



USHJA PLATINUM JUMPER CHAMPIONSHIPS

2022 Platinum Individual and Team Jumper Championship Specifications
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USHJA Platinum Individual and Team Jumper Championship Specifications

1.30/1.35m Platinum Jumper Championship – Juniors, Amateurs and Professionals

1.40/1.45m Platinum Jumper Championships - Juniors, Amateurs and Professionals

I. MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- A. Eligible athletes must be a current active USEF and USHJA member in good standing (see GR201& JP 100.1) from the time of application until conclusion of event.
- B. The horse must be registered with USHJA (see JP 100.2) and recorded with USEF pursuant to USEFGR 1102, in good standing under USEF rules.
- C. The burden of proof of eligibility to compete will rest with and be the sole responsibility of the owner or athlete, and not of the USHJA. USHJA staff is not available to determine each horse's or athlete eligibility.
- D. The zone of each Athlete is determined by the athlete's point state as recorded with USEF as of December 1, **2021** (see JP 100.5)
- E. Athletes wishing to participate in the USHJA Platinum Jumper Championship must complete and submit an application online at ushja.org/platinum_jumper no later than 45 days prior to the start of their respective Championship. The applicants must certify that they meet the qualification and eligibility conditions delineated herein.
 - Application: December 1 through **seven** days **prior** each Zone or Combined Zone Championship. Fee of \$75 per **athlete/horse combination. \$25 per additional athlete/horse combination applied.**
- F. Refer to "Zone Eligibility Requirements" for important dates and deadlines.

II. QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ATHLETE/HORSE COMBINATIONS

- A. An athlete/ horse **combination is** eligible to compete on one team at the Platinum Championships. **1.30/1.35m and 1.40/1.45m Platinum Jumper Championships are open to Juniors, Amateurs, and Professionals. If qualified and eligible, an athlete may compete in both the 1.30/1.35m and 1.40/1.45m Championships on different horses.**
- B. In order to be eligible for the **1.30/1.35m** Platinum Championships, athlete/horse combinations must earn a minimum of 250 points/money won in **1.30/1.35m** classes at USEF licensed competitions 45 days prior to the start of their championship. **Exceptions: II.H.I Waivers and II.I Substitutions.**
- C. In order to be eligible for the **1.40/1.45m** Platinum Championships, athlete/horse combinations must earn a minimum of 250 points/money won in 1.40/1.45m classes at USEF licensed competitions 45 days prior to the start of their championship. **Exceptions: II.H.I Waivers and II.I Substitutions.**
- D. The point standings (ranking) in each zone **starts** 30 days following the conclusion of the previous year's Platinum Championship to 45 days prior to the start of the current year's Championship, will be used to determine the athlete/horse combination's acceptance to compete in that **combined** zone's championships. **Exceptions: II.H.I Waivers and II.I Substitutions.**
- E. **Ties will be broken by the most first place finishes in qualifying classes, at their respective**

height. If ties still exist, the most second place finishes in qualifying classes at the respective height will be used and so on until the tie is broken.

