only Level 1 and unrated “Local” competitions have no horse entry requirements to achieve the rating for jumper only competitions. Prize money is the criteria required for jumper rating, see JP104.
4. A minimum of one (1) competition ring of at least 20,000 square feet when using an outdoor ring and/or a minimum of one (1) competition ring of at least 14,000 square feet when using an indoor ring.
5. A minimum of one (1) dedicated schooling area that is not being used at the time as an exercise area or lunge area for the period beginning one (1) hour prior to the start of the first scheduled class in the competition ring and ending at the end of the last class in the competition ring. When utilizing an indoor ring as a competition ring, the competition may use schooling breaks between sections within the competition schedule for each day to comply with this Standards requirement.
6. An exercise area must be available for at least one (1) hour within each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset unless lighted as specified in HJ101.6.
7. A minimum of one (1) lunge area not being used at the time as competition rings, schooling areas and/or exercise areas must be available for at least one (1) hour within each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset unless lighted as specified in HJ101.6.

### **HJ204 Requirements to Obtain Federation “C” Rating.**

1. All “C” rated competitions must meet the Standards for all competitions set forth in HJ100 through HJ105.
2. All “C” rated Hunter only, or Hunter/Jumper competitions must have the required number of twenty-five (25) horse entries, in accordance with HJ200.
3. A minimum of one (1) competition ring of at least 20,000 square feet when using an outdoor ring and/or a minimum of one (1) competition ring of at least 14,000 square feet when using an indoor ring.
4. A minimum of one (1) dedicated schooling area that is not being used at the time as an exercise area or lunge area for the period beginning one (1) hour prior to the start of the first scheduled class in the competition ring and ending at the end of the last class in the competition ring. When utilizing an indoor ring as a competition ring, the competition may use schooling breaks between sections within the competition schedule for each day to comply with this Standards requirement.
5. An exercise area must be available for at least two (2) contiguous hours within

each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset unless lighted as specified in HJ101.6.

6. A minimum of one (1) lunge area not being used at the time as competition rings, schooling areas and/or exercise areas must be available for at least one (1) hour within each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset unless lighted as specified in HJ101.6.

7. Licensees providing a “C” Rated competition must select and describe with their license application a minimum of six (6) additional items (not on the required list) from HJ210, two (2) of which must be selected from Group I. HJ205 Requirements to Obtain Federation “B” Rating and/or Jumper Level 2.

1. All “B” rated and/or Jumper Level 2 competitions must meet the Standards for all competitions set forth in HJ100 through HJ105.

2. All “B” rated Hunter only, or Hunter/Jumper competitions must have the required number of fifty (50) horse entries, in accordance with HJ200.

3. All Jumper only Level 2 and unrated “Local” competitions have no horse entry requirements to achieve the rating. Prize money is the criteria required for jumper rating, see JP104.

4. A minimum of one (1) competition ring of at least 24,000 square feet when using an outdoor ring and/or a minimum of one (1) competition ring of at least 16,000 square feet when using an indoor ring.

5. A minimum of one (1) dedicated schooling area that is not being used at the time as an exercise area or lunge area for the period beginning one (1) hour prior to the start of the first scheduled class in the competition ring and ending at the end of the last class in the competition ring. When utilizing an indoor ring as a competition ring, the competition may use schooling breaks between sections within the competition schedule for each day to comply with this requirement.

6. An exercise area of at least 16,000 square feet must be available for at least three (3) contiguous hours within each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset unless lighted as specified in HJ101.6.

7. A minimum of one (1) lunge area of at least 10,000 square feet not being used at the time as competition rings, schooling areas and/or exercise areas must be available for at least two (2) contiguous hours within each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset unless lighted as specified in HJ101.6.

8. Results must be available at show office, on internet or other convenient identified location within forty-eight (48) hours.

9. Minimum bleacher type seating capacity for at least twenty-five (25) must be provided at one (1) of the designated Competition ring(s).

