



# HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN

**RULE BOOK, SPECIAL AWARDS, POINT CHARTS CLASS SPECS, USEF EQ  
TESTS AND CODE OF CONDUCT**

## **Rules and Specifications**

These rules are effective December 1, 2025, and remain in effect except as superseded by Rule Changes published on the HJAM Website or by subsequent editions of these rules. USEF Rules will govern in all instances except as modified by HJAM and stated in these rules. Any recognized competition which issues its Prize List before December 1 and begins its show on or after December 1 is governed by the rules in effect on December 1 of that year.

## **Rule 1. Exhibitors**

### **Rule 1.1 Types of Exhibitors**

- a. **JUNIOR EXHIBITORS.** Junior exhibitors are those who have not reached their 18th birthday as of December 1st of the current competition year.
- b. **ADULT AMATEUR EXHIBITORS.** Adult Amateur exhibitors are those who are at least 18 years of age as of December 1 of the current competition year

### **Rule 1.2 Horse Recording**

- a. For the purpose of a horse's/pony's points to be counted for HJAM year-end awards, each horse/pony must be recorded with HJAM. The owner(s) must be a member(s) of HJAM and that owner's name must appear on the entry blank.
- b. An official lease shall be construed as legal ownership except for classes restricted to Amateur Owners. A USEF- recorded copy of the lease must be registered with the

HJAM Clerk before any points will be counted. A horse or pony must be shown under the name and ownership that appears on the recording form. The HJAM Clerk must be notified of name changes and ownership transfers for points to accumulate.

## **Rule 1.3 Membership and Horse Recording Fees**

- a. Membership and Horse Recording fees shall be affixed yearly by the HJAM Board of Directors.

## **Rule 1.4 Joining at Shows**

If an exhibitor wishes to join HJAM or record a horse at a show, he/she must complete the membership form and pay the membership and horse recording fees at that show, online at [www.hjam.net](http://www.hjam.net). Points will count starting with the first day of the show.

## **Rule 1.5 Non-Member Exhibitors**

Non-members and horses not recorded with HJAM may exhibit in HJAM approved horse shows but are not eligible to earn points for year-end awards or for Medal Finals.

## **Rule 1.6. Not in Good Standing**

The following violations are considered “special violations” and because of their seriousness shall be considered by the Board of Directors:

- A. Falsification of information provided to HJAM or to any HJAM approved horse show.
- B. Riding or exhibiting at a horse show any horse that has been suspended by HJAM or USEF, or that is owned by or in the care, training, or custody of a suspended person.
- C. Riding, exhibiting, coaching, or training at a recognized horse show for the benefit or assistance of a suspended person.
- D. Any horse show or horse show official knowingly allowing a suspended person or a suspended horse to participate in a recognized show. Every horse show is charged with the knowledge of all suspensions published by HJAM or USEF.
- E. Failure to pay any obligation due to HJAM or any HJAM approved shows.
- F. A complaint regarding an HJAM member’s violation of the HJAM Code of Conduct.

The Board will determine if the allegation has merit and, if so, the determination shall be made in writing and given to the person found to have committed the violation. The decision of the Board is final.

## **Rule 2. Show Approval Requirements**

- a. The HJAM season begins in January and ends at the conclusion of the Medal Finals in August.
- b. All HJAM shows must be USEF-approved shows.
- c. An application to hold an HJAM-approved show may be found at [www.hjam.net](http://www.hjam.net), and be submitted a minimum of 45 days before the start date of the show.
- d. An HJAM-approved show is required to hold all of the HJAM Medals.

### **Rule 2.1 Approval Fees**

- a. Approval fees for HJAM approved shows shall be affixed yearly by the HJAM Board of Directors. Show Approval Applications will reflect approval fee for the coming year.

### **Rule 2.1 United States Equestrian Federation (USEF)**

- a. All HJAM-approved shows are USEF sanctioned shows and, as such, are governed and conducted by the rules and regulations of the USEF.

## **Rule 3. Year End Awards**

### **Rule 3.1 Rider Eligibility**

- a. HJAM members in good standing are eligible for year-end awards. Individuals not in good standing may not participate in, exhibit horses or have their horses exhibited at any HJAM-approved show. They also are not eligible to receive points toward year end awards. Riders must provide government-approved proof of age upon request of an HJAM Executive Board Member or the Clerk.