- F. Platinum Championships must accept a minimum of three teams and a maximum of eight teams **in each height section.**
- G. **1.30/1.35m athlete/horse combinations electing to compete in the Platinum Championships may not have competed in a class held at a height over 1.45m within the qualifying period up through the championship, in the current competition year.**
- H. 1.40/1.45m Athlete/horse combinations wishing to compete in the Platinum Championships may not have competed in an Open High Performance Standard Grand Prix in the current competition year. (JP123.4d)
- I. Platinum athletes may compete in classes that have heights greater than the maximum height restriction for the Platinum Championships on a different horse.
- J. Waivers must be submitted at least **seven** days prior to the championships. Any waivers submitted after the deadline will not be considered.
1. If an athlete has an extenuating circumstance and wishes to apply for a waiver to any of the requirements in Section I, the athlete must apply to the USHJA explaining the circumstances and details. The USHJA **will appoint a group of jumper representatives who** will evaluate the request and provide a final decision whether to accept or deny the waiver.
 2. Waivers will not be granted for classes that do not meet the minimum fence height.
 3. In no case will a waiver include any classes that occur less than 45 days before the Championship when the point standings freeze.
 4. Waivers will not be granted for athlete/**horse combinations** that have jumped over the maximum height restrictions more than **three** times within the qualifying period.
- K. Substitutions
1. Once the definite entries are secured, and up to **seven** days preceding the Monday of the Championship, if an eligible athlete/horse combination is unable to compete at the Championship, the space will be filled by the next available **athlete/horse** combination from the frozen point standings list. If a horse is unable to compete and that athlete has another horse that is eligible **in the standings with 250 points.**
 2. **After the seven-day deadline, if a horse is unable to compete and the athlete has another eligible horse, a substitution will be allowed under the following conditions:**
 - **The horse has at least 250 points at the appropriate height.**
 - **If the qualifying points were won within 21 days of the championships, the athlete must present a copy of the official results from the qualifying horse show(s) displaying the height of the class(s) and the placing of the horse.**
 - **The substituted horse must have earned its qualifying points with the athlete seeking the substitution.**
 - **All substitutions must take place prior to the start of the horse inspection.**
 3. **Once the first round of the championship commences, no changes in team composition will be allowed for any reason. If a three-member team is reduced to two, those riders will compete as individuals.**
 4. If there are at least three individuals from different zones in a combined zone championship before the first competition, they may comprise a combined team upon approval of the USHJA Jumper Technical Delegate.
 5. To hold a Platinum Championship, a minimum of three teams must be entered. Teams may

be combined by zone.

6. **There is no substitution of a horse once the horse inspection/ins has been completed.**

L. Qualifying List

1. Athlete/horse combinations for the 1.40/1.45m Platinum Championships will be accepted from the USHJA Platinum Jumper Championship Qualifying List (**standings**) found on the USHJA website: ushja.org/platinum_jumper.
2. Combined Zones: Each Zone may send up to 16 qualified athlete/horse combinations. Should a Zone be unable to send 16 qualified athlete/horse combinations the other competing Zone may send more than their allotted 16 combinations until a maximum of 32 athlete/horse combinations have been accepted.
3. **Should the maximum number of 32 athlete/horse combinations not be met in any section, an athlete may ask to be included in the Championship at the Platinum Jumper Championship site. The athlete/horse combination must meet eligibility requirements and apply to the USHJA representative at the Championship competition 24 hours before the horse inspection. If a team position is unavailable, the additional athlete/horse combination will compete as an individual.**
4. **It is the intention of the USHJA to allow as much flexibility as possible within the parameters of sound, fair, friendly competition, and good sport in the allowance of teams to be combined at events should a competitor drop out due to sickness or injury.**

III. **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Horse Rules and Regulations

A. Horse Inspection

1. Championship horses must be stabled in official competition stabling on the show grounds where the championship is being held. Horses must be in their assigned horse show stabling **at least one hour prior to the horse inspection, and horses must remain on** the grounds until the completion of their Championship.
2. Horses competing in the Championship may not compete in any other class at the same horseshow after the Official **horse inspection** has taken place.
3. All Championship horses must be presented at the mandatory horse inspection by the athlete or designated representative. The horse inspection will be held not more than 24 hours prior to the start of the First Individual Qualifying Class. The exact time and location will be included in the prize list and schedule for each championship.
4. A designated representative for the horse must be present at the **horse inspection**.
5. Each horse must be presented with its entry number **and current negative Coggins**. Following the official horse inspection, the assigned back number must accompany the horse at all times when it is out of its stall and must be visible on the stall door when the horse is in its stall.
6. Horses not accepted at the horse inspection will have the opportunity to be re-presented once prior to the First Individual Qualifying Class.
7. If a horse is not accepted at the initial horse inspection, the horse may not participate in the Championship Training Session if it is held prior to the re-inspection. Horses not accepted at there-inspection will not be allowed to compete in the Championships. Horses may not participate in any concurrently held competition during which the Championship is held on the same grounds for a period of 48 hours following the horse inspection.
(GR914.3)

B. Tack/ Equipment

USEF Rules: USEF rules will govern these Championships (**JP 111**). Additionally, please pay particular attention to the specifics listed below:

