

## Hunter Restructure Rule Change Proposals Ideas Surrounding the Rules

In general, the Hunter Restructure Committee:

- was charged with taking an overview of the hunter division, and to think out of the box implementing any changes that might breathe new life into the division.
- agreed that the professional divisions were the area that needed the most help, and also the area that we could influence and change for the better, the most easily.
- also agreed that we needed to create new divisions, and change existing divisions, in such a way as to allow more opportunities for owners to have horses shown by their professionals, and more opportunity for professionals to show horses.

These are the first results of that work:

### HU 106 Conformation Hunters (430-09) Effective 12/1/10

- The point of this rule change is to protect the conformation horses while restructuring the professional hunter divisions.
- We lowered the height of the working conformation division to encourage more entries.
- We are encouraging that the division be split:
  - Must be offered split at "AA" Shows
  - With at least 5 horses in each section they must remain split
- Conformation percentage raised to 30%
- There will still be HOTY Awards presented in both the Green and Regular Conformation Divisions.

### HU 107 Regular Hunter (431-09) Effective 12/1/10

- The point of this rule change is to create excitement around the existing Working Hunter division, create a new division (Performance Working Hunters 3'6"-3'9") where professionals can show horses for their owners that are no longer eligible green, but unable to compete in the High Performance Working hunters, and also to create an additional open division (Performance Working Hunters 3'3") where horses can show without effecting their green status.
- Names are tied in with each other and also with the Hunter Derbies
- High Performance Working Hunters cannot be combined with Performance Working Hunters
- High Performance Working Hunters get highest amount of prize money of all sections at the competition.
- Allows for divisions with fewer classes held over fewer days for shows and areas where this is appropriate.
- Allows for entering individual classes where this is appropriate for certain horses or owners

- Allows for strategy in showing hunters.
- Would like the High Performance Working Hunters to be the division show manager's showcase.
- Would like the Performance Working Hunters 3'6"-3'9" to go on the same days as the professional divisions.
- Would like the Performance Working Hunters 3'6"-3'9" to go after Green and Conformation Hunters so it does not become a schooling division for the other divisions.
- Only the High Performance Working Hunters is in the menu to determine the rating of a show. Performance Working Hunters 3'6"-3'9" or 3'3" may not replace Green, Conformation, or High Performance Hunters at "A" or "AA" shows-they can only be held in addition.

#### GR 313.5 Determining Ratings (439-09) Effective 12/1/10

- Changes to chart to reflect rule changes and name changes to hunter divisions.

#### HU 103 Green Hunter Status (428-09) Referred to USEF BOD Mid Year Meeting

- Second Year Green portion put back into the division
- Prize Money piece taken out of the proposal
- The change would be that you could start your horses 1st Year Green at any point during the year.
- HOTY awards still based on current competition year
- Would allow for strategy in hunters
- Would allow for more flexibility in training and showing of hunters
- Would allow Owner's more options in how to campaign their horses
- Would make a significant difference in different areas of the country
- Allows horses the luxury of starting the division when they are ready, not just on a specific date.

#### HU 105 Green Status-Reinstatement (429-09) Referred to USEF BOC Mid Year Meeting

- This rule would need to be re written if the above rule change would go through.
- A suggestion would be to notify the USEF office in writing within 10 business days after the third show in which a horse competed at 3'6" if reinstatement of green status was wanted.