

CHJA Hunter Jumper Finals Show Specifications

2026

1. General

Hunter Jumper Finals are considered a CHJA sanctioned event and must comply with all applicable rules governing a CHJA approved horse show. In addition:

- A. In all finals, O/F classes must be held first.
- B. All finals must be judged by a USEF “R” judge approved by the Hunter Jumper Finals Committee
- C. Location for the Hunter Jumper Finals will be determined by the hunter Jumper Finals Committee.
- D. Hunter Jumper Finals will be held at the end of the show season.
- E. No schooling will be allowed over the finals courses; however, riders will be permitted to walk the course.
- F. Trainers must be CHJA members in order for them or their clients to compete in the Hunter Jumper Finals Show
- G. Invitations for qualified horses will go out after November 1. RSVP’s will be due November 9. If invitations are declined, the next horse in the standings will be invited. Secondary invitations must RSVP by November 16. Closing date for the show is November 16.
- H. A minimum of three horses is required to hold any classes. Classes may be combined.

2. Warm Up Classes

Warm Up Classes may be held prior to any final. Only finalists may compete. Warm Ups are judged 1-8.

3. Derbies

- A. Derby Classes will be held at the Hunter Jumper Finals Show
- B. Derby Qualifying

Derby horses must have completed two CHJA hunter divisions during the qualifying period of April 1-October 31, 2026. Horses may qualify for more than one division:

CHJA Adult and Children’s Hunter CHJA Low Adult and Children’s Hunter
CHJA Modified Adult and Children’s Hunter Pony Hunter (S-M-L)

S, M, L Stirrup Hunters

Open Hunters 3'3"-3'5", 3',2'6"-2'9, 2'3-2'6" and 3' Green Hunters

Horses qualified at multiple fence heights may ride at only one fence height.

Warm Ups will be available for Derby Horses not entered in a Hunter Final. Warm Ups judged 1-8.

C. Derby Options:

3' Children's /Amateur

3' Open

2'9" Junior/Amateur 2'9' Open

2'6" Junior/Amateur 2'6" Open

2'3" Junior/Amateur

2'3" Open

Large Pony to run concurrently with the 2'6, small/medium will run at their 2' height.

All ponies will be judged together.

D. Derby Format

Derbies - 2'9, 3', 3'3 will run in traditional format of one classic round and one handy round. Derbies - 2'6, 2'3, ponies and stirrups will run a Hunt and Go format.

An Open Under Saddle Derby will be held for all derby riders.

E. Awards

All Derbies will be pinned 1-8.

4. Hunter Finals

A. Qualifying

Hunter Finals qualifying is determined by year end points as follows:

CHJA Adult Hunter: Top 5 18-35 and Top 5 36 and older for a total of 10

B. Children's Hunter: Top 5 14 and under, Top 5 15-17 for a total of 10

Open 3'3 -3'5'- Top 5

Open 3'-Top 10

3' Greens-Top 5

Open 2'6-2'9- Top 10

Open 2'3"-2'6"-Top 10

CHJA Adult Hunter: Top 5 18-35 and Top 5 36 and older for a total of 10

Children's Hunter Top 5 14 and under, Top 5 15-17 for a total of 10 CHJA Low

Adult Hunter Top 10

CHJA Low Children's Hunter Top 10 Open Hunter 2'9"-Top 10

CHJA Modified Adult Hunter - Top 10 CHJA Modified Children's Hunter-Top 10

Open 2'6" Hunter – Top 10

CHJA Pony Hunters Top 10

All-Stirrup-Top 5 each age group-Short, Medium, Long-total of 15

A horse may qualify for more than one final, but they must be at the same height.
Fence height must be declared.

B. Hunter Final Format

Hunter Final Divisions will consist of a first Classic Round over fences, a second Handy Round over fences, and an Under Saddle class.

C. Awards

All classes will be pinned from 1st through 8th. An overall Champion and Reserve will be awarded for each Division

5. Jumper Finals

A. Jumper Finals Qualifying is based on year end points as follows:

.75 Jumpers-Top 12

.85 Jumpers-Top 12

.90 Jumpers-Top 12

1.0 Jumpers-Top 10

1.10 Jumpers-Top 10

1.15 Jumpers Top 10

B. Jumper Final Format

Jumper Final Divisions will consist of two different speed rounds and one Table IIb round

C. Awards

All classes will be pinned 1st through 8th. An Overall Champion and Reserve will be awarded for each division.

6. Mini Prix

A. A Variable Height Mini-Prix Table IIb will be held at the Hunter Jumper Finals Show.

B. Horses placing 1st through 5th in the second speed round class of the 1.0, 1.10. and 1.5 Divisions will earn a spot in the Variable Height Mini Prix for a total of 15 horses.

C. Awards

Mini Prix will be pinned 1-8.

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