

# 2025 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** – See USEF rulebook. 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** – See USEF rulebook. Fences 3'9" To be judged 70% on Performance and 30% on Conformation. Performance Hunters are required to jog for soundness

**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'** - See USEF rulebook. Performance Hunters are required to jog for soundness

**PERFORMANCE HUNTER 3'6'**- See USEF rulebook. Performance Hunters are required to jog for soundness

**HIGH PERFORMANCE HUNTER 3'9" – 4'0"** See USEF rulebook. Performance Hunters are required to jog for soundness

**NATIONAL HUNTER DERBY** – See USHJA specs.

**YOUNG HUNTERS** – See USEF rulebook. 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

## **THOROUGHBRED HUNTERS** - See USEF rulebook

Thoroughbred restricted classes are open only to horses that are registered with USHJA and are in possession of Breed Registry papers. Fence Heights: 3'0". No minimum entries required for point to count.

**AMATEUR OWNER HUNTERS** – See USEF rulebook. 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** – See USEF rulebook. 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** – See USEF rulebook. 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"

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

**Cross Entry:** Riders: Riders entered in Adult Amateur Hunter sections may not compete in any other class in which obstacles exceed 3'5" at the same competition (exception: Equitation, Jumper classes 1.20m and lower, Amateur Owner Hunter classes, and the USHJA International Hunter Derby). Riders competing in the Amateur Owner Hunter sections may compete on one different horse in the Adult Amateur Hunter section.

**Horses:** Horses cannot cross enter into 3'3" or 3'6" Amateur Owner Hunter sections at the same competition. Horses may only compete in one age group per competition

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

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

**Cross Entry: Rider:** A Children's Hunter Horse rider may only compete one different horse in the Junior Hunter Sections. Riders entered in Children's Hunter Horse sections may not compete in any other class in which obstacles exceed 3'5" at the same competition (exception: Equitation classes up to 3'9", Jumper classes 1.20m and lower, Junior Hunter sections and USHJA International Hunter Derby). Riders entered in the Children's Hunter Horse section may only compete on one Children's Hunter Pony at the same competition.

A Junior Hunter rider may only compete one different horse in the Children's Hunter Horse section.

**Horses/Ponies:** Horses entered in Children's Hunter classes may not cross enter into Junior Hunter sections at the same horse show.

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

## **USHJA HUNTERS -**

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

## **BABY GREEN HUNTER –**

**Eligibility:** Open to horses that have not shown over fences higher than 2'9" across all disciplines. Horses may not cross-enter at the same show into any class where fences exceed 2'9". Eligibility for this division is two (2) years of showing at 2'6"  
**Fence Height:** 2'6". No in-and-out, no jog.

## **MODIFIED CHILDREN'S/ADULT HUNTERS –**

**Open to all non-professional junior and amateur riders. Fences 2'9." Riders may not cross-enter into any class where fences exceed 3'0" at the same shows.**

## **LOW ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER –** See USHJA Zone V specs.

**Eligibility:** Open to exhibitors who have reached their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year.  
**Cross Entry: Riders:** Riders may not cross enter into any class or section at the same competition where the fences exceed 3' (Exception: All Age Group Equitation Classes) Riders who compete in the 3' Adult Amateur Hunter Section may show one horse in the Low Adult Amateur Hunter Section.

### **Horse and Rider Combination:**

Low Adult Amateur Hunter Horse/rider combinations may not cross enter into any classes or section where the fences exceed 2'9" at the same competition. (Exception: All Age Group Equitation)  
**Fence Height:** 2'6"

## **LOW CHILDREN'S HUNTER –** See USHJA Zone V specs.

**Eligibility:** Open to exhibitors who have not yet reached their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year.  
**Cross Entry: Riders:** Riders may not cross enter into the Pony Hunter section or any class or section at the same competition where fences exceed 3'0". (Exception: All Age Group Equitation Classes.) Riders who compete in the 3'0" Children's Hunter Horse Section may show one horse in the Low Children's Hunter Section.