1. Martingales
 - Only running martingales used in a conventional manner are permitted in the Platinum Championships. (JP111.1b)
 - The use of any other type of martingale will be cause for elimination from that Championship class. Exception: Irish Martingales may be used.
2. **Draw reins and German Martingales may only be used when schooling. No other headset devices (chambon, etc.) are permitted in any class, and cable or metal tie downs are prohibited. (JP111.4)** The use of Draw Reins is permissible during awards presentations and victory gallops
3. **Boot Regulations. Refer to USEF rule JP 111.5.**

Athlete Rules and Regulations

1. Although an athlete is not prevented from competing on another horse during the Championship week, there will be no waiting for that athlete during the Championship classes. If an athlete is not immediately available in the order, the athlete will be scratched from that Championship class.
2. For the order of go for classes with non-Platinum and Platinum horses entered, the Platinum horse must be ridden first.
3. Failure to enter the ring within one minute of being called incurs elimination. The time limit for entering the ring must be enforced by management. (JP137.2)
4. Only the competing athlete may be mounted on the Championship horse after the official horse inspection.
5. Riders' Meeting: There will be a **mandatory** riders' meeting and Show Jumping Athlete Pathway Orientation presentation. The time and location will be included in the prize list and schedule.
6. The draw for the Team Order of Go will take place at the Riders' Meeting. Teams will be determined two weeks prior to the Championship.

A. Schooling

- USEF Jumper Schooling Rules will be in effect **throughout the competition (JP 103)**.

B. Attire (JP111.9)

1. Official Horse Inspection and Course Walks
 - Athletes and designated representatives must be appropriately dressed during all championship activities. Athletes must wear boots, breeches, and a hard hat (except meetings). A designated representative must be professionally dressed in proper footwear for the Official Horse Inspection.
2. **First Individual and Team Competition**
 - White breeches are required. Zone team shirts or team polo shirts are **encouraged**. Shirts must have collars and sleeves (sleeves may be either long or short) and must be tucked into breeches. Sleeveless shirts and shirts with exposed hoods are prohibited. If

team shirts are not available athletes must follow the **Formal Attire** dress code (**JP 119.a**). Members **of** each team must all wear coordinated attire. Boots are required. Half chaps are permitted as long as the color matches the paddock boot.

3. Individual Final

- **Formal Attire required.** Dark, muted, or similar colored, coats are required; white breeches; a white tie, choker (unless the shirt, by design, has the choker built in for its intended use) and a white shirt must be worn. Shirts must be fastened at the neck and tucked into breeches. Boots are required. Half chaps are permitted as long as the color matches the paddock boots being worn. (JP111.9a)

IV. **MEDICATION RULES**

- A. USEF Drugs & Medication rules will be in effect for these championships (**GR 401-404**).

V. **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

- A. Passports are not required.
- B. Entrants must comply with the documents and health certificates, if any, required by the organizer, state, and facility where the championship is being held.
- C. **Current Coggins is required at the horse inspection.**

VI. **CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE**

There are two format options under which the Championships may be conducted. Host management may choose the option that they feel will work best for the Championship, always keeping the welfare of the horses and athletes as the primary consideration.

Championship Schedule

1.30/135m Junior/Amateur/Professional Championship; spreads up to 1.45m

1.40-1.45m Junior/Amateur/Professional Championship; spreads up to 1.55m

- The Speed Class and the Grand Prix are overlay competitions for the Platinum Championship Athlete/Horse Combinations. Championship ribbons will be given in addition to the show class awards and prize money.
- The speed is 350m/m.

OPTION ONE – Three Day/Round Format

A. **Day One (First Round of the Team Championship and First Individual Qualifying Class)**

1. Specifications: The class will be conducted under Table II, Section 1. Faults and time. (**JP 146.2**) The results of this class will be decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed. Horses with clear rounds or equal faults are classified according to their time taken to complete the course. Athletes eliminated or retiring from the course for any reason shall receive a score equal to 20 faults more than the highest penalized competitor in that round **that completed the course and received a score.**
2. Individual Classification: Faults **and time** from Round One will be carried forward to the Individual Standings and into Round Two of the Team Championships on Day Two. Ties for non-medal positions in the Individual Final will be determined by the time taken on Day One.
3. Start Order: The draw for the team start order for the Team Championship will occur at the Riders' Meeting. The order of the individuals on a team will be determined by the Chefs and given to the USHJA representative at the Riders' Meeting. **Teams of three will**