10. Licensees providing a “B” Rated and/or Jumper Level 2 Competition must select and describe with their license application a minimum of eight (8) additional items (not on the required list) from HJ210, three (3) of which must be selected from Group I.

### **HJ206 Requirements to Obtain Federation “A” Rating and/or Jumper Levels 3 and 4.**

1. All “A” rated and/or Jumper Levels 3 and 4 competitions must meet the Standards for all competitions set forth in HJ100 through HJ105.

2. All "A" rated Hunter only or Hunter/Jumper competitions must have the required number of one hundred (100) entries, in accordance with HJ200.
3. All Jumper only Levels 3 and 4 and unrated "Local" competitions have no horse entry requirements to achieve the rating. Prize money is the alternative criteria required for jumper rating, see JP104.
4. Overnight stabling, on the competition grounds, must be provided for any accepted and confirmed entry in a section held on multiple days that has requested and paid for the stall(s) by the closing date of entries. Subject to competition management approval, additional entries may be accepted without stalls with exhibitor prior consent.
5. Adequate hot and cold food and beverage service available beginning one (1) hour prior to start of first scheduled class and continuing until the end of the last class of each competition day. (Excludes Schooling days)
6. A minimum of one (1) competition ring of at least 28,000 square feet when using an outdoor ring and/or a minimum of one (1) competition ring of at least 18,000 square feet when using an indoor ring.
7. A minimum of one (1) schooling area that is not being used at the time as an exercise area or lunge area for the period beginning one (1) hour prior to the start of the first scheduled class in the competition ring and ending at the end of the last class in the competition ring.
8. An exercise area of at least 20,000 square feet if outdoors and 18,000 square feet if indoors must be available for at least three (3) contiguous hours within each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset unless lighted as specified in HJ101.6.
9. A minimum of one (1) lunge area of at least 10,000 square feet not being used at the time as competition rings, schooling areas and/or exercise areas must be available for at least two (2) contiguous hours within each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset unless lighted as specified in HJ101.6.
10. Results must be available at show office, on internet or other convenient identified location within twenty-four (24) hours.
11. Minimum bleacher type seating capacity for at least fifty (50) must be provided at one (1) of the designated Competition ring(s).
12. Water trucks, sprinklers or a system which must be used for dust reduction for all required and provided rings, schooling, exercise and lunging areas as well as all access and egress paths.
13. Sun/rain shelter for horses and riders conveniently located to the competition rings must be provided.
14. Provide for the official competition veterinarian, a clean stall or other suitable area, protected from the elements, secured from public view, adequately lighted, with adequate electrical supply and running water, to serve as a first aid station for the emergency treatment of ill and injured horses must be provided.
15. Licensees providing an "A" Rated and/or Jumper Levels 3 or 4 Competition must select and describe with their license application a minimum of twelve (12) additional items (not on the required list for the A rating) from HJ210, six (6) of which must be selected from Group I.

