

## OVER FENCES FIELD GUIDE

### PRIOR TO THE COMPETITION

- Review Classes offered, local class as well as non-rated class specifications.
- Hunter classes may run on Open cards AR107.2a and EC B1305
- Horse Measurements: Confirm management has an official measuring stick. You must be certified to measure in order to perform a measurement. Horses competing in 14.2 & under classes must have a valid Federation measurement card AR159.4 EC B 2205 F
- Be familiar with course requirements for Hunters, Equitation, Derbies and Jumpers as well as Jump Off Tables.
- Jog Option competition will be utilizing HU118.3. EC B2201#3. Check with the judge about the procedure.
- Martingales:
  - Jumping Seat Equitation: Only Running Martingales permitted AR 280.4
  - Hunter, Hunt Seat Equitation O/F: Running/Standing permitted EQ106.5.3, HU105.4, EC G1005.3
  - Hunter Under saddle and Hunter Hack No martingales permitted EC g202 #9
  - Draw reins can be used in warm up areas by Hunters or Jumpers but only by professionals in the competition arena for Jumpers 1.20m and below. JP111.4,-& 1.5 M and lower for EC Jumper annex 4 4.2 per unrestricted and attached through the breastplate or to the girth billets
- Boots: allowed in Jumper and Equitation on the flat and over fences AR247.1, EQ106.5e, EC – G1005 #4 Annex 1
- Half Chaps may be worn if same color as Paddock boots JP 111 #9
- Nose nets/Nasal Strips
  - Nose Nets are permitted in Hunter Seat Equitation and Jumper, EQ106.5g EC G 202 # 5
  - Nose Nets/Nasal Strips, are not permitted in Hunter, HU 106.1
  - Nose Nets permitted in EC Hunters- G 202 # 5
- Belly Bands:
  - Hunter and Hunter Seat Equitation, not permitted EQ106.5e, JU106.1
  - Jumper they are permitted
- Stirrup irons: traditional stainless steel recommended. EQ106.6 EC G1005 # 5
- Whips:
  - One whip, no longer than 30" is allowed while competing or schooling over fences, AR163.3b, EC G 202 #18
  - Must be of conservative colors EQ106.3
- Spurs:
  - Optional, must be of conservative color EQ106.3. Spurs of un-roweled type for Hunt/Jump Seat Eq EC B3602#4
  - Spurs not defined in USEF HU or JP rules, except for Ladies Side Saddle Hunter attire. HU152.9
  - EC: Spurs allowed; roweled spurs, notched or serrated are not permitted on the show grounds. Spurs with rotating discs, not notched, are permitted EC G 109 #7
- Championship Classes and Section consist of two (2) classes over fences and one (1) class Under Saddle. Competitors may opt to only jump one round over fences and the flat class, to be eligible. AR165.1a, AR165.b EC B2205 # 4B
- Understand Championship point calculations AR165.4 EC B 2205 #4
- Paper or Tablet? In the field sometimes it is difficult to read tablets. Paper copies can be helpful.

## AT THE COMPETITION





- Schooling Area: Inspect that there are adequate fences, trotting, vertical and oxer, FEI Safety cups are in place with standards marked (taped) appropriately  
AR107.14ab EC Annex 1 #6
  - Taping schooling jumps: If management has not taped schooling fences be prepared to measure and tape jumps, refer to USEF Hunter/Equitation/Jumper Schooling PowerPoint for taping instructions and JP Appendix A Taping/Marking Schooling Fences
  - Safety Cups must be used on the back rail of all Oxers USEF Annex A #6 and EC FEI Article 210 exception (use of wooden dowels – schooling area, only when safety cups are not available) AR107.14b EC B 3602 #7 , AR107.15b
  - Ground lines are required for Hunters and Hunt Seat EQ OF this could be a brush box or short brick wall HU112.4 EC Annex 1 #2 D, Not mandatory for schooling USEF Annex #16
  - Earphones and earbuds are prohibited in the schooling and exercise areas while mounted, USEF Annex EC- The use of 1 earphone or earbud is allowed in schooling areas EC EC G 114 # 4 - Eliminated if used in Competition ring
  - A towel or cooler may be placed over the front rail of a Vertical or Oxer. USEF Appendix A #21 or EC
- Review course maps to assure course requirements are met -8 fences to be jumped USEF AR161.1a EC B 2204 1 A
- Course Designers or their designated representative, are not required to be licensed, but must have shown their expertise at previous competitions, and must be on site for the competition HU 117 #1EC EC B 2205 4 D
- Distances should be set by the Course Designer and may be adjusted for size of horse, height of fences or weather conditions etc. USEF AR161.1d- EC 2204 1 E

- Hunters and equitation exhibitors **must** enter and exit the arena at a walk. HU 109 # 6 EC G104
- Competitions are required to offer non-judged warmup rounds at exhibitors division height USEF AR159.6. Not required in EC but normally provided.
- Amateur Owner with multiple horses entered in under saddle classes counting toward a Championship, AR110.4b, AR165.3 EC B2203#2
- EMT Ideally should be on the grounds 30 minutes prior to the competition for schooling
  - EMT is required if paid schooling sessions are offered the day prior to competition GR847.1, EC A 508 B & C or early morning paid schooling
- Be familiar with ground poles, placing poles and guide poles and if they can, or must be used. No placing poles in warmups for EC Jumping. FEI Art 201 5.2 (can be used for Hunters)
- Flags if used on the Right side of the jump
- Confirm the direction to jump an oxer

## RESOURCES

- Questions prior and during the competition contact Terri Dolan, Director USEF National Breeds & Non-FEI Discipline Sport, 859-225-6957 [tdolan@usef.org](mailto:tdolan@usef.org), or another Steward.
- USEF Jumping in Exercise and Schooling Areas PPT Download:  
[https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.usef.org%2fforms-pubs%2fFoC4aQsgTmc%2fhunters-equitation-jumpers--&c=E,1,CpxDN8unm5JXzydh0VIlxfBRjN-wA49aAaGykdmFX6QepD8fE1Cl8xwEaj28mw2qpYzgS-0W0eQRrqCBznzKwVMc9fgJx\\_Jnnwm8ZcXCiKOG&typo=1](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.usef.org%2fforms-pubs%2fFoC4aQsgTmc%2fhunters-equitation-jumpers--&c=E,1,CpxDN8unm5JXzydh0VIlxfBRjN-wA49aAaGykdmFX6QepD8fE1Cl8xwEaj28mw2qpYzgS-0W0eQRrqCBznzKwVMc9fgJx_Jnnwm8ZcXCiKOG&typo=1)
- EC Use FEI Stewards Jumping manual [https://inside.fei.org/sites/default/files/Annex\\_VI\\_Supplement\\_Stewards\\_Manual\\_Jumping\\_Mark-Up\\_%20February\\_2020.pdf](https://inside.fei.org/sites/default/files/Annex_VI_Supplement_Stewards_Manual_Jumping_Mark-Up_%20February_2020.pdf)

## TYPES OF OBSTACLES

<p>Cross rail: one of the most typical obstacles and consists of two cross bars</p>	 <p>Cross Rail</p>
<p>Vertical: a jump with one or more poles, panels etc., in a vertical plane.</p>	 <p>Vertical</p>
<p>Oxer: Two verticals are joined, arranged consecutively, to force a deeper jump by the horse and the rider. The pole behind the vertical plain must be the same height or higher than the front pole.</p>	 <p>Oxer</p>
<p>Combinations: They are groups of obstacles composed of two or more obstacles whose separation cannot be less than 7meters and cannot be greater than 12 meters</p>	 <p>Combinations</p>