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Rule Change Intent

A new safe and enjoyable pony jumper division and finals for all juniors to learn and compete in.

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Committee Actions

## JP119 Sections/Classes Restricted to Ponies

1. Pony Jumper: A pony, 14.2 hands and under in height, that is ridden by an individual who has not reached their 18th birthday. Stallions are prohibited in Pony Jumpers

a. Measurement. A measurement card is required as per Chapter HJ, Subchapter HU-7 Measurement. **Measurements for Pony Jumpers follow the criteria as per Chapter HU, Subchapter HU-141 Ages, Sizes and Restrictions for Ponies.**

*i. Small pony, 12.2 hands and under in height, that is ridden by an individual who has not reached their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday*

*ii. Medium pony, 13.2 hands and under in height, that is ridden by an individual who has not reached their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday*

*iii. Large pony, 14.2 hands and under in height, that is ridden by an individual who has not reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

b. Style Award. A Rider Style Award is recommended at any competition offering three or more classes. The Style Award is to be decided by the Pony Jumper Judge(s) based on the following criteria: To be presented to the Pony Jumper Rider who exhibits the best classical jumper style of riding throughout the Pony Jumper classes. This award will not necessarily be given to the rider accumulating the most points in the Pony Jumper division.

c. Course Requirements. Only the initial element of combinations may be a spread.

*i. One stride; two stride and triple combinations permitted*

*ii. Liverpools permitted only in medium and large pony sections*

d. Level of Difficulty. ~~1.05 (3'5") or above as specified in Prize List Local Competitions~~ **All height specified in Prize List.** Local Competitions - no minimum height or spread, but fence dimensions must be stated in the Prize List. (Note: see USEF web site, [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org), for U.S. Pony Jumper Championships Selections Procedures).

*i. Small Pony jump height cannot exceed 0.75m (2'5")*

*ii. Medium Pony jump height cannot exceed 0.95m (2'11")*

*iii. Large Pony jump height cannot exceed 1.05m (3'5")*

e. Pony Jumper classes held below .90m 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). In Pony Jumper sections, to avoid over-emphasis on speed jump-offs, it is recommended that initial class(es) scored as "clear round" events (all entrants without jumping or time faults remain equal); Final class(es) only to have a jump-off against the clock to determine show championship.

***f. Pony Jumper course design should emphasize the proper education of pony and rider with an emphasis on classical jumper style. All courses must be accurately set according to the Height or Standard published in the prize list. (See JP125 Jumper Courses)***

2. Graduated Difficulty. Competitions are encouraged to offer sections for Pony Jumpers in which successive classes within the section are at increasing fence heights (for example: ~~first class at 1.00 m (3'3"), second class at 1.05 m (3'5"), third class at 1.10 m (3'7")~~ **Small Ponies first class at 0.70m (2'3") and second class at 0.75m (2'5"); Medium Ponies first class at 0.85m (2'9") and second class at**

**0.95m (2'11"); and Large Ponies first class at 1.00 m (3'3") and second class at 1.05 m (3'5").**

**a. Pony Jumper fence height can be increased by no more than 0.05m at Pony Jumper Championships at discretion of show management. Jump Heights must be published in Prize List.**

**3. Junior riders and Pony Jumpers remain eligible to compete in the Regular Pony Hunter and the Green Pony Hunter at the same competition provided they follow the rules outlined in Chapter HJ, Sub-chapters HU114 (Pony Hunter), HU 140 (Hunter Eligibility and Green Status for Ponies), HU141 (Ages, Sizes and Restrictions for Ponies) and HU142 (Pony Hunter and Green Pony Hunter).**

## **SUBCHAPTER JP-8 NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **JP153 Championship Qualification**

**1. All qualifying criteria must be objective and strive to ensure a fair and level playing field and must be publicly available prior to the start of qualifying period. The goal of the criteria will be to ensure that all riders who qualify under the criteria are capable of competing at the level of difficulty required by the specific championship. All qualifying criteria must be approved by the USEF Board of Directors.**

**a. If qualifying is based on a time period, the resulting standings of competitors must be made publicly available throughout the qualifying time period.**

**b. If the Championship will be comprised of teams based geographically by Zone, in addition to the above, the criteria for each Zone must be comparable in level of difficulty and if trials are used, must be evenly dispersed throughout the zone. Zones with an insufficient number of competitors to constitute a team may combine individuals to form a**

**2. US Pony Jumper Championships – qualifying criteria will automatically be based on Small Pony Jumper classes held at 0.70-0.75m (2'3"-2'5"), Medium Pony Jumper classes held at 0.85-0.95m (2'9"– 2'11") and Large Pony Jumper classes held at 1.00-1.05m (3'3"-3'5") between November 1 and June 15. Points will be awarded per GR1133.3. The Pony Jumper Championship will be comprised of teams based geographically by Zone.**

**a. Each qualified team will consist of four riders per Small, Medium and Large Pony Jumper divisions. Zones with an insufficient number of competitors to constitute a team may combine individuals to form a team. Junior riders can qualify for Pony Jumper Championships on more than one pony in each respective section. Selection Procedures are approved by the Federation and published annually prior to the qualifying period.**