- start with their first rider in** the second rotation.
4. Round One for the 1.30/1.35m Platinum Championship **may** be an overlay class with the horse show's regular 1.30m speed class. Table II.1
 5. Round One for the 1.40/1.45m Platinum Championship **may** be an overlay class with the horse show's regular 1.40m speed class. Table II.1
 6. All Platinum Championship competitors will go first in the start order of the Final Individual class if held as an overlay class. ~~Riders will compete in a drawn order in the order drawn at the Riders Meeting.~~
 7. Class Awards: Ribbons will be awarded through 8th place. Prize money: 20% of the sections prize money will be paid through 8th as follows: 30%, 22%, 15%, 10%, 7%, 6%, 5%, 5%. **This prize money is in addition to the prizemoney offered in the overlay class.**
- B. Day Two (Second Round of the Team Championship/Second Individual Qualifying Class)
1. Specifications: The Team Championship is a two round format held over two days. Round two also serves as the second Qualifying Class for the Individual Final. The competitors will be scored under a modified Table II.
 2. Scoring
 - The Second Round of the Team Championship is open only to athlete/horse combinations that have started (whether eliminated or not) in the First Individual Qualifying Class (Day One).
 - Athletes eliminated or retiring from the course for any reason shall receive a score equal to 20 faults more than that received by the highest penalized competitor in that round.
Only the **top** three scores of each team from **rounds one and two** will count toward the team's **final** score.
 - The winning team will be the team with the lowest combined scores from the two rounds.
 - Any teams tied for a medal shall jump off. The Chefs d'Equipe will select one member from their team for the jump off.
 - If jump-offs for multiple medals are required, the jump-off for the bronze medal will occur first.
 - Placing of teams tied below medal positions will be decided by the combined times from the three highest place riders on a team from Day One.
 3. Start Order: The starting order of teams will be the reverse order of team scores from the first round (Day One). Any teams tied will go in the order of their first round drawn order.
 - Athletes competing as individuals will compete **in drawn order in the first round and** first in the second round of the Team Competition. The second-round order for Individual competitors will be based on reverse order of scores from the first round.
 4. Class Awards: Medals will be awarded to the Gold, Silver, and Bronze teams, ribbons will be awarded through 3rd place. Gold team must ride for ribbons, Silver and Bronze teams will enter the ring on foot for a podium presentation. Prize money: 15% of the sections prize money will be paid to the Gold, Silver and Bronze winning teams. Prize money will be paid through 3rd as follows: 50%, 30%, 20% and divided equally among the team's members. Additionally, ribbons will be awarded through 8th to the individual class placings after round one and round two of Team Competition (Day Two). Prize money: 15% of the sections prize money will be paid through 8th to the individual class placings (Day Two) as follows: 30%, 22%, 15%, 10%, 7%, 6%, 5%, 5%. Only faults from the 2nd

Individual Qualifier will be considered. Ties for individual placing will first be broken by the faults from the first round of Team Competition on Day One. If Ties remain, the time from day one will be used.

