

2024 HJAM Class Specifications

HUNTER DIVISIONS

JOGGING per the USEF (HU118) - In all classes over obstacles, all horses being considered for an award must jog for soundness using either Option A or Option B below. (Exception: sections or classes with specifications that do not require horses to jog, and unrated classes). Management must state in the competition prize list which method of jogging will be used. Horses/ponies that are unsound will be eliminated and ineligible for an award in that class. The judge's decision regarding soundness is final.

Option A: Horses/ponies are required to trot a circle on a loose rein at the end of each over fences performance. Horses/ponies may be asked to return to the ring and trot another circle at the judge's discretion.

Option B: Horses/ponies will be jogged together with the rider unmounted in the judge's order of preference. Two additional entries in addition to the number of ribbons must jog if there are sufficient entries. Horses/ponies may be asked to re-jog at the judge's discretion. A horse/pony may not leave the ring until the job has been declared official by the judge, or it will be eliminated. A horse that is unruly, one that breaks away from the handler or one whose actions threaten to endanger the rider, handler, other exhibitors or their entries will be eliminated. (Exception: Hunter Breeding and Pony Breeding). A horse may not be eliminated for receiving outside assistance in the jog. In classes restricted to ponies a junior must jog the pony for soundness.

GREEN CONFORMATION HUNTER – Fences 3'6" To be judged 70% on Performance and 30% on Conformation. Green Hunters are required to jog for soundness.

HIGH PERFORMANCE CONFORMATION HUNTER – Fences 3'9" To be judged 70% on Performance and 30% on Conformation. Performance Hunters are required to jog for soundness

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GREEN HUNTERS – See USEF rulebook for Green Hunter eligibility. Green Hunters are required to jog for soundness.

Green Hunters 3'0"

Green Hunters 3'3"

Green Hunters 3'6"

Green Hunters 3'9"

PERFORMANCE HUNTER 3'3' Performance Hunters are required to jog for soundness

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HIGH PERFORMANCE HUNTER 3'9" – 4'0" Performance Hunters are required to jog for soundness

NATIONAL HUNTER DERBY – See USHJA specs.

YOUNG HUNTERS – Young hunters must be age verified with USEF. Young Hunters are not required to jog.

Young Hunters 2'9" - 5 Years & Under

Young Hunters 3'0" - 6 Years & Under

Young Hunters 3'3" - 7 Years & Under

AMATEUR OWNER HUNTERS – Horse/Rider combination cannot show in both Adult Amateur and Amateur Owner Hunter divisions at the same show. Amateur Owner Hunters are required to jog for soundness

Amateur Owner Hunter 18-35 - Fences 3'6"

Amateur Owner Hunter 36/O - Fences 3'6"

Amateur Owner Hunter Low 18-35 - Fences 3'3"

Amateur Owner Hunter Low 3'3" 36/O - Fences
3'3"

JUNIOR HUNTERS – Horse/Rider combination cannot show in both Children's and Junior Hunter sections at the same show. All horses showing in the Small Junior Hunter Section must have a USEF measurement card. **A Small Junior Hunter is 16.1 hands and under.** Junior Hunters are required to jog for soundness

Small Junior Hunter, Rider 15/U Yrs - Fences 3'6"
Small Junior Hunter, Rider 16–17 Yrs - Fences 3'6"
Large Junior Hunter, Rider 15/U Yrs - Fences 3'6"
Large Junior Hunter, Rider 16–17 Yrs - Fences 3'6"
3'3" Junior Hunter, Rider 15/U Yrs, - Fences 3'3"
3'3" Junior Hunter, Rider 16–17 Yrs - Fences 3'3"

GREEN PONY HUNTERS – See USEF rulebook for Green Pony Hunter eligibility. All ponies must have a current USEF measurement card or valid measurement form issued by USEF. Riders under the age of 18 years may ride in any Green Hunter Pony section. Green Pony Hunters are required to jog for soundness

Small Pony - Fences 2'3"
Medium Pony – Fences 2'6"
Large Pony – Fences 2'9"

PONY HUNTERS –All ponies must have a current USEF measurement card or valid measurement form issued by USEF. Pony Hunters are required to jog for soundness

Small Ponies (12.2 hands or smaller) may only be ridden by Junior riders, age 12 & U. Fences – 2'3"
Medium Ponies (13.2 hands or smaller) may only be ridden by Junior riders, age 14 & U. Fences – 2'6"
Large Ponies(14.2 hands or smaller) may only be ridden by Junior riders, age 17 & U. Fences – 2'9"

CHILDREN'S HUNTERS - See USHJA Zone V specs for eligibility and cross entry restrictions. Fences 3'0"

Children's Hunters 14 & Under
Children's Hunter's 15-17

ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER – See USHJA Zone V specs for eligibility and cross entry restrictions. Fences 3'0"

A/A Hunter 18-35
A/A Hunter 36-49
A/A Hunter 50 + Years

CHILDREN'S HUNTER PONY - See USHJA Zone V specs for eligibility and cross entry restrictions .All ponies must have a current measurement card or valid measurement form from the USEF.