## **HJ207 Requirements to Obtain Federation “AA” Rating and/or Jumper Level 5.**

1. All “AA” rated and/or Jumper Level 5 competitions must meet the Standards for all competitions set forth in HJ100 through HJ105.
2. All “AA” rated Hunter only, or Hunter/Jumper competitions must have the required number of two hundred (200) entries, in accordance with HJ200.
3. All Jumper only Level 5 and unrated “Local” competitions have no horse entry requirements to achieve the rating. Prize money is the alternative criteria required for jumper rating, see JP104.
4. Overnight stabling, on the competition grounds, must be provided for any accepted and confirmed entry in a section held on multiple days that has requested and paid for the stall(s) by the closing date of entries. Subject to competition management approval, additional entries may be accepted without stalls with exhibitor prior consent.
5. Adequate hot and cold food and beverage service available beginning one (1) hour prior to start of first scheduled class and continuing until the end of the last not count.
6. A minimum of one (1) competition ring of at least 28,000 square feet when using an outdoor ring and/or a minimum of one (1) competition ring of at least 20,000 square feet when using an indoor ring. Competition ring, whether outdoor or indoor, must have designated rider stand/seating.
7. A minimum of one (1) schooling area for each jumper competition ring and a minimum of one (1) schooling area for every two (2) hunter rings that is not being used at the time as an exercise area or lunge area for the period beginning one (1) hour prior to the start of the first scheduled class in the competition ring and ending at the end of the last class in the competition ring. A separate schooling area for hunters, jumpers and ponies must be provided if running concurrently.
8. An exercise area of at least 24,000 square feet if outdoors and 18,000 square feet if indoors must be available for at least four (4) contiguous hours within each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset unless lighted as specified in HJ101.6.
9. A minimum of one (1) lunge area of at least 15,000 square feet not being used at the time as competition rings, schooling areas and/or exercise areas must be available for at least three (3) contiguous hours within each calendar day between the hours of sunrise and sunset unless lighted as specified in HJ101.6.
10. Minimum bleachers type seating capacity for at least one hundred (100) must be provided at one (1) of the main Competition ring(s).
11. Overnight security for the purpose of deterring removal of horses and/or equipment from the grounds must be provided. Exhibitors should recognize that it is not intended for the competitions to take responsibility for items owned by others.
12. Competition results must be available at show office, on internet or other convenient identified location within twenty-four (24) hours.
13. Water trucks, sprinklers or a system which must be used for dust reduction for all required and provided rings, schooling, exercise and lunging areas as well as all access and egress roads/paths.

14. Sun/rain shelter for horses and riders conveniently located to the competition rings must be provided.

15. Provide for the official competition veterinarian, a clean stall or other suitable area, protected from the elements, secured from public view, adequately lighted, with adequate electrical supply and running water, to serve as a first aid station for the emergency treatment of ill and injured horses must be provided.

16. Licensees providing a “AA” Rated and/or Jumper Level 5 Competition must select and describe with their license application a minimum of sixteen (16) additional items (not on the required list for the “AA” Rating) from HJ210, eight (8) of which must be selected from Group I.

### **HJ208 Requirements for Federation “Special” and/or Jumper Level 6 Event.**

1. The purpose of this Rating/Level category is to allow the production of a special competition entertainment Event. This Event may be in connection with a highly promoted and attended, and/or broadcast Hunter and/or Jumper competition. The venue and promotion of the Event would benefit the sport of Equestrian, in a manner that would reflect favorably on the discipline of Hunters and /or Jumpers.

2. Standards applicable to the Event would be those set forth for a “AA” Competition. The special competition event may not be required to meet all of the Standards for a AA Hunter or Jumper Level 5 Competition, and if approved, may be authorized by the Federation, following consultation with the applicable Recognized Affiliate, to operate with modified Standards for the Event.

3. The purpose of this Special Competition Rating is not to allow a scheduled licensed competition to operate other than in accordance with the minimum standards set forth above.

4. The special competition event(s) may count for awards if they qualify and are approved by the Federation, following consultation with the applicable Recognized Affiliate, for the award participation.

5. An application to conduct a Special Competition, Hunter and or Jumper Competition, that requires waiver or modification of the Standards applicable to a Hunter and/or Jumper competitions as either part of an existing Competition or a separate Competition must receive approval by the Federation following consultation with the applicable Recognized Affiliate in accordance with GR301.2.

6. Mileage protection would not apply to a Special Competition, unless the Special Competition occurs within an existing licensed competition that has been licensed by the Federation, and already has mileage protection. Any mileage protection must be specifically requested and approved by the Federation, following consultation with the applicable Recognized Affiliate in accordance with GR301.2.

### **HJ209 Options Menu Selections Required to Obtain Federation Rating for “AA”, “A”, “B” or “C” Rated and/or Jumper Levels 5, 4, 3 or 2. (See Specific Rating Requirements).**

1. Licensees providing a “AA” Rated and/or Jumper Level 5 Competition must select and describe with their license application a minimum of sixteen (16)

additional items (not on the required list for a “AA” Rated and/or Jumper Level 5 Competition) from HJ210, eight (8) of which must be selected from Group I.