C. Day Three (Individual Final)

1. Specifications: The competition will conclude with the Individual Final on the third day. It will be scored under Table II Section 2 and held over one round. The top **15** athlete/horse combinations based on the cumulative scores from the first and second individual qualifying classes, including ties for **15th** place, are eligible to compete. They must have not been eliminated in either of the two rounds of the competition. The list of the top **15** will be posted and distributed as soon as feasible after the Team Competition concludes and medals are awarded. Following this posting, if one or more of the qualified athlete/horse combinations is unable to start in the Individual Final, the combination will not be replaced.
2. **The Individual Final for the 1.30/1.35m Platinum Championships may be an overlay with a Regional Standard Grand Prix Class. Individual Final Participants are eligible for prize money offered in the Championships well as in the Grand Prix or featured classic if the overlay class is entered.**
3. The Individual Final for the 1.40/1.45m Platinum Championships **may** be an overlay on the Grand Prix class. The horse show's Grand Prix or featured classic held at 1.40/1.45m, **may** serve as the Individual Final. **Participants are eligible for prize money offered in the Championships well as in the Grand Prix or featured classic if the overlay class is entered.**
4. Start Order: The start order will be the reverse order of **a riders' total** scores incurred in the first and second individual qualifying classes. In the event of equality of scores, the result of the first qualifying class will decide, with a **lower placing** athlete/horse combination going before a **higher placing competitor.**
5. All athlete/horse combinations participating in the Platinum Championship will compete before non-Platinum athlete/horse combinations entered in the Grand Prix or featured classic.
6. Jump-Off: In the case of a tie for an individual medal, there will be a jump-off, with the jumpoff going in the same order as in the Individual Final. Ties for medal position in the 1.30/1.35m or the 1.40/1.45m Platinum Championship will jump off before the Grand Prix jump off or featured classic.
7. Class Awards: Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals provided by the USHJA will be awarded to the top three individuals, along with ribbons to 8th and other specified prizes or prize money as may be specified by the organizers and the USHJA. Top **3** overall must ride for ribbons. Gold, Silver, and Bronze Individuals must stay for a podium presentation. The Individual Medal winners will be invited to participate in one of the USHJA Gold Star clinics. Please find the most update information about the USHJA Gold Star Clinic at ushja.org/GoldStarClinics. Prizemoney: 50% of the sections prize money will be paid to ~~medal~~ winning individuals as follows: Gold – 50%, Silver – 30%, Bronze – 20 %.

OPTION TWO – Four Day /Round Format

A. Day One (First Individual Qualifying Class)

1. Specifications: The class will be conducted under Table II, Section 1. Faults and Time (***JP 146.2***) Athletes eliminated or retiring for any reason will receive a score equal to 20 faults more than the highest penalized competitor in that round ***that completed the course and received a score.***

2. Individual Classification: Faults from Round One will be carried forward to the Individual Standings. Faults from all rounds will be carried through to the Individual Final. **Ties for non-medal positions in the Individual Final will be determined by the time taken on Day One.**
 3. Start Order: The order will be drawn at the Rider's Meeting.
 4. The First Individual Qualifying class for the Platinum Championship may be an overlay class with the horse show's regular 1.40m speed class.
 5. All Platinum Championship competitors will go first in the start order of the overlay classes and will compete in the order drawn at the Riders Meeting.
 6. Class Awards: Ribbons will be awarded through 8th.
 7. Prize money: 20% of the prize money for the section will be paid as follows: 30%, 22%, 15%, 10%, 7%, 6%, 5%, 5%. **Participants are eligible for prize money in the Championship as well as the overlay class.**
- B. Day Two (**Round Two and Three** Team Championship and Second and Third Individual Qualifying Classes)
1. Specifications: The Team Championship is a two round competition which also serves as the Second and Third Individual Qualifying classes for the Individual Final. This competition will be scored under a modified Table II over two identical rounds (JP 146.1)
 2. Scoring:
 - The Team Championship is open only to athlete/horse combinations that have started (whether eliminated or not) in the First Individual Qualifying Class (Day One).
 - All athletes will receive a score regardless of elimination and are eligible to compete in both rounds of the Team Championship.
 - Athletes eliminated or retiring from the round will receive a score equal to 20 faults more than the score of the highest penalized competitor in that round that completed the course and received a score.
 - Only the best three scores of each team from **rounds two and three** will count toward the team score.
 - The winning team will be the team with the lowest combined score from the two rounds.
 - Any teams tied for a medal position will jump off. The Chef d'Equipe will select one member **from** their team for the jump-off.
 - If multiple jump-offs are required, the jump-off for bronze will occur first.
 - Individual placing will be decided for the total scores from rounds two and three. Ties will be broken by day one placing.
 3. Start Order: The starting order of teams for the second round will be the reverse order of team scores from the first round of the Team Championship. Teams tied will start in the same order as the first round.
 - Athletes competing as individuals will start first in the second round of the Team Championship. The second-round order for individuals will be based on reverse order of scores from the first round.
 4. Class Awards: Medals will be awarded to Gold, Silver and Bronze teams, ribbons awarded through 3rd. Gold medal teams must ride for presentations, Silver and Bronze teams will enter the ring on foot for a podium presentation. Additionally, ribbons will be awarded 1st through 8th to the individual class placings from the combined scores from rounds one and

