

## 22. Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences

Reference Rules USEF Chapter "EQ" & "HU"

### 22.1. Required Equipment:

#### 22.1.1. Saddles

22.1.1.1. Forward Seat Saddle

22.1.1.2. Multipurpose, English type saddle

#### 22.1.2. Bits

22.1.2.1. Regulation Snaffle

22.1.2.2. Pelhams

22.1.2.3. Full Bridles

22.1.2.4. Kimberwicks

22.1.2.5. with Cavesson nosebands.

### 22.2. Prohibited Equipment:

22.2.1. Draw reins

22.2.2. Non-English type spurs

22.2.3. Prohibited Saddles

22.2.3.1. Western

22.2.3.2. Sidesaddles

22.2.3.3. Saddle Seat style cutback saddle

22.2.3.4. Dressage saddle

22.2.4. Bit Converters

22.2.5. Gag Bit

22.2.6. Ribbon, Glitter, & Sparkle

22.2.6.1. Exception: Residual from Working Pairs when scheduling does not allow its removal

22.2.7. Side Pulls

### 22.3. Optional Equipment

22.3.1. Figure 8, Flash, Dropped nosebands

22.3.2. Protective boots, leg wraps and bandages

22.3.3. Crops, bats, or whips may be no longer than 30" including lash

22.3.4. Martingales

22.3.4.1. Running martingales must have rein stops (Rubber or leather stops slipped onto the rein between the bit and the ring of the martingale)

22.4. Fences shall not exceed a maximum height or spread of 2 feet, 9 inches

22.5. A Safety Inspection of Equipment, by the Judge, will be performed prior to event. Equipment checks are part of the score.

22.5.1. Girth Tight

22.5.2. Stirrup bars, if present, must be open



- 22.5.3. Proper adjustment of martingales
- 22.5.4. Condition of leather and stitching in girth and stirrup leathers
- 22.5.5. Helmet strap adjusted properly
- 22.6. Qualifying
  - 22.6.1.1. The officiating judge shall determine if the athlete and/or equine are competent to ride the class
  - 22.6.1.2. The judge may excuse any athlete deemed unsafe at any time on the course
  - 22.6.1.3. The decision of the judge shall be final
- 22.7. Refusals
  - 22.7.1. Mandatory score deductions will be made and noted on the score sheet in the space provided. Judges may also factor the refusal into their element score at their discretion.**
    - 22.7.1.1. First refusal shall incur a deduction of 3 points**
    - 22.7.1.2. Second refusal shall incur a deduction of 5 points for a total of 8 points.**
- 22.8. Elimination
  - 22.8.1. Fall of equine and/or athlete
  - 22.8.2. Off Course
  - 22.8.3. Three (3) combined refusals
    - 22.8.3.1. Eliminated athletes will not be eligible for placing points
    - 22.8.3.2. At the Judge's discretion, an eliminated athlete may jump an additional fence, but may not continue thereafter
- 22.9. Disqualifications *(Also see General Rules 8.0 Judging)*
  - 22.9.1. If an athlete enters the arena with missing required equipment, illegal equipment, or illegal use of permitted equipment, including uniform violations, not considered to be unsafe, the athlete will be allowed to continue on the course and receive scores and comments, but will be disqualified from the event.
  - 22.9.2. Except for minor adjustments, athletes who fail to pass the safety inspection will not be allowed to make corrections, will not be allowed on course, and will be disqualified
  - 22.9.3. Obvious lameness or unsoundness detected in participating equine will result in disqualification