### **Rule 3.2 Horse Eligibility**

- a. Points will only be awarded to horses for year-end awards that have been recorded with HJAM during the time they show to receive the points. HJAM member(s) owning a recorded horse must be in good standing with HJAM and USEF. In the case of multiple ownership at least one of the recorded owners must appear on the results and entry blank to receive points.

### **Rule 3.3 Presentation of Awards**

- a. Awards will be presented at the yearend Awards Banquet in November each year. It is the responsibility of the recipient or designated person to pick up his/her award.

### **Rule 3.4 Awards**

- a. Awards will be presented through 6th place.

## Rule 3.5 Year End Award Ties

- a. In the event that a Hunter or Equitation division ends in a tie, the winner is the one who has the most over fence points. In the Jumper Division, tied horses must remain tied.

## Rule 3.6 Special Awards

- a. **THE RALPH M. IRVINE SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD** – Awarded to the Junior HJAM member, age 15-17, who the Junior members of HJAM feel most exemplifies sportsmanship, respect and integrity. To be voted on by the Junior members of HJAM.
- b. **THE PICKPOCKET MEMORIAL SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD, In Memory of Pete Jubek** – Awarded to the Adult Amateur HJAM member who the Adult Amateur members of HJAM feel most exemplifies sportsmanship, respect and integrity. To be voted on by the Adult Amateur members of HJAM.
- c. **THE OKUNO PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY** – To be presented annually to the horse that, by example, sets himself or herself apart by overcoming adversity and obstacles in order to exhibit heart, courage and an outstanding work ethic. To be voted on all members of HJAM.

The HJAM Secretary shall email the ballots for the above special awards a minimum of 30 days prior to the date of the banquet, and she/he shall tally the ballots.

## Rule 4. Point Counting

### 4.1 Hunter Points Chart

HJAM POINTS: Points are calculated utilizing a combination of the base points for each placing and adding one point for each entry that competes in the first performance class.

Hunter Section Champions will be awarded 2.0 times the total 1st place point value of the first class in the section. Reserve Champions will be awarded 1.2 times the total 1st place point value of the first class in the section.

Classic Points are a flat 20-16-14-12-10-8-6-5-4-3-2-1 and are awarded to their respective section.

National or 3' Derby Points are a flat 75-60-54-45-38-30-23-15-10-7-5-3

Pony Derby Points are a flat 75-60-54-45-38-30-23-15-10-7-5-3

## **HUNTER - HJAM APPROVED SHOWS (1X POINT VALUE)**

<b><u># Entries</u></b>	<b><u>1st</u></b>	<b><u>2nd</u></b>	<b><u>3rd</u></b>	<b><u>4th</u></b>	<b><u>5th</u></b>	<b><u>6th</u></b>	<b><u>7<sup>th</sup></u></b>	<b><u>8th</u></b>
<b>1</b>	14							
<b>2</b>	14	11.5						
<b>3</b>	28	23	19					
<b>4</b>	29	24	20	16				
<b>5</b>	30	25	21	17	16			
<b>6</b>	31	26	2	18	17	16		
<b>7</b>	32	27	23	19	18	17	16	
<b>8</b>	33	28	24	20	19	18	17	16
<b>9</b>	34	29	25	21	20	19	18	17
<b>10</b>	35	30	26	22	21	20	19	18
<b>11</b>	36	31	27	23	22	21	20	19
<b>12</b>	37	32	28	24	23	22	21	20
<b>13</b>	38	33	29	25	24	23	22	21
<b>14</b>	39	34	30	26	25	24	23	22
<b>15</b>	40	35	31	27	26	25	24	23
<b>16</b>	41	36	32	28	27	26	25	24
<b>17</b>	42	37	33	29	28	27	26	25
<b>18</b>	43	38	34	30	29	28	27	26
<b>19</b>	44	39	35	31	30	29	28	27
<b>20</b>	45	40	36	32	31	30	29	28
<b>21</b>	46	41	37	33	32	31	30	29
<b>22</b>	47	42	38	34	33	32	31	30
<b>23</b>	48	43	39	35	34	33	32	31
<b>24</b>	49	44	40	36	35	34	33	32

