

National Hunter & Jumper Association Survey

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	
92%	8%	1. Should 1 or 2 ring horse shows have options regarding Premier/National requirements?
75%	25%	2. Should Heritage shows receive grandfather status as to Premier/National recognition if their management or committee so desire?
8%	92%	3. Do the number of horses required for a Premier/ National status ensure a top level competition?
53%	47%	4. Should the Pre-Green Incentive concept be carried over to the 1 st year green program?
43%	57%	5. Horses showing in USEF events should be microchipped.
17%	83%	6. Do you think that the possible mandatory microchip program has been researched enough to have a cost effective data base?
9%	91%	7. Are you willing to pay an annual fee to have your horses microchip monitored.
34%	67%	8. Is the USEF going to require you to keep your microchip current annually?
21%	79%	9. Are you willing to pay \$____ to have a microchip implanted in your horse?
36%	64%	10. Should World Champion Hunter Rider points include 3'3" performance and 3'6" performance divisions?
75%	25%	11. Two refusals in Hunter and Hunt Seat Equitation classes will result in elimination.
36%	64%	12. In the case of a tie in points for the Championship, horses should jump off, rather than hack off, to determine the Championship.
93%	7%	13. The Hearing Committee should be comprised of more than 50% of people from the charged parties breed or discipline.
89%	11%	14. Judges who judge 3 hunter breeding divisions in a 3 year period should be exempt from attending a Hunter Breeding clinic (only 2 were held this year).
97%	3%	15. Judges and Steward clinics should be geographically convenient to all regions.
70%	30%	16. National Championship Competitions should only be judged by USEF/USHJA licensed officials.

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87%	13%	17. Officers of the USEF/USHJA with presidential modification powers should recuse themselves from judging USEF/USHJA events (to avoid a conflict of interest).
97%	3%	18. Scoreboards should be an option for show management not a requirement.
94%	6%	19. Shows should not be required to pay out prize money if a division or section has no entries.
87%	13%	20. Junior Hunters and Amateur Owner Hunter sections should not be combined and then be California Split.
33%	67%	21. Judges must jog all the horses in a combined section, possibly as many as 20 at one time.
80%	20%	22. It is a safety issue to jog as many as 20 horses at a time.
93%	7%	23. Could it be a logistical problem to find as many as 20 Juniors available to jog 20 horses at one time at a multi-ring competition?
80%	20%	24. Junior hunters do not have to be jogged by Juniors if there are not 20 Juniors available.
87%	13%	25. First Year Green Hunters (least experienced) should not be combined with the High Performance (most experienced) hunters.
91%	9%	26. Hunter Derby money and points should not count for qualifying or high score awards in hunter sections in which class/section requirements are not met (no jog, no under saddle, and no conformation).
65%	35%	27. The National Hunter Derby should have separate awards for pro and non-pro.
68%	32%	28. There should be a limit on the number of horses that a rider can show in an International Derby. ___1 ___2 ___3 ___4 ___other.
44%	56%	29. A horse that shows in an International Derby should be required to show in a rated hunter section at the same show (except Derby finals).
70%	30%	30. The Derby rule that reads "There will be four high option fences set at a minimum of 4'3" in height (<i>no maximum height</i>) is acceptable.
90%	10%	31. Hunter Derby money and points should be tabulated for a Hunter Derby stand alone annual award.

