

**OHJA SUBSTANTIVE RULE AMENDMENT
PROPOSALS FOR 2018**

To Be Voted on at the January 7, 2018, General Meeting

ALL LANGUAGE IN ~~BLUE AND STRICKEN~~ WILL BE **DELETED** IF THE PROPOSAL IS APPROVED

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RULE III.A.2 – SHOW ELIGIBILITY FOR OHJA POINT ACCUMULATION – OUTREACH SHOWS:

PROPOSAL 1. CHANGE the **Class Eligibility for OHJA Points** specifications applicable to OHJA Outreach shows as follows:

Class Eligibility for OHJA Points: Horses and riders can accumulate points for OHJA Regional or Local System year-end division championships and Certificate of Merit awards only in classes named and conducted according to OHJA specifications. Notwithstanding the foregoing, USHJA Outreach hunter and equitation classes (1) offered over fences 2' ~~and 2'3"~~ in height are eligible for OHJA year-end championship points in the Short Stirrup/Long Stirrup hunter and equitation divisions, ...

RATIONALE: Beginning in 2018, the USHJA will recognize USHJA Outreach 2'3" Hunter and/or Equitation classes; for 2017, it recognized 2' and 2'6" classes. OHJA's existing specifications do not allow any USHJA Outreach 2'3" classes to count for Local System points. This change would allow classes at both 2' and 2'3" heights to count toward the applicable Short Stirrup/Long Stirrup division year-end awards.

RULE IV.C.2 – LOCAL SYSTEM - YEAR END CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISIONS – HUNTERS:

PROPOSAL 2. CHANGE the **introductory language regarding the Local System** divisions eligible for year end awards to reflect the growth within the Local System, and newly-adopted USHJA open hunter divisions, as follows:

"The following divisions are eligible for Local System year-end championships:

Open/Professional Divisions:

~~USHJA 2' Hunter~~
~~USHJA 2'3" Hunter~~
~~USHJA 2'6" Hunter~~
~~USHJA 2'9" Hunter~~
~~USHJA 3' Hunter~~
Baby Green Hunter
Small Working Hunter
Large Working Hunter
Green Hunter 3'
Thoroughbred Hunter
Young Hunter 3'
Beginning Jumper
0.70m – 0.80m Jumper
0.85m – 0.90m Jumper
~~0.95m – 1.00m Jumper~~
~~Thoroughbred Jumper~~

Junior/Amateur Divisions:

Short Stirrup/Long Stirrup Working Hunter
Short Stirrup/Long Stirrup Equitation
Pre-Children's/Pre-Adult Working Hunter
Pre-Children's/Pre-Adult Equitation
~~Modified Children's/Adult Amateur Hunter~~
~~Modified Children's/Adult Amateur Equitation~~
Children's Working Hunter, 17 & Under
Restricted Equitation, 17 & Under
Adult Amateur Working Hunter, 18 & Over
Amateur Equitation, 18 & Over
Low Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper
Pony Jumper

RATIONALE: The USHJA now recognizes USHJA 2, 2'3", 2'6", 2'9" and 3' Hunter classes for Zone and National awards. Further, the OHJA has recognized the Modified Children's/Adult Amateur hunter and equitation divisions for the last several years because they are well-supported in the Local System. See **Proposal 10** below for information regarding adding the Thoroughbred Jumper division.

RULE IV.D.1 – YEAR END DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIPS – HUNTERS:

PROPOSAL 3. ADD the following **Hunter Divisions** to those eligible for year end championships:

| <i>Open/Professional Divisions</i> | <i>OPEN</i> | <i>REGIONAL</i> | <i>LOCAL</i> |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|
| <u>USHJA 2' Hunter</u> | <u>---</u> | <u>---</u> | <u>X</u> |
| <u>USHJA 2'3" Hunter</u> | <u>---</u> | <u>---</u> | <u>X</u> |
| <u>USHJA 2'6" Hunter</u> | <u>X</u> | <u>X</u> | <u>X</u> |
| <u>USHJA 2'9" Hunter</u> | <u>X</u> | <u>X</u> | <u>X</u> |
| <u>USHJA 3' Hunter</u> | <u>X</u> | <u>X</u> | <u>X</u> |

RATIONALE: See rationale for **Proposal 2**.