<b>25</b>	50	45	41	37	36	35	34	33
<b>26</b>	51	46	42	38	37	36	35	34
<b>27</b>	52	47	43	39	38	37	36	35
<b>28</b>	53	48	44	40	39	38	37	36
<b>29</b>	54	49	45	41	40	39	38	37
<b>30</b>	55	50	46	42	41	40	39	38

**HUNTER - HJAM APPROVED SHOWS (4X POINTS)**

<b><u># Entries</u></b>	<b><u>1<sup>st</sup></u></b>	<b><u>2<sup>nd</sup></u></b>	<b><u>3<sup>rd</sup></u></b>	<b><u>4<sup>th</sup></u></b>	<b><u>5<sup>th</sup></u></b>	<b><u>6<sup>th</sup></u></b>	<b><u>7<sup>th</sup></u></b>	<b><u>8<sup>th</sup></u></b>
<b>1</b>	56							
<b>2</b>	56	46						
<b>3</b>	112	92	76					
<b>4</b>	116	96	80	64				
<b>5</b>	120	100	84	68	64			
<b>6</b>	124	104	88	72	68	64		
<b>7</b>	128	108	92	76	72	68	64	
<b>8</b>	132	112	96	80	76	72	68	64
<b>9</b>	136	116	100	84	80	76	72	68
<b>10</b>	140	120	104	88	84	80	76	72
<b>11</b>	144	124	108	92	88	84	80	76
<b>12</b>	148	128	112	96	92	88	84	80
<b>13</b>	152	132	116	100	96	92	88	84
<b>14</b>	156	136	120	104	100	96	92	88
<b>15</b>	160	140	124	108	104	100	96	92
<b>16</b>	164	144	128	112	108	104	100	96
<b>17</b>	168	148	132	116	112	108	104	100

<b>18</b>	172	152	136	120	116	112	108	104
<b>19</b>	176	156	140	124	120	116	112	108
<b>20</b>	180	160	144	128	124	120	116	112
<b>21</b>	184	164	148	132	128	124	120	116
<b>22</b>	188	168	152	136	132	128	124	120
<b>23</b>	192	172	156	140	136	132	128	124
<b>24</b>	196	176	160	144	140	136	132	128
<b>25</b>	200	180	164	148	144	140	136	132
<b>26</b>	204	184	168	152	148	144	140	136
<b>27</b>	208	188	172	156	152	148	144	140
<b>28</b>	212	192	176	160	156	153	148	144
<b>29</b>	216	196	180	164	160	156	152	148
<b>30</b>	220	200	184	168	164	160	156	152

**Place   Base Points**

<b>1st</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>2nd</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>3rd</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>4th</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>5th</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>6th</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>7th</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8</b>

## **4.2 Jumper Points Chart**

HJAM POINTS: Points are calculated utilizing the charts below

Jumper Section Champions will be awarded 2.0 times the total 1st place point value of the first class in the section. Reserve Champions will be awarded 1.2 times the total 1st place point value of the first class in the section.

### **HJAM Approved Shows (1x Points)**

<b><u># of Competitors</u></b>	<b><u>3 to 8</u></b>	<b><u>9 to 15</u></b>	<b><u>16 to 25</u></b>	<b><u>26+</u></b>
<b>1st</b>	15	20	25	30
<b>2nd</b>	10	15	20	25
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	5	10	15	20
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	4	5	10	15
<b>5th</b>	3	4	5	10

### **HJAM Approved Shows (4x Points)**

#### **# of competitors**

	<b>3 to 8</b>	<b>9 to 15</b>	<b>16 to 25</b>	<b>26+</b>
<b>1st</b>	60	80	100	120
<b>2nd</b>	40	60	80	100
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	20	40	60	80
<b>4th</b>	16	20	40	60
<b>5th</b>	12	16	20	40
<b>6th</b>	8	12	16	20

### **4.3 Equitation Points Chart**

Equitation Section Champions will be awarded 2.0 times the total 1st place point value of the first class in the section. Reserve Champions will be awarded 1.2 times the total 1st place point value of the first class in the section.