two of the Team Championship. Ties for individual placing will be broken by the faults and time from the First Individual Qualifying Class (Day One). Prize Money: 15% of the prize money for the section will be paid to the Gold, Silver and Bronze teams as follows: 50%, 30%, 20%. 15% of the prize money for the section will be paid to the top 8 individual class placings after round one and two the Team Championship as follows: 30%, 22%, 15%, 10%, 7%, 6%, 5%, 5%.

C. Day Three (Mandatory Rest Day)

D. Day Four (Individual Final)

1. Specifications: The Individual Final will be scored under Table II, Section 2 and held over oneround. The top 15 athlete/horse combinations based on cumulative scores for the first, second and third individual qualifying classes, including ties for 15th place are eligible to compete.

- They must not have been eliminated in any of the three rounds of the competition. The list of the top 15 will be posted as soon as feasible following the conclusion of the Team Championship. If one or more of the qualified athlete/horse combinations are unable to start in the Individual Final, they will not be replaced.
 - The Individual Final for the **1.30/1.35m** Platinum Championships *may* be an overlay on a **Regional Standard** Grand Prix class. The horse show's Grand Prix or featured classic held at the **1.30/1.35m**, *may* serve as the Individual Final.
 - The Individual Final for the **1.40/1.45m** Platinum Championships *may* be an overlay on the Grand Prix class. The horse show's Grand Prix or featured classic held at the 1.40/1.45m, *may* serve as the Individual Final.
2. Start Order: The start order will be the reverse order of *a rider's* total score from the first, second and third individual qualifying classes. In the event of equality of score, the result of the First Individual Qualifying Class (Day One) will decide, with the lower placing starting before the higher placing.
 3. All athlete/horse combinations participating in the Platinum Championship will compete before non-Platinum athlete/horse combinations entered in the Grand Prix or featured classic.
 4. Jump-Off: In the case of a tie for an individual medal, there will be a jump-off, with the jump offgoing in the same order as in the individual final. Ties for medal position in the **1.30/1.35m or** 1.40/1.45m Platinum Championship will jump off before the Grand Prix jump off or featured classic. ***If jump-offs for multiple medals are required, the jump-off for the bronze medal will occur first.***
 5. Class Awards: Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded to the top three individuals, and ribbons through 8th. The top 3 must ride for awards. Medalists will stay for a podium presentation. Prize money: 50% of the prize money for the section will be paid to the Gold, Silver and Bronze individual finalists as follows: 50%, 30%, 20%.
 6. ***Prize money awarded for the Championship will be in addition to any prize money won in the Grand Prix.***
 7. The Individual Medal winners *are* invited to participate in one of the USHJA Gold Star clinics. ***Wild Card applications will be considered.*** Please find the most update information about the USHJA Gold Star Clinic at: ushja.org/GoldStarClinics.

CHEF D'EQUIPE

- A. Individuals will be asked to apply to USHJA to serve as the Recognized and/or Assistant Platinum Championship Chef d'Equipe. The applicants must meet the following criteria:
1. Current Active adult member in good standing with USHJA and USEF.
 2. Must adhere to the USHJA Conflict of Interest and Ethics Policy.
 3. Agree to attend the designated Platinum Championship and fulfill the responsibilities of the position as designated by USHJA.
 4. Individuals must have completed the *annual* Safe Sport training *and background check* from the *USEF*, within the past *two (2)* years.
 5. The Assistant Platinum Championship Chef d'Equipe will work closely with the Recognized *Platinum Championship Chef d'Equipe* and the USHJA Show Jumping Technical Advisor.
 6. A Recognized and/or Assistant Platinum Championship Chef d'Equipe may assist a maximum of two teams per section and no more than six teams' total.
- B. Zone Committees will select individuals from the USHJA approved list to serve from the submitted applications as the *Recognized and/or* Assistant Platinum Championship Chef d'Equipe for each team they send to the championships.
- C. A professional on a Platinum Championship team may also act as Chef d'Equipe as long as he/she meet the above application criteria.