### **Horse and Rider Combination:**

Low Children's Hunter Horse/rider combinations may not cross enter into any classes or section where the fences exceed 2'9" at the same time. (Exception: All Age Group Equitation.)  
**Fence Height:** 2'6"

## **NON-PROFESSIONAL 2'6" HUNTER: (New for 2025. HJAM Year-End Award)**

Open to all non-professional junior and amateur riders. Fences 2'3," 2'6"

**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.

**Rider:** Age restrictions in the regular pony sections do not apply. Riders may show one Children's pony when showing multiple ponies in the Regular or Green Pony Sections. Or if a rider is showing multiple ponies in the Children's pony section then they can only show one pony in the Regular or Green Pony Section.

**Horse and Rider Combination:** The same pony/rider combination may not show in the Green or Regular pony section.

**Fence Height:** • Small/Medium Ponies: 2'0" with spreads not to exceed height of fence.

- Large Ponies: 2'6" with spreads not to exceed height of fence.
- In-and-outs will not be permitted
- Distances for this section should be set on the 12-foot stride.

**Combining/Dividing Sections:** Children's Hunter Pony sections may be combined with Children's Hunter Horse sections if there are fewer than four (4) entries in a section. If there are four (4) or more entries in each divided section, the divided sections must be held separately. The Children's Hunter Pony may be divided by height (small/medium and large). If there are four (4) or more entries in each height section, the sections must be held separately.

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

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

**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..(*Points from WEC & Brave Horse Limit Hunter 2'0" divisions will count to this HJAM year-end award.*)

**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"

**FUTURE HUNTERS: (*NO HJAM year-end award*)**

**Eligibility:** Open to all horses that have never competed above 2'0" and all riders. Horses may not compete in class higher than 2'3" at this show. **Fences 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**

**JUNIOR/ADULT AMATEUR JUMPER 1.30m/1.35m**– See USEF specs Open to junior and amateur riders.

**JUNIOR/ADULT AMATEUR JUMPER 1.20m/1.25m**– See USEF specs Open to junior and amateur riders.

**JUNIOR/ADULT AMATEUR JUMPER 1.10m/1.15m**– See USHJA Zone V specs.

**Rider:** 1.10/1.15m Junior Jumper riders may not cross enter into High Junior classes or any other jumper class exceeding 1.30m at the same competition with the exception of classes which do not offer prize money (including add back money) see HU141 and HU137 for cross entry restrictions.

**Horse/Pony:** No cross-entry restrictions

**Horse and Rider Combination:** 1.10/1.15m Junior horse/rider combinations may cross enter into the 1.00/1.05m Junior Jumpers at the same competition.

**JUNIOR/ADULT AMATEUR JUMPER 1.0m/1.05m**– See USHJA Zone V specs.

**Rider:** 1.00/1.05m Junior Jumpers riders may not cross enter into any classes held above 1.15m at the same competition.

**Horse/Pony:** No cross-entry restrictions **Horse and Rider Combination:** 1.00/1.05m Junior horse/rider combinations may cross enter into the 1.10/1.15m Junior Jumpers at the same competition.

**THOROUGHBRED JUMPER** See USEF specs.

Thoroughbred restricted classes are open only to horses that are registered with USHJA and are in possession of Breed Registry papers. No minimum entries required for point to count. Fence Heights: 1.0m-1.05m.

**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

**INTERMEDIATE CHILDREN'S/ADULT AMATEUR JUMPERS** - Rider may not cross-enter above 3'1"/.95m (except Eq 3') at the same show. Jumper classes held below .90m that are restricted to Junior and/or Amateurs, must not be scored under Table II, Sec .1 (see JP 146.2) or Table III (see JP 148). Courses must not include combinations (see JP 127). Fences - .80m