#### **HJAM Approved Shows (1x Points)**

<b><u>Place</u></b>	<b><u>Base Points</u></b>
<b>1st</b>	20
<b>2nd</b>	15
<b>3rd</b>	10
<b>4th</b>	6
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	5
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	4
<b>7th</b>	3
<b>8th</b>	2

#### **HJAM Approved Shows (4x Points)**

<b><u>Place</u></b>	<b><u>Base Points</u></b>			
<b>1st</b>	80			
<b>2nd</b>	60			
<b>3rd</b>	40			
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	24			
<b>5th</b>	20			
<b>6th</b>	16			
<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	12			
<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	8			
<b><u>Entries</u></b>	<b><u>3-8</u></b>	<b><u>9-15</u></b>	<b><u>16-25</u></b>	<b><u>26+</u></b>
<b>1st</b>	15	20	25	30
<b>2nd</b>	10	15	20	25
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	8	12	16	20
<b>4th</b>	6	9	12	15

<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	5	8	11	14		
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	4	7	10	13		
<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	3		6		9	12
<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	2		5		8	11

#### **4.4 HJAM Medal Points Chart**

HJAM Medals will be run with one or more exhibitors entered, and completing the course.

#### **HJAM Approved Shows (1x Points)**

<b><u>Entries</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>	<b><u>2</u></b>	<b><u>3-99</u></b>
<b>1st</b>	10	15	20
<b>2nd</b>		7.5	15
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>			10
<b>4th</b>			6
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>			5
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>			4
<b>7th</b>			3
<b>8th</b>			2

#### **HJAM Approved Shows (4x Points)**

<b><u>Entries</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>	<b><u>2</u></b>	<b><u>3-99</u></b>
<b>1st</b>	40	60	80
<b>2nd</b>		30	60
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>			40
<b>4th</b>			32
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>			20
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>			16
<b>7th</b>			12
<b>8th</b>			8

## Rule 5. Class Specifications

Beginning in 2026, the Hunter Jumper Association of Michigan will use the best points earned at no more than ten (10) HJAM-approved HJAM shows during the qualification period, which for 2026 is between the first HJAM-approved show held at WEC Winter Classic #5, January 7-11, and the last HJAM-approved show held at the WEC Summer III Show, August 5 -9. The program used to track HJAM members' points, Org Pro, can award points by division, not by show.

### **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**

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 Hunters are restricted classes are open only to horses that are registered with the USHJA and are in possession of Breed Registry papers. Fence Heights: 3'0". No minimum entries are required for the points 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". Spreads not to exceed the fence height.

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" and 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" Spreads not to exceed fence height.

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. Fence Height: 2'6"

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)

**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:** 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-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. (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 2'0". No Oxers, no in-and-outs.

**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 1-22 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 1-22. Fences 3'0"

**EQUITATION 15 -17** – See USHJA Zone V Specs. Fences not to exceed 3'. Tests 1-22 optional.

**EQUITATION 14 & UNDER** – See USHJA Zone V Specs. Fences not to exceed 3'3". Tests 1-22 are 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 1-22. Fences 3'3"

**CHILDREN'S EQUITATION:** Open to all Junior riders. Fences 3'0". Tests 1 – 6, 8, 20 are optional.

**HJAM CHILDREN'S MEDAL.** 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. Fences 3'0".

**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. Tests 1-6, 8, 20 are optional.

**HJAM MODIFIED CHILDREN'S/ADULT MEDAL** - Open to all non-professional junior and amateur riders. Riders may not cross-enter into any class where fences exceed 2'9 at the same show. 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 2 changes of lead. The Judge must select 2 USEF Tests to be ridden as part of the course. Tests 1-6, 8, 20. Fences 2'9."

**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 toward 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 higher than 2'6." 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 2'6"**– Open to riders eligible for Intermediate Children's /Adult Hunter 2'6". No oxers and no in-and-out.

**INTERMEDIATE CHILDREN'S/ADULT EQUITATION 2'0"**– Open to riders eligible for Intermediate Children's /Adult Hunter 2'0'. No oxers and no in-and-outs. (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 and no in and-outs.