Children's Pony Hunters, Small – Medium, Fences 2'0"
Children's Pony Hunters, Large, Fences 2'6"

BABY GREEN HUNTER – Open to horses in their first 12 months of showing in USEF Regular Member shows. May not cross enter into any classes where fences exceed 3'0". No in-and-out, no jog.

NON-THOROUGHBRED HUNTER – Open to all Non-Thoroughbred (Not Jockey Club Registered or eligible to register) horses. Ponies not eligible. Fences 2'9"

MODIFIED CHILDREN'S/ADULT HUNTERS – Open to all Children's and Adult Amateur riders. Riders may not cross-enter any other divisions at the show which are restricted to Children's or Adult Amateur riders, with the exception of the MODIFIED CHILDRENS/ADULT EQUITATION. Fences 2'9"

TAKE2 -THOROUGHBRED HUNTER – Open to all Thoroughbred (Jockey Club Registered or equivalent) horses, proof must be provided. Fences 3'0"

INTERMEDIATE CHILDREN'S/ADULT HUNTER 2'6" – Riders may not compete in any class that exceeds 2'6" at the show. No oxers, no in-and-outs.

INTERMEDIATE CHILDREN'S/ADULT HUNTER 2'0" – Riders may not compete in any class that exceeds 2'0" at this show. No oxers, no in-and-outs.

USHJA - HJAM HUNTER – Open to all horses and ponies.

USHJA-HJAM Hunter 2'0" Oxers are optional, combinations are not permitted. USHJA-HJAM Hunter 2'3" Oxers are optional, combinations are not permitted. USHJA-HJAM Hunter 2'6" Combinations are permitted

USHJA-HJAM Hunter 2'9" Combinations are permitted

USHJA-HJAM Hunter 3'0" Combinations are permitted

LOW CHILDREN'S HUNTER – See USHJA Zone V specs. Open to Junior riders. Riders may not cross enter into any class which fences exceed 2'9". Fences 2'6" and no in-and-out

LOW ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER – See USHJA Zone V specs. Open to Adult riders. Riders may not cross enter into any class which fences exceed 2'9". Fences 2'6" and no in-and-out

SHORT STIRRUP HUNTER – Open to all riders 11 & under. Riders in this section may only cross enter into other classes that do not exceed 2' in height with no oxers. Fences 2'. No Oxers.

SCHOOLING PONY HUNTER/SCHOOLING PONY HORSE– Open to all riders, ponies and horses. Fences 2'0" or 2'6"

HJAM-approved shows may offer opportunity classes (walk, walk/trot, walk/trot/canter, poles, cross-rails) at their discretion. HJAM will not offer annual awards for such classes but encourages their inclusion in horse show schedules.

JUMPER DIVISIONS

LOW JUNIOR/ADULT AMATEUR JUMPER – Open to junior and amateur riders. Amateur riders may compete up to 2 horses they do not own, per height section per competition. There is no limit on the number of horses that may be ridden by the owner or an amateur member of the owner's family .Fences – 1.20m. Same horse and rider combination may not compete in both the Low and Medium, Classic at the same show. Classic fence height – 1.25

MEDIUM JUNIOR/ADULT AMATEUR JUMPER – Open to junior and amateur riders. Amateur riders may compete up to 2 horses they do not own, per height section per competition. There is no limit on the number of horses that may be ridden by the owner or an amateur member of the owner's family...Fences – 1.35m. Same horse and rider combination may not compete in both the Low and Medium, Classic at the same show. Classic fence height – 1.35

INTERMEDIATE CHILDREN'S/ADULT AMATEUR JUMPERS - Rider may not cross-enter above 3'1"/.95m (except Eq 3') at the same show. Fences - .80m

NOVICE CHILDREN'S/ADULT AMATEUR JUMPERS - Horse/Rider combination may not cross-enter above 1.00m at the same show. Fences .90m-.95m. Classic .95m

CHILDRENS JUMPER/ADULT AMATEUR JUMPERS –Riders may not cross enter into High Junior or High Amateur classes or any other jumper class exceeding 1.30. at the same competition with the exception of classes which do not offer prize money. Fences 1.10m.to 1.15m.

