



2023 Zone Jumper Team Championship Specifications
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- 1.10/1.15m Children's and Adult Amateur Jumper
- 1.20/1.25m Junior and Amateur Jumper

I. MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- A. Eligible athletes must be a current active USEF and USHJA member in good standing (see GR 201 & JP 100.1) from the time of application until the conclusion of the event.
- B. The horse must be registered with USHJA (see JP 100.2), recorded with USEF (see GR 1102), **and** 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 the USHJA. USHJA staff is not available to determine eligibility of each horse or athlete.
- D. The zone of each athlete is determined by the athlete's point state as recorded with USEF as of December 1, 2022. (See JP 100.5)
- E. Athletes wishing to participate in the USHJA Zone Jumper Team Championships (**ZJTC**) must complete and submit an application online at www.ushja.org/zonejumper no later than 45 days prior to the start of the respective **ZJTC**. Applicants must certify that they meet the qualification and eligibility conditions delineated herein.
 - Application: **Registration period is** December 1 through 45 days before each Combined ZJTC. 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 and/or horse is eligible to compete in only one height section and on one team at the **ZJTC**:
 - 1.10/1.15m Children's and Adult Amateur Jumper **ZJTC**
 - 1.20/1.25m Junior and Amateur Jumper **ZJTC**
- B. **To** be eligible for the **ZJTC**, **the** athlete/horse combination must earn a minimum of 20 points in **the** respective section(s) at USEF licensed competitions held with fence heights of that section 45 days prior to the start of their **ZJTC**. Exceptions: II.J.I Waivers and II.K Substitutions.
- C. The point standings (ranking) in each zone **begins** 30 days following the conclusion of the previous year's ZJTC to 45 days prior to the start of the current year's **ZJTC**. **The points will be used to determine the athlete/horse combination's acceptance to compete in the ZJTC.** Exceptions: II.J.I Waivers and II.K Substitutions.
- D. **In case of ties**, the most first-place finishes in qualifying classes **will break ties**. If ties still exist, the most second-place finishes in qualifying classes will be used, and so on until the tie is broken.
- E. **ZJTC hosts** must accept up to a maximum of 192 athlete/horse combinations. A maximum of eight teams per section will be accepted.
- F. Any athlete wishing to compete in the 1.10/1.15m **ZJTC** may not have competed on any horse in a class held at a height over 1.25m within the current qualifying period up through the **ZJTC**.
- G. Any athlete wishing to compete in the 1.20/1.25m **ZJTC** may not have competed on any horse in a class held at a height over 1.35m within the qualifying period up through the **ZJTC**.
- H. No athlete will be considered for the **ZJTC who** has competed in classes **with** heights greater than the maximum height restriction of each section in the current competition year unless a

waiver has been granted.

- I. Waivers must be submitted at least 45 days prior to the **ZJTC**. 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. USHJA will appoint a group of jumper representatives **who** will evaluate the request and provide a final decision **on** 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 **ZJTC** when the point standings freeze.
 4. Waivers will not be granted for Athletes **who** have jumped over the maximum height restrictions more than **three** times within the qualifying period.
- J. Substitutions
 1. Once the entries are secured, and up to 14 days preceding the Monday of the **ZJTC**, if an eligible athlete/horse combination is unable to compete in the **ZJTC**, the space will be filled by the next available athlete/horse combination from the point standings list.
 2. After the 14-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:
 - a. If the qualifying points were won within 21 days of the **ZJTC**, the athlete must present a copy of the official results from the qualifying horse showing the height of the class(es) and the horse's **placing(s)**.
 - b. The substituted horse must have earned its qualifying points with the athlete seeking the substitution.
 - c. All substitutions must take place prior to the start of the horse inspection.
 3. Once the first round of the competition 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 any zone participating in the ZJTC does not have enough athletes to comprise a full team, the USHJA Technical Delegate may approve blended teams. Blended teams are those with athletes from more than one zone. Final composition of teams must occur prior to the first competition.**
 5. The USHJA **intends** to allow as much flexibility as possible within the parameters of sound, fair and friendly competition, and good sport in the allowing teams to be combined **during the ZJTC should an athlete** drop out due to sickness or injury.
- K. Qualifying List
 1. Each zone may send up to 16 qualified athlete/horse combinations per section. Should a zone be unable to send 16 qualified athlete/horse combinations, the other competing zone(s) may send more than their allotted 16 combinations until a maximum of 32 athlete/horse combinations per section have been accepted.
 2. Should the maximum number of 32 athlete/horse combinations not be met in any section, an athlete may ask to be included in the **ZJTC** at the site. The athlete/horse combination must meet eligibility requirements and apply to the USHJA representative at the **ZJTC** competition 24 hours before the horse inspection. If a team **spot** is unavailable, the additional athlete/horse combination will compete as an individual.