**HJAM 2'0" MEDAL**– Open to Juniors and Amateurs who are not showing in any division in which jumps exceed 2'0'. 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 may not include any oxers or in-and-outs. The course designer is reminded that this is an entry-level class and the course should reflect such. The judge must select 2 USEF Tests (1-5, 7, 8) to be ridden as part of the course. Fences 2'0"

## **Rule 5. USEF Equitation Tests**

**(Q113-2026) Tests From Which Judges Must Choose.** Tests may be performed either collectively or individually but no other tests may be used. Instructions must be publicly announced. NOTE: In Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes, any exhibitor who does not participate in the testing is placed last of those competitors called back to test. Should more than one exhibitor fail to return for testing they will be placed at the judge's discretion. If exhibitors are called back collectively to test, they must remain in the ring

until all exhibitors have completed the test. If riders are asked to be in the ring during the testing, riders must be able to watch the other competitors test.

Equitation tests must not have exhibitors trotting or cantering through in gate or out gate; any exhibitor choosing to trot or canter through the in-gate or out-gate must be eliminated (see EQ108).

Obstacles jumped in an equitation test must have been included in the original course. Jumps must be jumped in the original direction unless otherwise specified.

1. Work collectively or individually at a walk, rising/posting trot, sitting trot, and/or canter, and/or demonstrate a two-point or half seat position at the walk or trot
2. Downward Transition Test: a) Walk (4-5 steps) b) Halt (4-6 seconds) c) Halt and Back for (3-5 steps). When riders working collectively are asked to halt and then back, they should walk forward a few steps and halt again after backing and then proceed with any further instructions from the judge.
3. Question(s) regarding basic horsemanship, tack or equipment and/or conformation. The judge may ask question(s) that are appropriate for the level of expected skill of any given class or specifications.
4. Working either collectively, or individually, riders may demonstrate the lengthening or collection of strides on the flat at the walk, sitting or posting/rising trot and/or canter.
5. Figure Eight at the trot, demonstrating change of diagonals. In any Figure Eight movement, the rider should start at a center point at the halt. To finish the movement the rider is to return to the halt at same position as the point of commencement. EQ - 19 © USEF 2026
6. Figure Eight at the canter on the correct lead. In this movement, the rider will begin at the halt and demonstrate a simple change of lead. This is a change whereby the horse is brought back into the walk or trot (either is acceptable unless the judges specify) and then restarted into a canter on the opposite lead. In the center of the figure, then will proceed to the second circle on the opposite lead. The rider will halt in the center at the same point of commencement to finish the figure.
7. Jump a shortened course. The riders must jump all obstacles in the same direction of the original course unless the judge clearly states that a jump be attempted in the opposite direction of the original course. If the judge requests that a jump be used in the opposite direction it must be a vertical and if there are ground lines, they must be correct. (See EQ 102.11).
8. Jump low obstacles at a trot as well as a canter. The maximum height of trot jump is determined as 6" lower than class requirements and is not to exceed 3' for horses

and 2' for ponies. Oxers may be used as a trot jump in classes listed at 3'6" or higher.

9. Demonstrate a half- turn or a half-turn in the reverse. In all cases where a figure is requested between 2 jumps that requires a change of direction, the rider will not be charged for crossing their path nor will this count as a refusal between the obstacles.
10. Change leads on a line demonstrating simple or flying changes. The simple change is whereby the horse is brought back into the walk or trot (either is acceptable unless the judges specify) and then restarted into a canter on the opposite lead. The flying change is performed in one stride with the front and hind legs changing at the same moment. The change of the leading front and hind leg takes place during the moment of suspension.
11. Figure Eight at the canter demonstrating flying changes of leads. Like all Figure Eight movements, the rider is to first halt at a center point. The flying change is performed in one stride with the front and hind legs changing at the same moment. The change of the leading front and hind leg takes place during the moment of suspension. The rider will halt in the center at the same point of commencement to finish the figure.
12. Collection of strides between 2 fences. It is recommended that a line chosen for this test be not less than 70'. a. For safety purposes, judges may only ask for additional strides to be added and must not ask the rider to leave out a stride.
13. Work collectively or individually at the walk, posting/rising trot, and/or sitting trot, and/or canter without irons. In any case where riders are asked to perform without irons, they must be allowed to walk or halt and be afforded the opportunity to cross their irons if they wish.
14. Execute serpentine at a trot and/or canter on the correct leads. If trotting, the rider is to demonstrate the changes of diagonals at the center points of the figure, if cantering, the rider should demonstrate the simple or flying changes of lead in the center of the figure. The simple change whereby the horse is brought back into the walk or trot (either is acceptable unless the judges specify) and then restarted into a canter on the opposite lead.
15. Canter on the counter lead on the flat. For the purposes of Hunt Seat Equitation on the flat, a counter canter is defined as a balanced canter on the outside lead. If working collectively, no more than 12 riders may counter canter at one time. Riders must complete one full revolution around the arena in each direction.
16. A canter on the counter lead may be used on the approach to a jump. For the purposes of Hunt Seat Equitation over fences, the counter canter is designed to improve balance and suppleness. When utilizing this test, rider may be asked to:

