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Rule Change Intent

The low sections of the Children's Hunter Horses and Adult Amateurs are popular and necessary sport development entry points for many exhibitors. It is critical that the zones provide encouragement and recognition at this level. With the dissolution of the Stirrup Cup program it is important to make every effort that we continue to serve these members at the zone level.

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Linked Rules	Comments
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Committee Actions

HU139 Low Adult Amateur

1. Competitions must offer Low Adult Amateur Hunter sections in accordance with the specifications of the applicable USHJA zone. The specifications as shown below will apply unless addressed by specific zone specifications (available at www.ushja.org).

- a. To be ridden by exhibitors who have reached their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year and who hold a current Federation Amateur Status.**
- b. Riders may not cross enter into any class or section where fences exceed 2'9" at the same competition (Exception: 3'0" Equitation).**

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HU145 Low Children's Hunter Horse Sections

1. Competitions must offer Low Children's Hunter Horse sections in accordance with the specifications of applicable USHJA Zone. The specifications as shown below will apply unless addressed by specific zone specifications (available at www.ushja.org).

- a. To be ridden by exhibitors who have not reached their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year.**
- b. Restrictions: Riders may not cross enter into the Children's Hunter, Large Pony Hunter or any class/section where fences exceed 2'9" at the same competition (Exception: 3'0" Equitation).**
- c. Stallions are prohibited from all Low Children's Hunter Horse classes.**

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HU174 Hunter Classics

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2. Hunter Classics may be offered for any rated sections offered and held at the same competition. An Open Hunter Classic is a classic that is open to entries from multiple hunter sections of the same rating. It is permitted for Open Hunter Classics to encompass several fence heights to correspond with the respective hunter sections being offered. It is not permitted for an Open Hunter Classic to encompass multiple ratings. The prize list must state the specific hunter sections that are invited to compete in the Open Hunter Classic. If a horse competes in more than one hunter section qualifying for the Open Hunter Classic, the exhibitor must declare their point section to the Competition Secretary on a declaration form at the time of entry into the Classic. All other provisions of HU174 apply to Open Hunter Classics.

- a. Six (6) entries are required to conduct a Hunter Classic.
- b. If there are fewer than six (6) entries in any one Hunter Classic, it may combine with other sections of the same rating. Exception: The Adult Amateur Hunter Classic, **Low Adult Amateur Hunter Classic**, Children's Pony Hunter Classic, and Children's Hunter Classic and **Low Children's Hunter Horse Classic** may be held with the number of entries indicated in the Zone specifications. If Hunter Classics are combined and a horse is shown in more than one section qualifying for the Hunter Classic, the exhibitor must declare their point section to the Competition Secretary on a declaration form at the time of entry into the Classic.
- c. Hunter Classics cannot be divided in any manner and held by section if there are fewer than six (6) entries in each divided section. Exception: "A" rated sections must have twelve (12) entries to divide.

3. All Hunter Classics must be conducted as a two round class. A handy hunter round may not be used as part of a Hunter Classic. A Hunter Classic may be conducted as a separate two round class or a designated hunter class of the specified Hunter section may be counted as the first round of the Hunter Classic. However, the second round may not be another designated class in the Hunter section, but must be held as a separate round. If a designated class is used as a first round, each round shall count 50%.

4. At National and Premier competitions, in sections with an "A" rating, Hunter Classics conducted using either a designated hunter class as the first round or a separate two round class must offer at least \$1000 in prize money and sections with a "B" or "C" rating must offer at least \$500 in prize money. (Exception: Pony Hunter Classics in sections with an "A" or "B" rating must offer at least \$500 in prize money; Children's Hunter Pony is not required to offer prize money). At Regional I and Regional II competitions, in sections with a "B" or "C" rating, Hunter Classics conducted using either a designated hunter class as the first round or a separate two round class must offer at least \$250 in prize money (Exception: Children's Hunter Pony **and Low Children's Hunter Horse are** is not required to offer prize money and if a Children's Hunter Horse and Children's Hunter Pony Classics are combined, the competition is not required to offer prize money in the combined Classic). At Premier, National, Regional I and Regional II competitions, when a Hunter Classic is conducted as a separate two round class, the minimum prize money offered as stated above.

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