

National Hunter & Jumper Association Survey

Agree Disagree

- _____ _____ 1. Should 1 or 2 ring horse shows have options regarding Premier/National requirements?
- _____ _____ 2. Should Heritage shows receive grandfather status as to Premier/National recognition if their management or committee so desire?
- _____ _____ 3. Do the number of horses required for a Premier/ National status ensure a top level competition?
- _____ _____ 4. Should the Pre-Green Incentive concept be carried over to the 1st year green program?
- _____ _____ 5. Horses showing in USEF events should be microchipped.
- _____ _____ 6. Do you think that the possible mandatory microchip program has been researched enough to have a cost effective data base?
- _____ _____ 7. Are you willing to pay an annual fee to have your horses microchip monitored.
- _____ _____ 8. Is the USEF going to require you to keep your microchip current annually?
- _____ _____ 9. Are you willing to pay \$_____ to have a microchip implanted in your horse?
- _____ _____ 10. Should World Champion Hunter Rider points include 3'3" performance and 3'6" performance divisions?
- _____ _____ 11. Two refusals in Hunter and Hunt Seat Equitation classes will result in elimination.
- _____ _____ 12. In the case of a tie in points for the Championship, horses should jump off, rather than hack off, to determine the Championship.
- _____ _____ 13. The Hearing Committee should be comprised of more than 50% of people from the charged parties breed or discipline.
- _____ _____ 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).
- _____ _____ 15. Judges and Steward clinics should be geographically convenient to all regions.
- _____ _____ 16. National Championship Competitions should only be judged by USEF/USHJA licensed officials.

- _____ 17. Officers of the USEF/USHJA with presidential modification powers should recuse themselves from judging USEF/USHJA events (to avoid a conflict of interest).
- _____ 18. Scoreboards should be an option for show management not a requirement.
- _____ 19. Shows should not be required to pay out prize money if a division or section has no entries.
- _____ 20. Junior Hunters and Amateur Owner Hunter sections should not be combined and then be California Split.
- _____ 21. Judges must jog all the horses in a combined section, possibly as many as 20 at one time.
- _____ 22. It is a safety issue to jog as many as 20 horses at a time.
- _____ 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?
- _____ 24. Junior hunters do not have to be jogged by Juniors if there are not 20 Juniors available.
- _____ 25. First Year Green Hunters (least experienced) should not be combined with the High Performance (most experienced) hunters.
- _____ 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).
- _____ 27. The National Hunter Derby should have separate awards for pro and non-pro.
- _____ 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.
- _____ 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).
- _____ 30. The Derby rule that reads "There will be four high option fences set at a minimum of 4'3" in height (*no maximum height*) is acceptable.
- _____ 31. Hunter Derby money and points should be tabulated for a Hunter Derby stand alone annual award.
- _____ 32. Ponies should remain divided by height of pony and not by age of rider.

- _____ 33. Hunters should jog for soundness in rated hunter divisions/sections and the International Hunter Derby.
- _____ 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? _____25% _____50% _____(other) in the final score?
- _____ 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.
- _____ 37. Black stirrups should not be cause for elimination in Equitation classes.
- _____ 38. Should Licensed officials be required to pay for their background check.
- _____ 39. Should trainers and instructors be required to pass a background check.
- _____ 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.
- _____ 41. Should the Safe Sport program be a requirement for trainers and instructors.
- _____ 42. The USEF should offer a printed rule book, free of charge, as part of the required membership program.
- _____ 43. Should the USEF/USHJA change rules at random after the show season (Dec.1st-Nov.30th) starts.
- _____ 44. The current USEF drug testing program is effective in producing a level playing field at competitions.
- _____ 45. Veterinarians who practice at USEF-USHJA shows should be responsible for knowing the drug rules
- _____ 46. The testing veterinarian should be a member of USEF-USHJA.
- _____ 47. The horse show veterinarian should be a member of USEF-USHJA.
- _____ 48. Veterinarians who practice at USEF-USHJA shows should be a member of USEF-USHJA.
- _____ 49. Horses that are selected to be tested should be chosen by a random selection system.
- _____ 50. Horses should be picked by the testing veterinarian to be tested.

- _____ 51. An exhibitor should be able to suggest to the testing veterinarian that a particular horse should be considered for testing.
- _____ 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 _____ 48 hours _____ 72 hours _____ 1 week _____ 1 month _____ at the Federations convenience.
- _____ 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.
- _____ 55. When the USEF/USHJA accepts these sponsorships and presents them to their winners does this imply endorsement of these products.
- _____ 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?
- _____ 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)
- _____ 58. Stewards should have to pay for forms required by the USEF/USHJA.
- _____ 59. USEF/USHJA committee members should be able to judge National Championships in which other committee members or their clients participate.
- _____ 60. A USEF/USHJA member may file a protest or a charge regarding another USEF/USHJA member based upon their conduct *on* the grounds of a USEF/USHJA Licensed competition.
- _____ 61. A USEF/USHJA member may file a protest or a charge regarding another USEF/USHJA member based upon their conduct *off* 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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