

# \$25,000 USHJA INTERNATIONAL HUNTER DERBY

Week IV & VIII | February 5-10 & March 12-17

CLASS	ENTRY FEE	POST ENTRY FEE	SCRATCH FEE
<b>600. \$25,000 USHJA INTERNATIONAL HUNTER DERBY</b>	\$400 + \$50 USHJA Fee	\$100	\$100

**ELIGIBILITY** - Open to all. Riders are limited to four (4) horses in this class. Horses are not required to show in any other class at the competition, but may compete in any class for which they are otherwise eligible. Owners, Riders and Trainers must be current Active Competing Members of USEF and USHJA. Horses must have USEF Recording and USHJA Registration. Change of rider after the First Round is not permissible.

**CONDITIONS & SPECIFICATIONS** - Fences 3'6"-4', with at least four (4) option fences 4'3" or higher per round. To be judged under the Open Numerical scoring system by two panels of two judges each. One Panel will be designated the tie-breaking panel for Round 1; this panel will also be the tie-breaking panel for the jump-off, if any. The other Panel will be the tie-breaking panel for Round 2. To be scored on quality, movement, jumping style, manners and way of going. Pace and brilliance are to be rewarded. Jumping decorations to utilize a shorter track is not permissible in any round.

**Round 1:** To be shown over a Hunter Classic course of at least 10 fences. In addition to the base score, each judging panel must award an Option Bonus Score consisting of one additional point for every higher height option fence jumped. Scores will be added to determine the total score for the round. The top 12 will return in reverse of scores for the Second Round. In the case of ties, the Base score of the tie-breaking panel will be used to break the tie.

**Round 2:** To be shown over a Handy Hunter course of at least 10 fences. In addition to the base score, each judging panel must award an Option Bonus Score consisting of one additional point for every higher height option fence jumped and a Handy Bonus Score between zero and 10 bonus points. Scores will be added to determine the total score for the round. In the case of ties, the Base score of the tie-breaking panel will be used to break the tie.

Scores from Round 1 and Round 2 will be added to determine the overall winners. In the case of a tie for First Place, a Jump-off will be held. In the case of ties for all other places, the Base score of the Round 2 tie-breaking panel will be used to break the tie.

**Round 3:** In the case of an overall tie for First Place, a Jump-off will be held. To be shown over a course of at least 8 fences. Scoring to be the same as for the Handy Hunter Round. Jump-off score to be added to the total score from Round 1 and Round 2 to determine the winners.

**POINTS & AWARDS** - In order to earn USEF Horse of the Year points, exhibitors **must declare in which section points are to count** by submitting a completed USHJA Declaration Form to the Show Office by the end of the competition. Only Juniors and Amateurs may declare for the applicable Junior or Amateur-Owner section. In order to earn points toward IHD Awards and Finals, Horses must be enrolled in the International Hunter Derby program. Enrollment is not required to compete in the class.

**SECURE STABLING** - Horses must purchase a stall and be stabled on the grounds **24 hours prior to the start of the class**. Horses must remain on the competition grounds until finished competing in the Derby. Any horse in violation of this requirement will be disqualified.

**HORSE INSPECTION** - Horses must jog for soundness during the Official Jog the morning of the class. Time and location to be announced. Horses must be officially entered in the Derby prior to the jog. If a horse does not pass the jog, there will be one opportunity for the horse to be re-presented at a time to be determined, up to one hour prior to the start of the class.

**SCHOOLING REQUIREMENTS** - During the 24 hour period prior to the class, horses must be ridden in official horse show schooling areas only. Competition number must be worn at all times while mounted.

**ORDER OF GO** - The Order of Go for the First Round will be drawn. The Order for the Second Round will be reverse order of scores from Round 1. The Order for the Jump-off, if any, will be the same as that for Round 2.

**ATTIRE** - Formal attire required. Buff breeches and shadbelly, white breeches and dark or scarlet coat, hunt colors coat or official sponsor or team jacket permitted.

**RIBBONS & AWARDS** - Ribbons 1-12 for First Round, Second Round and Overall.

**PRIZE MONEY \$25,000 DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS -**

1 - \$7,500; 2 - \$5,500; 3 - \$3,250; 4 - \$2,000; 5 - \$1,500; 6 - \$1,250; 7 - \$1,000; 8 - \$750; 9 - \$750; 10 - \$500; 11 - \$500; 12 - \$500

For Complete Rules and Specifications visit [USHJA.org](http://USHJA.org).

