



UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION, INC.

The following rule changes were approved by the Board of Directors on January 14, 2012 and **effective 12/1/11**.

The following rule changes will be incorporated into the USEF 2012 Rule Book. ***Bold/italic*** format indicates new text. ~~Strikethrough~~ indicates deleted text.

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CHAPTER 3 – COMPETITION LICENSING

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**GR312 General [ CH 3 COMPETITION LICENSING, Subchapter 3-C Licensed Competition Standards] 216-11 effective date 12/1/11:**

2. In the Hunter division, the Increment System will determine points for ribbons won in any rated section. The point value for ribbons won in “C” or “B” rated hunter sections is determined by the number of entries shown. The point value for ribbons won in “A” rated hunter sections is determined by the number of entries shown and the amount of prize money awarded in the rated hunter sections at that competition. **“A”, “B” or “C” rated hunter sections is determined according to the Increment System utilizing a combination of the base points for each placing at each level of section rating and adding one point for each entry shown in the first performance class.**

**Exception: In addition in the First and Second Year Green Hunter, High Performance Hunter, Performance Working Hunter 3’3” and 3’6”, Green Conformation Hunter and Regular Conformation Hunter, standings for all National Horse of the Year Awards based on money won will be determined by dollars won in the horses respective sections. See GR4430 1131.**

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**GR1126 Connemara.** [Chapter 11 Federation Records and Awards, Subchapter 11-E Special Conditions] **291-11 effective 12/1/11:**

1. For eligibility see GR1110.
  2. Point tabulations. See GR1113-1119. Points will be awarded according to the number of horses beaten in a class for which the Federation has class specifications. ~~3~~ **Three** points will be awarded for every horse beaten in a class at ~~a Federation Regular~~ **Licensed** Competitions ~~or a Federation Local Competition~~. Championship In Hand classes will be awarded double points.
  3. National awards will be presented at the USEF Annual Meeting.
  4. Awards will be given in the following categories **for horses participating in Connemara sections as described in Chapter CO:**
    - a. Purebred Connemara Mare- to include points earned in In Hand classes for purebred mares 3 years of age and older
    - b. Purebred Connemara Stallion or Gelding- to include points earned in In Hand classes for purebred stallions or geldings 3 years of age and older
    - c. Purebred Connemara Hunter- One award category
    - d. Purebred Connemara Jumper- One award category
    - e. ~~Purebred Connemara Specialty- One award category [to include Carriage driving, dressage and trail classes]~~
    - f. **e.** Halfbred Connemara Hunter - One award category
    - g. ~~f.~~ Halfbred Connemara Jumper - One award category
    - h. ~~Halfbred Connemara Specialty- One award category [to include Carriage driving, dressage and trail classes]~~
  5. **Awards will be given in the following categories for horses participating in either Connemara sections or open competitions (provided USEF has recieved breed registration papers or verification from ACPS for horses in open competition prior to December 15):**
    - a. **Purebred Connemara Dressage**
    - b. **Halfbred Connemara Dressage**
    - c. **Purebred Connemara Eventing: to be awarded to purebred Connemaras competing in Beginner Novice through Training levels. Note: the McKenna Trophy is a special award given to the highest placing purebred or halfbred Connemara in the Preliminary through Advanced levels.**
    - d. **Halfbred Connemara Eventing: to be awarded to halfbred Connemaras competing in Beginner Novice through Training levels. Note: the McKenna Trophy is a special award awarded to the highest placing purebred or halfbred Connemara in the Preliminary through Advanced levels.**
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**GR1131 Hunter Divisions.** [CH 11 FEDERATION RECORDS AND AWARDS, Subchapter 11-F Awards Section]  
**215-11 effective 12/1/11:**