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

**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

**HEIGHTS:** The following fence dimensions are approximate equivalents in metric and English units:

0.70 m = Fences 2’3” in height

0.75 m = Fences 2’5” in height

0.80 m = Fences 2’7” in height 0.85 m = Fences 2’9” in height

0.90 m = Fences 2’11” in height 0.95 m = Fences 3’1” in height

1.00 m = Fences 3’3” in height

1.05 m = Fences 3’5” in height

1.10 m = Fences 3’7” in height

1.15 m = Fences 3’9” in height

1.20 m = Fences 3’11” in height

1.25 m = Fences 4’1” in height

1.30 m = Fences 4’3” in height

1.35 m = Fences 4’5” in height

1.40 m = Fences 4’7” in height 1.45 m = Fences 4’9” in height

1.50 m = Fences 4’11” in height 1.55 m = Fences 5’1” in height

1.60 m = Fences 5’3” in height

## **EQUITATION AND MEDALS**

**ADULT EQUITATION** – See USHJA Zone V specs. 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’

**EQUITATION 15 -17** – See USHJA Zone V Specs. Fences not to exceed 3’. Tests 1-23 optional.

**EQUITATION 14 & UNDER** – See USHJA Zone V Specs. 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"

**CHILDREN'S EQUITATION:** *(New for 2025. HJAM Year-End Award)*  
**Open to all Junior riders. Fences 3'0".**

**HJAM CHILDREN'S MEDAL.** *(New for 2025. HJAM Year-End Award)*  
**Fences 3'0". Open to all junior riders who are not showing in any classes which exceed 3'0" at the same competition. 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. The judge must select 2 USEF Tests (1 – 6, 8, 20) to be ridden as part of the course.**

**MODIFIED CHILDREN'S/ADULT EQUITATION –**  
**Open to all non-professional junior and amateur riders. Fences 2'9." Riders may not cross-enter into any class where fences exceed 3'0" at the same shows.**

**HJAM MODIFIED CHILDREN'S/ADULT MEDAL** *(New for 2025. HJAM Year-End Award)*  
**Open to all non-professional junior and amateur riders. Fences 2'9." Riders may not cross-enter into any class where fences exceed 2'9 at the same shows.** 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 1-6, 8, 20.**

**LOW ADULT EQUITATION** – Same specs as Low Adult Hunter. Fences 2'6". No in-and-out. *(Points from WEC Intermediate Adult Equitation division will count towards HJAM year-end award.)*

**HJAM LOW ADULT MEDAL** – Open to all amateur riders who are eligible to show in the Low Adult and Intermediate Hunter & Equitation Sections **who are not showing over 2'6" at the same competition.** 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. **The judge must select 2 USEF Tests (1 – 6, 8, 20) to be ridden as part of the course.** Fences 2'6".

**LOW CHILDREN'S EQUITATION** – Same specs as Low Children's Hunter. Fences 2'6". No in or out. Fences 2'6". *(Points from WEC Intermediate Children's Equitation division will count to this HJAM year-end award.)*

**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 **who are not showing over 2'6" at the same competition.** 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. **The judge must select 2 USEF Tests (1 – 7) to be ridden as part of the course.** Fences 2'6".

**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'.

**CHILDREN'S PONY EQUITATION** – Same specifications, fence heights, and distances as Zone V Children's Pony Hunter.

**HJAM CHILDREN'S PONY MEDAL** – 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, Open Pony Equitation, Open Pony Medal classes or have jumped 2'6" or higher..** HJAM will allow riders to apply for reinstatement. Only current members of the Hunter/Jumper Association of Michigan will receive points for year-end finals and awards. No in-and-out. **The judge must select 2 USEF Tests (1-6, 8, 20)** to be ridden as part of the course. Small & Medium Ponies 2'0"; Large Ponies 2'6"

**INTERMEDIATE CHILDREN'S/ADULT EQUITATION** - Open to riders eligible for Intermediate Children's /Adult Hunter. No oxers and no in-and-out.

**INTERMEDIATE CHILDREN'S/ADULT EQUITATION 2'0"**– Open to riders eligible for Intermediate Children's /Adult Hunter. No oxers and no in-and-out. *(Points from WEC & Brave Horse Limit Equitation 2'0" divisions will count to this HJAM year-end award.)*

**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.

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 through July 31<sup>st</sup> 2023.

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.

**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* or the *Low Children's 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.