1. Approach a single jump on a counter lead. This test requires riders make at least ONE turn or bend of a course of not less than 90° on the counter lead.

2. Demonstrate a counter canter between 2 jumps on the course. For this test, the rider upon landing off the first jump can choose from the following acceptable options:

a) If the rider lands firstly on the inside lead, they may demonstrate a simple or flying change of lead before cantering through the first 90° turn and continue to hold the counter lead to the next jump. Either the simple or flying change is acceptable.

b) If the rider lands firstly on the outside lead, they may continue to hold the outside lead to the next required obstacle.

c) A judge can not require a rider to land on the counter lead.

17. Demonstrate a turn on the forehand done through the halt. EQ - 20 © USEF 2026

18. Demonstrate a turn on the haunches done from the walk.

19. Demonstrate Shoulder-in, Shoulder-out, Haunches-in, Haunches-out, Half pass or Leg Yield at either the walk or the sitting trot. (Shoulder In) (Haunches Out) (Haunches In) (Half pass) (Leg Yield)

20. Hand Gallop. A hand gallop may be used either when riders are working collectively or individually on the flat (no more than 12 riders may hand gallop at one time) and it may also be used on the approach to a jump. The rider must be in a half-seat when executing the hand gallop. A hand gallop may not be requested into or out of a related distance line.

21. Ride without stirrups over fences. The riders must be allowed to remove the irons from the saddle or cross them if they wish.

22. Demonstration ride of approximately one minute. Riders must advise the judge(s) before hand what ride they plan to demonstrate.

23. Change horses. (Note: this is the equivalent of two tests.) Riders will only change horses for EQ - 21 © USEF 2026 Championship classes. Riders will not be asked to ride a different horse unless they have ridden the course on their own horse

a) When a swap of horses is requested, the rider must be given a minimum of 90 seconds to do a brief flat and jump no more than two (2) schooling jumps.

## **Rule 6. Code of Conduct**

The Hunter Jumper Association of Michigan is committed to good sportsmanship, the ethical treatment of horses, and developing healthy environments for competition. As members of HJAM, we acknowledge our responsibility to behave with dignity in and outside of the show ring. Therefore, HJAM has set forth the following creed which shall govern our endeavors to fulfill our obligations:

We pledge to:

1. To ensure that the welfare of the horse is paramount, and that every animal shall at all times be treated humanely and with dignity, respect and compassion above all other considerations, including developing performance.
2. To uphold and adhere to the highest standards of integrity, professionalism, and sportsmanship of the HJAM and USEF, and to work to further its goals and objectives.
3. To treat others with respect and dignity.
4. To respect the integrity and judgement of the horse show officials.
5. To be cordial and courteous to all.
6. To follow the rules and the intended spirit of the rules.
7. To take personal responsibility for one's own behavior.
8. To accept and adhere to the USEF's (United States Equestrian Federation's) Code of Conduct.

HJAM Members agree to bring forward any conduct alleged to be in violation of the HJAM Code of Conduct to the HJAM Executive Board and the HJAM Board of Directors for review. Decisions made by the HJAM Board regarding any violations of the Code of Conduct are abiding.

