

Summary of Rule Change Actions following USEF Annual Meeting

Unless otherwise noted, effective date of all rule changes is 12/1/12

Approved

GR 202.1 – Only USEF Recognized Affiliates may charge a mandatory membership/non-member fee in a USEF entry blank

GR 1210.14 – Only Federation Affiliates that have followed the approval process and received approval from their relevant USEF Recognized Affiliate may charge a mandatory participation fee on a USEF entry blank.

GR 312.2, 1131.3, 1131.5 – Passage of the new increment chart and a dual award system in the Professional Hunter sections. Retroactively effective 12/1/11

GR 313.6, 1131.10 – made the Performance Hunter 3'6" only

GR 706.1g – Makes the Official responsible for being currently and correctly licensed

GR 801.2 – Helmets will be required by anyone mounted on H/J competition grounds beginning **4/1/12**

GR 839.4m – Cannot use anything that restricts a horse's ability to close its mouth, unless it is a oral speculum being used by an equine dentist or vet for therapeutic purposes

GR 904.1 – unrated classes can be added to the schedule at management's discretion

GR 1024.4 – allows an FEI course designer with the approval of the National Jumper Committee to become a USEF R course designer without apprenticing, taking an exam or clinic.

GR 1060.a – clarifies the learner judging requirements for an R in Hunter Breeding

GR 1113.2, HU 145 – Allows ladies side saddle over fences classes to count for points and championships if there are 3 entries that show, rather than 3 entries being required to complete the course

GR 1304.1 – Reorganized the rule on judging requirements and restrictions to put all the information governing H/J judges in one place. There were no substantive changes to the rule.

GR 1306 – New and clearer definition of an Amateur

EQ 109.4 – the horse wearing a tail wrap results in elimination

EQ 110.1, HU 135.3e, JP 137.5 – rider may not remount in the ring following a fall

EQ 111.11 – a plank cannot be used as the top element of a jump

EQU 112.9a – in the USEF Medal spreads may be 4' with the exception of a triple bar which can be a maximum of 5'

EQ 1112.15g – in WIHS classes the reins must be attached to the bit or directly to the bridle

HU 106.3 – Put back in the language allowing Zones to submit their own specifications for Pre-Green Hunters

HU 106.4f and 109.1 – removed Pairs and Hunter Teams from the unrated class descriptions and the height requirements. These will now be offered as exhibition classes and heights will be set at management's discretion.

HU 109.1d – In Jr and Children's Hunters offered split cannot be combined with fewer than 6 entries in each offered section

HU 111.3 – allows the combining of 3'3" and 3'6" Performance Hunters when there are fewer than 6 in either section but does not allow either Performance Hunter to be combined with any other hunter sections.

HU 112.1 – conformation Hunters must be split if there are 4 or more in each section

HU 114.1 – allows a floating split in 3'3 A/O which will be required to be offered split as well as allowing the floating split in the AA hunters. Additionally sections offered split may not be combined unless there are fewer than 6 in any of the offered sections.

HU 119.8 – Riders cannot be required to hand gallop the first fence of a line with a measured distance

HU 120.3 – Posted courses must indicate the number of obstacles

HU 121.1 – 19 – The heights of the obstacles for hunters were removed from the specific hunter section descriptions and moved to this rule which is title Height of Obstacles.

HU 146.3 – A handy course cannot be used in a Hunter Classic

HU 189 – Allows Derbies to be offered at USEF licensed "AA" competitions and competitions with special status. Requires that Competition management will collect and remit to USHJA the per horse entrant fee determined by the USHJA. This fee must be included in the entry fee. Changes the bonus points awarded for the new increment system. **Effective 6/1/2012**

JP 103.2 – eliminated wording "main ring" and uses language ring in which the most prize money is offered during that session.

JP 120.5 – 60% of the jumps must conform to the level of difficulty, excluding the first fence, the first fence in a triple and a water jump

JP 120.7 – clarifies process for certifying the level of difficulty

JP 133.2, 135.3 – deal with the knocking down or displacement of an obstacle that is not caused by a jumping effort incurs no penalty and if this forces the rider to hold up while the obstacle is rebuilt there is not 6 second penalty