Organizer Requirements

1. HOST AND ORGANIZER REQUIREMENTS

A. Competition Conduct

1. Holding a training session is optional for the organizer, and if held is optional for competitors. A course of approximately eight fences will be provided, including one combination. Each entrant will have a maximum of 90 seconds in the arena. Jumps, if taken, must be jumped in the proper direction. The training session, if offered must be scheduled the day prior to the First Individual Qualifier and held in the Championship ring.
2. Courses: Each course must have no fewer than 12 jumping efforts and must include a minimum of two doubles or one triple combination. All the courses must include a Liverpool. If an open water is to be used in a Platinum Championship, exhibitors must be notified before the start of the championship and the water must have a minimum spread of 2.45m (8') (JP128)

B. Prize Money

1. **1.30/1.35m - For 2022 The Prize Money will be the same as what was listed in the Host agreement for the 1.30/1.35m for the entirety of the 1.30/1.35m USHJA Platinum Championships.**
2. **1.40/1.45m - A minimum** of \$20,000 in prize money must be offered **for the entirety of** the USHJA **1.40/1.45m** Platinum Championships.
3. **There are no maximum prize money restrictions for the Platinum Championship section.**
4. **The Prize money will be split as follows: 20% -Day One), 30%- Team Day, and 50% for the Individual Final.** The competition must offer a minimum of a \$25,000 Grand Prix or Classic.
5. Within each Championship, prize money must be divided as follows:
 - 20% to the First Individual Qualifying Class. Money to be paid through eighth places as follows: 30%, 22%, 15%, 10%, 7%, 6%, 5%, 5%

- 15% to Individual placings after the Team **Competition**. Money paid to individuals after round one and round two of team day, 1st – 8th as follows; 30%, 22%, 15%, 10%, 7%, 6%, 5%, 5%.
- 15% to Gold, Silver, and Bronze Team Medal winners. Money paid as follows: 50%, 30%, 20%. Prize money for each team will be divided equally among the team's members.
- 50% to the Individual Final. Money paid to Individual Medal winners as follows: (50%, 30%, 20%).
- Prize money amounts must be listed per class in the Prize List.

C. Host and Organizer Conditions

1. All Platinum Championships must be held at a USEF licensed competition.
2. The Platinum Championship classes may not be overlaid with FEI classes.
3. The Platinum Championship ***is requested to be*** held in the main jumper ring at the competition and receive priority scheduling ***if possible and the time schedule*** approved by USHJA.
4. In general, other finals, other championships, or other special competitions at the host event must have the express written permission of the USHJA.
5. A working scoreboard (matrix display, video, or LED) ***should be available at*** the ring where the Championships are held along with a technician who operates it.
6. There must be a minimum of two jumper judges (at least one with a large R) with no additional the Championship classes. ***(JP105)***
7. For the horse inspection the ***USHJA*** Jumper Technical Delegate (JTD), Official Veterinarian and the USHJA on site Representative must be present.
8. There must be a backup timer ***with a stopwatch. (JP 106)***
9. There must be an announcer with no additional duties during each class.
10. There must be a Certified Jumper Schooling Supervisor on duty in the warm-up arena for the duration of each championship class. ***(JP103)***
11. The host competition will send results to the USHJA office immediately following each class of each Championship (e-mail to EJR@ushja.org).
12. The Jumper Technical Delegate (JTD), who will certify that all rules, specifications, and class conditions are followed, and who will represent the USHJA and be the final authority in all questions that arise regarding the Championships, the Championship logistics, and the schedule. The USHJA JTD will have a check list, a set of instructions and list of specific duties from the USHJA. Management will assist the JTD as necessary to ensure a quality technical event. The JTD will walk all courses and consult with the Course Designer to ensure fair competition.
13. A mandatory rest day must be included between the Platinum Championship Team Day and the Grand Prix/Individual Final.

Zone Eligibility Requirements

I. **ZONE ELIGIBILITY**

- A. The ***five*** USHJA Zone Jumper Team Championships and Platinum Championships will normally be held together at the same event, except in extraordinary circumstances.