3. In the Hunter division, points are calculated according to the Increment System. In "C" and "B" rated sections, points are determined by the number of horses shown in the section; in "A" rated sections, points are determined by both the rating of the competition (based on scheduling restrictions of HU160) as well as the number of horses shown. ~~Exception: National awards for First and Second Year Green Hunter, High Performance and Performance Working Hunter, Green Conformation Hunter, and Regular Conformation Hunter will be based on money won based on scale of 1 point for every dollar earned. This includes money won in hunter classics and the international hunter derby. All Zone awards will continue to be awarded based on point values determined by the Increment system. Money Points won in the USHJA International Hunter Derby will only be awarded towards a declared Hunter section for HOTY points if a horse competes in the declared section a minimum of 5 times during the competition year.~~

**Exception: National awards for First and Second Year Green Hunter, High Performance and Performance Working Hunter, Green Conformation Hunter, and Regular Conformation Hunter will be calculated using two systems towards two separate sets of national awards. The national Money Won Awards will be based on the money won by each horse in their respective section. The national Points Awards will be calculated according to the Increment System. Both money won and points won in hunter classics and the international hunter derby will be included. The money won and points won in the USHJA International Hunter Derby will only be awarded towards a declared Hunter section for HOTY points if a horse competes in the declared section a minimum of 5 times during the competition year.**

**GR1131 Hunter Divisions.** [CH 11 FEDERATION RECORDS AND AWARDS, Subchapter 11- Hunter Divisions]  
**219-11 effective 12/1/11:**

5. Increment Chart:

"C" Rated

Exhibitors	3-8	9-15	16-25	26-35	36+
First	15	20	25	30	35
Second	10	15	20	25	30
Third	5	10	15	20	25
Fourth	4	5	10	15	20
Fifth	3	4	5	10	15
Sixth	2	3	4	5	10
Seventh	0	0	3	4	5
Eighth	0	0	2	3	4

"B" Rated

Exhibitors	3-8	9-15	16-25	26-35	36+
First	20	25	30	40	50
Second	15	20	25	35	45
Third	10	15	20	30	40
Fourth	5	10	15	25	35
Fifth	4	5	10	20	30
Sixth	3	4	5	15	25
Seventh	0	0	4	10	20
Eighth	0	0	3	5	10

"A" Rated \$5000 and over.

Exhibitors	3-8	9-15	16-25	26-35	36+
First	30	40	50	60	70
Second	25	35	45	55	65
Third	20	30	40	50	60
Fourth	15	25	35	45	55
Fifth	14	24	34	44	54
Sixth	13	23	33	43	53
Seventh	0	0	32	42	52
Eighth	0	0	31	41	51

“AA” Rated Competitions guaranteeing \$18,001 and offering add-backs in “A” rated Hunter sections, and competitions offering \$2,000 and over

Exhibitors	3-8	9-15	16-25	26-35	36+
First	40	50	60	70	80
Second	35	45	55	65	75
Third	30	40	50	60	70
Fourth	25	35	45	55	65
Fifth	24	34	44	54	64
Sixth	23	33	43	53	63
Seventh	0	0	42	52	62
Eighth	0	0	42	51	61

**Base points per competition rating:**

Rating	“C”	“B”	“A”	“AA”
First	<del>15</del> <u>10</u>	20	30	40
Second	<del>10</del> <u>6</u>	15	25	35
Third	<del>6</del> <u>4</u>	10	20	30
Fourth	<del>5</del> <u>3</u>	6	15	25
Fifth	<del>4</del> <u>2</u>	5	14	24
Sixth	<del>3</del> <u>1.5</u>	4	13	23
Seventh	<del>2</del> <u>1</u>	3	12	22
Eighth	<del>1</del> <u>.5</u>	2	11	21

\* \$500 Qualifies as an “A” Pony Hunter Classic Classics. Bonus points awarded in accordance with HU146.

6. To determine points. Look up division rating. Then check the number of horses shown in the first performance class of the section. Then, find placing and move across chart to determine points value. **Points are calculated according to the Increment System utilizing a combination of the base points for each placing at each level of section rating and adding one point for each entry shown in the first performance class.** Points for competitions offering add-backs will be determined in the Federation Office when results and amount of prize money paid are received.

