

USHJA ZONE HOTY CHAMPIONSHIP

A USHJA Zone Horse of the Year Championship is designed to reward participants in the USHJA Zone Horse of the Year Award Program by providing them with the opportunity to earn Championship Points.

- USHJA Zone HOTY Championships are held based upon the recommendation of the applicable Zone Committee and Working Group, and subject to the approval of the Executive Director.
- USHJA Zone Horse of the Year Championships are open to competitors who meet the minimum eligibility requirements, unless a zone specifically creates qualifying criteria and provides it to USHJA.
- In order to earn Championship Points in Hunter and Jumper sections, the owner or recorded leasee of the horse/pony must reside within the Zone. Horse owner, rider and trainer must be Active/competing members of USEF and USHJA. Horses must have a USEF annual or Life recording and USHJA registration. In Equitation sections the rider must reside within the Zone to participate in the HOTY Championship and receive Championship Points.
- If a section held at a USHJA Zone Horse of the Year Championship is open to all competitors, then the Competition Management is responsible for placing the class a second time including only those who are Zone members. The second set of results must be submitted to USEF.
- Each USHJA Zone Horse of the Year Championship must offer a minimum of 50% of the applicable Zone Horse of the Year Awards sections.
 - **Hunter and Equitation – Section Format:** must be offered with a minimum of two over fences classes and one under saddle class as defined in HU148. If offered in the section format, then Management may designate classes of an existing section that will count for the USHJA Zone Championship Points. Additional classes are not required to be held for the USHJA Zone HOTY Championships. Eligible exhibitors that place 1st-8th in each class will receive Zone HOTY Championship Points. Zone HOTY Championship Points will be awarded for Champion and Reserve Champion.
 - **Hunter – Classic Format:** may also be offered in a Classic format with two over fences rounds. If offered in this format then eligible exhibitors that place 1st-8th in the second round of the Hunter Classic will receive Zone HOTY Championship Points.
 - **Jumper – Section Format:** may be offered as two or three individual classes. If offered in this format then Management may designate classes of an existing section that will count for the USHJA Zone Championship Points. Additional classes are not required to be held for the USHJA Zone HOTY Championships. Eligible exhibitors that place 1st-8th in each class will receive Zone HOTY Championship Points.
 - **Jumper – Classic Format:** may also be offered in a two round/one jump-off Classic format. If offered in this format, eligible exhibitors who that place 1st-8th for the championship overall placings in the Classic will receive Zone HOTY Championship Points.
- A minimum of 3 Zone HOTY Championship exhibitors must compete in order for the Zone HOTY Championship Points to be awarded. The definition of compete for Hunters and Age Group Equitation is in accordance with HU133 and the definition of compete for Jumpers is in accordance with JP135.13.
- If the competition charges exhibitors an extra fee (“Armband Fees”) to compete in the Zone HOTY Championship, a minimum of 3 Zone HOTY Championship exhibitors must pay the additional fee and compete in order for Zone HOTY Championship Points to be awarded.

HUNTER

Stirrup Cup Championship Point Chart

Placing	Bonus Points for each class (Section Format)	Bonus Points for each class (Classic Format)
1	40	80
2	30	60
3	20	40
4	12	24
5	10	20
6	8	16
7	6	12
8	4	8
Champion	80	
Reserve	48	

JUMPER

Stirrup Cup Championship Point Chart

Placing	Bonus Points for each class (Section Format)	Bonus Points for each class (Classic Format)
1	40	80
2	30	60
3	20	40
4	12	24
5	10	20
6	8	16
7	6	12
8	4	8
Champion	N/A-Jumpers	
Reserve	N/A-Jumpers	

EQUITATION

Stirrup Cup Championship Point Chart

Placing	Bonus Points for each class
1	40
2	30
3	20
4	12
5	10
6	8
7	6
8	4
Champion	80
Reserve	48

HUNTERS/EQUITATION

Champion and Reserve Championship Points will be given to the Zone HOTY Championships sections that follow HU148. Champions will receive 80 Championship Points for each section completed and Reserve Champions will receive 48 Championship Points.

JUMPERS

Low Children's/Adult Amateur Jumpers, High Children's/Adult Amateur Jumpers and Thoroughbred Jumper will receive points from the Zone HOTY Championship Point Chart excluding Champion and Reserve points.

1.20/1.25 Junior Jumper, 1.20/1.25 Amateur Owner Jumper, 1.30/1.35 Junior Jumper, 1.30/1.35 Amateur Owner Jumper, 1.40/1.45 Junior Jumper, 1.40/1.45 Amateur Owner Jumper, Pony Jumpers and Young Jumpers will be based on one point for every dollar won unless no money is awarded and then these classes will receive the points from the Zone HOTY Championship Point Chart excluding Champion and Reserve points.

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For more information on the Zone HOTY Championship, please visit www.ushja.org or call (859) 225-6700.