II. **ZONE REVIEW OF HOST APPLICATIONS**

A. General Information

- The USHJA office will announce the dates when applications for hosting open and close. Application documents will be posted on the USHJA website. Completed applications will be

sent directly to the respective **combined** zone committees, whose Jumper members will formally review and discuss them based upon their knowledge of the events, the facilities, the amenities, the location, and the criteria. Great care must be taken to identify and remove both actual and perceived conflicts of interest among zone committee members in the evaluation process in accordance with USHJA policies. Indoor facilities will not be considered.

B. Event Selection

- USHJA Platinum Championships will ideally be held between June 15 and November 17.
- Once a given zone’s jumper committee members review the competition host applications, the zone will complete a USHJA zone prospective host document (found on the USHJA website) and send it to the USHJA on or before September 15 of the current competition year, signifying one or more competitions and dates recommended by vote at a zone jumper committee meeting.
- A new facility which has not held a USEF licensed competition and/or a new competition in its first year of operation will not be considered to host a USHJA Platinum Championship.

C. Events that desire to apply for hosting should specifically state their intention to hold all championships heights, along with the prize money they will commit to offer. Zone committee members must take this into consideration when selecting a potential host event.

D. Date and Location Approval

- The final decision of the location and date for each zone’s USHJA Championships will rest entirely with the USHJA, which will review a zone’s recommendations and select the date and location on or before February 1 of the current competition year. USHJA will promptly and formally notify each zone jumper committee of its decision as well as the championship host.

E. Important Dates and Deadlines

- 7 days prior to Championships – Athlete Applications close, qualifying period ends, invitations sent.
- 7 days prior to Championships – Athlete must declare section and Intent to compete. Athletes failing to respond to the invitation by this date are not guaranteed to be placed on a team.
- 7 days prior to Championships – Waiver request period ends.
- 14 days prior to Championships – Mandatory Chef d’Equipe conference call to approve team configurations. At this point approved teams will be final. No exceptions.
- 10 days prior to Championships – Athletes are notified of team selection and teammates.

III. **NUMBER AND COMPOSITION OF TEAMS**

- A. When the point standings freeze (for championship purposes), 45 days prior to the start of the competition, the USHJA will issue invitations to those qualified which must be confirmed by the athlete no later than 7 days prior to the start of the competition. All athletes will be placed on a team (if possible) and notification of team and team members will be notified.
- B. From the list of definite entries, Platinum Championship Riders may form their own teams or be assigned a team at the Championship. The assigned teams will use the California Split to form teams.
- C. California Split of Ranking List Example:

Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4	Team 5
1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15

16	17	18	19	20
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In the event full four member teams are not available the Chefs d'Equipe and USHJA representative will determine, by random drawing, which teams will be comprised of three members. To allow each team to have a drop score, the three-member team will utilize a Designated Point Rider System (DPR)

The DPR will be the rider the highest placed rider from the first day first individual qualifier This rider will remain the DPR for day two of the team competition and their score from the second day will, once again, be the fourth score for their team. In the spirit of fair play, the DPR gives every team a drop score in each round and levels the playing field for team of three riders.

Should a zone have only 5 riders, the four highest qualifiers will form a team. The fifth rider will be placed on a combined team, if available. If a team is not available, that rider will compete as an individual.

- D. Regardless of method used to form a team, only one professional per team will be allowed, unless Junior and Amateurs are unavailable. A California Split will be used to place professionals without ateam.

IV. ZONE HOTY CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

- A. Platinum Championships: Because the zone HOTY Championship points for this section are awarded to competitors based upon money won, and because the amount offered can vary, the USHJA will assign a minimum amount of money to this championship of \$25,000. Classes offering more than \$25,000 will be capped at 25,000 points thus pointed the same as a \$25,000 class.

The USHJA Platinum Championships and the related format and specifications are the sole properties of the USHJA and may only be held, conducted, or used upon the terms and conditions specified by the USHJA. USHJA reserves the right to change language in documents related to the conduct of the USHJA Platinum Championships as necessary for the purposes of consistency and clarity. Any deviations from the class specifications for the USHJA Platinum Championships are not permitted without the express written permission from USHJA prior to the printing of the prize list. For any rules not specified above, please refer to the current USEF Rule Book.