2. Licensees providing a “A” Rated and/or Jumper Level 3 and 4 Competition must select and describe with their license application a minimum of twelve (12) additional items (not on the required list for an “A” Rated and/or Jumper Level 3 and 4 Competition) from HJ210, six (6) of which must be selected from Group I.

3. Licensees providing a “B” Rated and/or Jumper Level 2 Competition must select and describe with their license application a minimum of eight (8) additional items (not on the required list for a “B” Rated and/or Jumper Level 2 Competition) from HJ210, three (3) of which must be selected from Group I.

4. Licensees providing a “C” Rated Competition must select and describe with their license application a minimum of six (6) additional items (not on the required list for a “C” Rated competition) from HJ210, two (2) of which must be selected from Group I.

5. Licensees providing a “Local” competition are not required to provide any additional items from the options selection list.

HJ210 Hunter and/or Jumper Competitions Option Selection List.

Rated Hunter, Hunter/Jumper and/or Jumper Levels 5, 4, 3 or 2 Competitions must select and describe with their license application the required minimum number of items to be provided from optional items listed below. Licensee(s) must select the number of items required for the Rating and cannot select option items already required for the competition rating.

1. Group I

a. Sun/rain shelter for spectators.

b. VIP hospitality and sponsor lounge.

c. Designated main competition ring for hunters and/or jumpers which takes priority scheduling over all other competition rings with designated rider stand/seating.

d. Competition website.

e. Night watch for horses stabled on the grounds to be available to exhibitors to contract separately, at exhibitor cost.

f. Provide a Jumbotron, defined as a functioning electronic board that provides both scoring information and video capability in at least one of the Main Competition ring(s).

g. Provide a functioning electronic scoreboard in at least one of one of the Main Competition ring(s).

h. Competition to designate access and egress for horses, pedestrians and vehicles which separates motor vehicles from horses and pedestrians.

i. Camper hook ups with connections for water, electric and tank pump out.

j. Permanent restroom facilities.

k. Shower facilities.

l. Ambulance or additional medical personnel exceeding the minimum required under Federation rules.

m. Automatic External Defibrillator device (AED).

n. Horse ambulance.

o. Permanent stabling.

- p. Official competition photographer.
- q. Water trucks, sprinklers or another suitable system which must be used for dust reduction in all other areas in addition to rings, schooling, exercise and lunge areas.
- 2. Group II
  - \* Denotes options standard which may be required depending on rating.
  - a. Wireless internet access.
  - b. Exhibitor Appreciation Party.
  - c. Exhibitor Lounge.
  - d. Climate appropriate exhibitor lounge area (heated or cooled).
  - e. Online/internet competition entry system available at no charge.
  - f. Acceptance of credit cards for payments by exhibitors.
  - g. Equestrian Equipment Vendors with repair service.
  - h. Veterinarian on grounds during entire competition.
  - i. Provide two (2) or more food and beverage areas not including VIP or other restricted entry facilities.
  - j. Provide golf carts which are available for rent on a reservation basis up to the close of entries.
  - k. Implementation of a plan that includes measureable community awareness and involvement at the competition.
  - l. Press center available during competition hours at no cost to the media covering the Competition with protection from adverse weather conditions and provides electrical plugs and internet access.
  - m. Official competition videographer.
  - n. Sun/rain shelter for horses and riders.\*
  - o. Twenty-four (24) hour security.\*
  - p. A dedicated schooling area for each competition ring. The schooling area must not be used as an exercise or lunge area for the period beginning one (1) hour prior to the start of the first scheduled class in the Competition ring until the conclusion of the last class in the competition ring.\*
  - q. Farrier on grounds during entire competition.\*
  - r. Seating for a minimum of one hundred (100) spectators at the Main Competition ring.\*

**HJ300 Federation Hunter/Jumper or Hunter/Jumper - Local Competitions. All "Local" and Jumper Level 1 competitions must meet the Standards forth in HJ100 through HJ104. No additional option selections are required.**