LOW CHILDRENS JUMPER/ADULT AMATEUR JUMPERS – Riders may not cross enter into any classes held above 1.15m,..Fences 1.00m.to 1.05m

OPEN JUMPER – LOW – Open to all horses and riders. Year-end HJAM Championship awarded to horse with most points in Open jumper classers 1.15m and under

OPEN JUMPER – LOW – Open to all horses and riders. Year-end HJAM Championship awarded to horse with most points in Open Jumper classes over 1.15m.

EQUITATION AND MEDALS

Intermediate Children's/Adult Equitation 2'6" – Open to riders eligible for Intermediate Children's /Adult Hunter. No oxers and no in-and-out. Only one bending line or roll back is allowed and neither are required.

Intermediate Children's/Adult Equitation 2'0" – Open to riders eligible for Intermediate Children's /Adult Hunter. No oxers and no in-and-out. Only one bending line or roll back is allowed and neither are required.

Low Children's Equitation – Same specs as Low Children's Hunter. Fences 2'6". No in-and-out. Only one bending line or roll back is allowed and neither are required.

HJAM Low Children's Medal – Open to all junior riders who are eligible to show in the Low Children's and Intermediate Hunter & Equitation Sections. Only current members of the Hunter/Jumper Association of Michigan will receive points for year-end finals and awards. To be shown over a course of no less than 8 jumps. No in-and-out. Only one bending line or roll back is allowed and neither are required. The judge must select 2 USEF Tests (1 – 7) to be ridden as part of the course. Fences 2'6".

Low Adult Equitation – Same specs as Low Adult Hunter. Fences 2'6". No in-and-out. Only one bending line or roll back is allowed and neither are required.

HJAM Low Adult Medal – Open to all amateur riders who are eligible to show in the Low Adult and Intermediate Hunter & Equitation Sections. Only current members of the Hunter/Jumper Association of Michigan will receive points for year-end finals and awards. To be shown over a course of no less than 8 jumps. No in-and-out. Only one bending line or roll back is allowed and neither are required. The judge must select 2 USEF Tests (1 – 6, 8, 20) to be ridden as part of the course. Fences 2'6".

Limit Equitation – Open to Junior Riders who have not won 6 Blue Ribbons within the Limit Equitation or Open Equitation divisions Over Fences or On The Flat and who have never competed in any class where the fence height exceeds 3'5". If the rider has won 6 blue ribbons, the rider may complete the show year in the division for year-end award eligibility but may not ride in the division in future years. To be shown over 6 or more fences with wings. Combination and 1 lead change. Tests 1-6, 8, 20 optional. Fences not to exceed 3'.

HJAM Limit Junior Medal – Open to Junior Riders who have not won 6 Blue Ribbons in the Open Equitation and/or Limit Equitation classes over fences and who have never competed in any class where the fence height exceeds 3'5". Juniors who are eligible at the beginning of the show year may continue to ride in the HJAM Limit Junior Medal throughout current show season. Only current members of the Hunter/Jumper Association of Michigan will receive points for year-end finals and awards. To be shown over a course of no less than 8 jumps which must include 1 combination including an oxer and 2 changes of direction (changes of Lead). The Judge must select 2 USEF Tests to be ridden as part of the course. Tests 1-6, 8, 20.. Fences 3'

MODIFIED CHILDREN'S/ADULT EQUITATION – Open to all Children's and Adult Amateur riders. Riders may not cross-enter any other divisions at the show which are restricted to Children's or Adult Amateur riders, with the exception of the MODIFIED CHILDRENS/ADULT HUNTERS. Fences 2'9"

Equitation 14 & under – Fences not to exceed 3'. Tests 1-23 optional.

Equitation 15-17 – Fences not to exceed 3'3". Tests 1-23 optional.

HJAM Open Junior Medal – Open to all Junior Riders. Only current members of the Hunter/Jumper Association of Michigan will receive points for year-end finals and awards. To be shown over a course of no less than 8 jumps which must include 1 combination including an oxer and 2 changes of lead. The Judge must select 2 USEF Tests to be ridden as part of the course. Tests 1-23. Fences 3'3"

Adult Equitation – Open to riders ages 18 and older. Professionals not to ride. Fences not to exceed 3'. Tests 1-23 optional.