PROPOSAL 4: CHANGE the specifications for the **SHORT STIRRUP/LONG STIRRUP WORKING HUNTER** as follows:

Short Stirrup/Long Stirrup Hunter: ...At Outreach Shows, fence height not to exceed 2' 2'3" and no oxers, or in and outs, or combinations...

RATIONALE: See rationale for **Proposal 1**. Additionally, the rule change is to clarify for show management that no combinations are permitted.

RULE IV.D.2 – YEAR END DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIPS – EQUITATION:

PROPOSAL 5: CHANGE the specifications for the **SHORT STIRRUP/LONG STIRRUP EQUITATION** as follows:

Short Stirrup/Long Stirrup Equitation: ...At Outreach Shows, fence height not to exceed 2' 2'3" and no oxers, or in and outs, or combinations...

RATIONALE: See rationale for **Proposal 1 and 4**.

RULE IV.D.3 - OHJA MEDAL CLASSES

PROPOSAL 6: ADD the following to the end of the **first paragraph** applicable to the **OHJA Medal Finals**:

"...If a horse is vetted out of any phase or division of competition in the OHJA Medal Finals for any reason, it cannot be ridden in any phase or division of the OHJA Medal Finals by any rider for the remainder of the applicable competition day."

RATIONALE: To protect the welfare of the horse, to encourage and promote good sportsmanship, to protect the integrity of the OHJA Medal Finals, and to prevent confusion concerning the conduct of the OHJA Medal Finals.

RULE IV.D.4 – YEAR END DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIPS – JUMPERS:

PROPOSAL 7: DELETE the **0.95 – 1.00m Jumper** division from those eligible for year end championships in the **Local System** as follows:

| <i>Jumper Divisions</i> | <i>OPEN</i> | <i>REGIONAL</i> | <i>LOCAL</i> |
|-------------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|
| <u>0.95 – 1.00 m</u> | X | X | X |

RATIONALE: In 2017, few, if any, of the OHJA Outreach shows offered these classes. To accumulate points in these classes, exhibitors were effectively required to attend USEF-rated horse shows. If these classes are only available at USEF-rated shows, then it may not be advisable to recognize this division within the Local System.

PROPOSAL 8: CHANGE the **Low Children’s/Adult Amateur Jumper** specifications at OHJA Outreach shows as follows:

“*Low Children’s/Adult Amateur Jumper*: Fence height – 0.80m – 1.05m. At Outreach shows, fence height not to exceed ~~0.95m~~ **0.90m** and show management is encouraged...”

RATIONALE: To lower the maximum height of the jumps in this division to reflect current show offerings and to encourage exhibitor safety at the OHJA Outreach shows. In 2017, many OHJA Outreach shows did not offer any classes with fences set at 0.95m or higher.

PROPOSAL 9: ADD a **Thoroughbred Jumper** division to those divisions eligible for year end championships as follows:

| <i>Jumper Divisions</i> | <i>OPEN</i> | <i>REGIONAL</i> | <i>LOCAL</i> |
|----------------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|
| <u>Thoroughbred Jumper</u> | X | X | X |

RATIONALE: An increasing number of shows are offering these classes, which do not currently count toward any OHJA year end award.

PROPOSAL 10: ADD specifications for a **Thoroughbred Jumper** year end division award as follows:

“*Thoroughbred Jumper*: At Rated shows, fence height minimum of 1.00m and not to exceed 1.10m. At Outreach Shows, fence height minimum of 0.85m and not to exceed 0.90m. Horses with Jockey Club papers, a lip tattoo, and/or verifiable purebred Thoroughbred parentage are eligible.”

RATIONALE: See rationale for **Proposal 9**. From a review of prize lists for USEF-rated shows attended by OHJA members in 2016 and 2017, fence heights at rated shows range from 1.00 – 1.10m. The proposal OHJA Outreach show heights are lower to reflect the height of classes offered within the Local System and to encourage exhibitor safety at the OHJA Outreach shows.