7. Number of entries. The number of entries is determined by the number of entries shown in the first performance class of the section. Sections may not be split if there are less than 40 entries. Sections may be split if there are 40 but less than 50 entries. Sections must be split if there are more than 49 entries. Competition management must post within 12 hours

of the completion of the class, in a prominent place on the competition grounds, the number of entries shown in the first performance class of each rated Hunter section, signed by the officiating Judge.

8. ~~Division~~ **Section** champions will be awarded 2.0 times the total 1st place point value of the first class in that section **toward any National Horse of the Year point award based on points earned.** ~~Division~~ **Section** reserve champions will be awarded 1.2 times the total 1<sup>st</sup> place value of the first class in that section **towards any National Horse of the Year award based on points earned.** ~~Division champions~~ **Exception: For National Horse of the Year awards that are based on money won, Section Champions in the First and Second Year Green Hunter, High Performance Working Hunter, Green Conformation Hunter, Performance Working Hunters 3’3”, Performance Working Hunters 3’6”-3’9”, and Regular Conformation Hunter will be awarded points dollars equal to 10% of the total prize money offered for each respective section division towards National Horse of the Year awards. Reserve Champions will be awarded points dollars equal to the amount of 5% of the total prize money for each respective section division.**

**GR1139 Saddlebred.** [Chapter 11 Federation Records and Awards, Subchapter 11-F Award Sections] **331-11 effective 12/1/11:**

1. Eligibility. See GR1110. All horses must be registered American Saddlebred Horses, and owners must be members of the American Saddlebred Horse Association.

2. Point Tabulation. See GR1113-GR1119. Points for all competitions will be awarded as follows:

First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth
20	12	8	4	2	1

Started	6+	5	4	3	2	1
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<b>1st</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>2nd</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>3rd</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>		
<b>4th</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>			
<b>5th</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>				
<b>6th</b>	<b>1</b>					

There will be one Federation Regional Competition in each region which will be at a site chosen by the Federation Saddlebred Committee based on the overall quality of the competition. Ribbons won at this Regional Competition will count triple points. In addition, competitions designated as Regional Championships by the American Saddlebred Horse Association will receive triple points.

**a.** The Kentucky State Fair World's Championship Horse Show will receive double **triple** points for qualifying classes and triple points for the Championship and/or Stake.

**b. The UPHA/American Royal National Championship Horse Show** National Championship classes held at competitions other than The Kentucky State Fair World's Championship Horse Show will receive double points for qualifying classes and triple points for the Championship and/or Stake **classes**. There must be a qualifying class in order for the Championship and/or Stake to count for triple points.

**c. The Saddle and Bridle Hunter Classic Final and Saddle and Bridle Shatner Western Final held at the St. Louis National Charity Horse Show will receive triple points.**

3. Regional Awards will be distributed according to the Saddlebred Regional Map.

4. National Awards will be presented at the Federation Annual Meeting.

5. Regional Awards ~~will~~ **may** be presented at an appropriate venue within each region **as approved by the Federation**.

6. Award Categories. National and Regional awards will be given in the following categories: Three-Gaited Park Horse, Open Three-Gaited Saddlebred, Amateur Three-Gaited Saddlebred, Junior Exhibitor's Three-Gaited Saddlebred, Open Five-Gaited Saddlebred, Three Gaited Park Pleasure, Amateur Five-Gaited Saddlebred, Junior Exhibitor's Five-Gaited Saddlebred, **Adult** Three-Gaited Show Pleasure Horse, **Junior Exhibitor Three-Gaited Show Pleasure**, Five-Gaited Show Pleasure Horse, Country Pleasure English Horse, Country Pleasure Western Horse, Show Pleasure Driving Horse, Country Pleasure Driving Horse, Country Pleasure Hunter Horse, Open Fine Harness, Amateur Fine Harness.

### SADDLEBRED REGIONAL MAP