HJAM Adult Medal – Riders 18 years and older. Professionals not to ride. Only current members of the Hunter/Jumper Association of Michigan will receive points for year-end finals and awards. To be shown over a course of no less than 8 jumps which must include 1 combination including an oxer and 2 changes of lead. The Judge must select 2 USEF Tests to be ridden as part of the course. Tests 1-23. Fences 3’

Short Stirrup Equitation – Open to all riders 11 & under. Riders in this section may only cross enter into other classes that do not exceed 2’ with no oxers. Fences to be a maximum of 2’. No Oxers.

Children’s Pony Equitation – Same specifications, fence heights, and distances as Zone V Children’s Pony Hunter. Riders in HJAM Children’s Pony Equitation & Medal classes are not allowed to cross enter into any regular pony divisions and are ineligible to enter once the rider has shown in any regular pony divisions or Open Pony Equitation or Medal Classes. HJAM will allow riders to apply for reinstatement.

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Pony Equitation – Open to Junior riders. Fences 2’3” small/ 2’6” Med/3’ Large. Tests 1-6, 8, 20 optional.

HJAM Pony Medal – Open to Juniors who are eligible to show in the Pony Hunter Divisions. Only current members of the Hunter/Jumper Association of Michigan will receive points for year-end finals and awards. To be shown over a course of no less than 8 jumps which must include one combination including an oxer and 2 changes of lead. The judge must select 2 USEF Tests (1-6, 8, 20) to be ridden as part of the course. Small Ponies 2’3”; Medium Ponies 2’6”; Large Ponies 3’.

HJAM EQUITATION MEDAL FINALS

Riders competing in the HJAM Medal Final must be current members, in good standing, of HJAM.

Should the top 15 riders not be in attendance at the selected medal finals show, HJAM will then offer entry to riders for the available/open spots who are “next in line” with the point system. Should the riders on the waiting list be exhausted, HJAM may offer available spots to those HJAM members who have previously competed in the respective HJAM Medal Class during the qualifying period of January 1st 2024 through July 31st 2024.

Riders must enter by 5pm the prior day of the Medal Final’s Day to be eligible to compete in the HJAM Medal Finals.

Points earned in the Medal Final’s Classes *will not count* towards year-end awards. This only applies to the Medal Finals, all other classes offered at the selected Medal Finals show will count towards year end HJAM awards.

Riders Qualified for Multiple Medal Finals: Riders are encouraged to move up divisions during the show season and may be qualified for more than one medal final. Riders qualified for multiple medal finals are restricted to competing in only ONE Medal Final. Any riders qualified for multiple finals must declare which Medal Finals class they wish to participate in by July 30th to ensure the maximum number of riders are offered an invitation.

Low Children’s and Low Adult Medal Finals Participants: Per the specs of the Low Children’s Hunter & Equitation and Low Adult Hunter & Equitation divisions, riders may not cross- enter into any class which fences exceed 2’9” at the same horse show. **Should a rider have jumped 3” or higher at more than one horse show they are no longer eligible to compete in the HJAM Low Child or Low Adult Medal Final, the rider.**

Children's Pony Medal Finals Participants: Riders are not allowed to cross enter into any regular pony division or Open Pony Equitation or Medal classes at the same horse show. Same rules apply as listed above.

Previous Medal Finals Winners: Once a rider has won the Medal Finals Ride-Off Final in the *Children's Pony Medal*, the *Low Children's Medal*, and the *Limit Junior Medal*, they are no longer allowed to compete in that Medal Final class again.

Trainer Conflicts: Numerical scores will be given for the over fences portion of the Medal Finals. There will be NO "putting on hold" the flat phase of the HJAM Medal Finals due to a Trainer or Rider conflict.

Warm up classes are open to all horses in the HJAM Medal Finals; professionals may ride.

HJAM Open Junior Medal Final – Fences 3'3"

HJAM Limit Junior Medal Final – Fences 3'

HJAM Pony Medal Final – Fences: Sm-2'3"; med-2'6"; large-3'

HJAM Children's Pony Medal Final – Fences: Sm & med-2'0"; Large-2'6" (no combinations)

HJAM Adult Medal Final – Fences 3'

HJAM Low Adult Medal Final – Fences: 2'6" (no combinations)

HJAM Low Children's Medal Final – Fences: 2'6" (no combinations)

Open EQ Warm up O/F – at respective heights