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97%	3%	32. Ponies should remain divided by height of pony and not by age of rider.
90%	10%	33. Hunters should jog for soundness in rated hunter divisions/sections and the International Hunter Derby
70%	30%	34. Testing the top 4 riders (regardless of their performance) in USEF Medal classes should be at the discretion of the judge.
		35. If the top 4 riders are required to test, how much should the test count? <u>28%</u> <u>25%</u> <u>9%</u> 50% <u>64%</u> (other) in the final score
36%	64%	36. Should the handy round in the International Hunter Derby where judges must award bonus points for handiness count more than the Classic round in the final results.
52%	48%	37. Should black stirrups be cause for elimination in Equitation classes.
22%	78%	38. Should Licensed officials be required to pay for their background check.
52%	48%	39. Should trainers and instructors be required to pass a background check.
35%	65%	40. Is the Safe Sport program requirement appropriate for judges who, by USEF rules, are not to have any contact with exhibitors except when a steward is present.
54%	46%	41. Should the Safe Sport program be a requirement for trainers and instructors.
83%	17%	42. The USEF should offer a printed rule book, free of charge, as part of the required membership program.
13%	87%	43. Should the USEF/USHJA change rules at random after the show season (Dec.1 st -Nov.30 th) starts.
15%	85%	44. The current USEF drug testing program is effective in producing a level playing field at competitions.
90%	10%	45. Veterinarians who practice at USEF-USHJA shows should be responsible for knowing the drug rules
87%	13%	46. The testing veterinarian should be a member of USEF-USHJA.
79%	21%	47. The horse show veterinarian should be a member of USEF-USHJA.
72%	28%	48. Veterinarians who practice at USEF-USHJA shows should be a member of USEF-USHJA.

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80%	20%	49. Horses that are selected to be tested should be chosen by a random selection system.
64%	36%	50. Horses should be picked by the testing veterinarian to be tested.
28%	72%	51. An exhibitor should be able to suggest to the testing veterinarian that a particular horse should be considered for testing.
28%	72%	52. A veterinarian should act upon an exhibitors suggestion that a particular horse(s) or trainers horses should be tested.
		53. When a horse has been tested at a USEF/USHJA competition the responsible person must be notified of the test results within 22% 48 hours 29% 72 hours 28% 1 week 21% 1 month 0% at the Federations convenience.
20%	80%	54. Should the USEF/USHJA solicit/accept sponsorships from companies whose products and their use may cause a USEF/USHJA member to be in violation of the Drugs and Medication Rules and subject to resulting suspensions.
78%	22%	55. When the USEF/USHJA accepts these sponsorships and presents them to their winners does this imply endorsement of these products.
69%	31%	56. The Licensed Officials Committees current position is to reveal to applicants the names of members and officials who have sent in evaluations regarding an applicants' qualifications for enrollment or promotion. Is this a violation of the previous LOC confidentiality policy?
26%	74%	57. Is there an improvement in judging since the USEF-USHJA has required the H/J/HE/HB judges to attend a clinic every 4 years instead of every 5 years (as previously required)
11%	89%	58. Stewards should have to pay for forms required by the USEF/USHJA.
42%	58%	59. USEF/USHJA committee members should be able to judge National Championships in which other committee members or their clients participate.
91%	9%	60. A USEF/USHJA member may file a protest or a charge regarding another USEF/USHJA member based upon their conduct <i>on</i> the grounds of a USEF/USHJA Licensed competition.
34%	66%	61. A USEF/USHJA member may file a protest or a charge regarding another USEF/USHJA member based upon their conduct <i>off</i> the grounds of a USEF/USHJA Licensed competition.

Dear,

Please find enclosed our annual survey. In the fast changing, internet driven, world of horse showing, it is increasingly important to be aware of the direction our sport is headed and to be active in the governance of our sport.

The National Hunter & Jumper Association has been, and continues to be, a voice for exhibitors, show management, licensed officials and all horse show enthusiasts. This year we have held numerous conference calls in addition to well attended forums in Florida, New York, Illinois, and California. Many subjects were discussed and many ideas were formulated. The NHJA has written letters to the USEF and the USHJA regarding California Splits, Hunter Breeding Clinic requirements, scoreboard requirements, Hunter Derby money and points, and Hearing Committee protocols. These letters are on the NHJA website at www.nhja.org.

We welcome any comments and suggestions you might have that will improve our sport and make it more appealing to a larger audience. We appreciate your participation and support.

Sincerely,

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