III. RULES AND REGULATIONS

A. Horse Inspection and jog for soundness: *this involves a formal inspection of the horse using an official identification document and includes jog for soundness.*

1. ZJTC horses must be stabled on the show grounds, in official horse show stabling *beginning* no later than one hour prior to the horse inspection and remaining on the grounds until the completion of the ZJTC.
2. Horses competing in the ZJTC may not compete in any other class at the same horse show after the official horse inspection has taken place. Exception: ZJTC Training class, if offered.
3. All ZJTC horses must be presented at the mandatory horse inspection by the athlete or designated representative. The horse inspection will be held no 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 ZJTC.
4. A designated representative other than the rider, who must be at least 18 years of age, may present the horse at the horse inspection.
 - a. Each horse must be presented with its entry number and current Coggins and or passport (USEF proof of horse registration). Following the horse inspection, the assigned back number must always accompany the horse when it is out of its stall and must be visible on the stall door when in the stall.
 - b. Horses not accepted at the horse inspection will have the opportunity to be re-presented once, prior to the First Individual Qualifying Class.
 - c. If a horse is not accepted at the initial horse inspection the horse may not participate in the ZJTC Training Session if it is held prior to the re-inspection. Horses not accepted at the re-inspection will not compete in the ZJTC. Horses may not participate in any concurrently held competition during which the ZJTC is held 48 hours following the horse inspection. (GR914.3)

B. Tack/ Equipment

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

1. Martingales
 - a. Standing martingales, Running Martingales and Irish martingales are permitted in the 1.10/1.15m ZJTC and the 1.20/1.25m ZJTC.
 - b. The use of any other type of martingale will be cause for elimination from that ZJTC class.
 - c. The use of draw reins, German martingales, chambons, or any other unconventional equipment is not allowed at any time during the ZJTCs, including schooling. Exception: The use of draw reins is permissible during awards presentations and victory gallops.
2. Equipment
 - a. Boot regulations- Refer to rule JP111.5.

Athlete Rules and Regulations

1. Although an athlete is not prevented from competing on another horse during the ZJTC week there will be no waiting for that athlete/horse during the ZJTC classes. If an athlete is not immediately available in the order, the athlete will be scratched from that ZJTC class.
2. 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)

3. Only the competing athlete may be mounted on the **ZJTC** horse after the official **Horse Inspection**.
 4. 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.
 5. The draw for the Team Order of Go **will** take place at the Riders' Meeting.
 6. Teams will be determined two weeks prior to the **ZJTC** and are subject to change should a member of a team scratch. All necessary changes will be communicated to the Zone Chefs d'Equipe.
 7. To hold a **ZJTC**, a minimum of three teams must be entered in each section or combined section. Teams may be combined by sections or height and /or combined section, height, and zone.
- A. Schooling
1. USEF Jumper Schooling Rules will be in effect throughout the competition (JP 103 and Appendix A).
- B. Attire (JP 111.9)
1. Official Horse Inspection and Course Walks
 - a. Athletes and or designated representatives must be appropriately dressed. Athletes must wear boots, breeches, and a helmet. A designated representative must be professionally dressed and **wearing a helmet and** proper footwear for the Official Horse Inspection. Please refer to USEF rule JP 111.9c.
 2. First Individual Qualifier and Team Competition
 - a. White breeches and zone team shirts are encouraged. Shirts must have collars and sleeves (sleeves may be 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 111.9a)
 - b. **All athletes** on each team must ~~all~~ wear coordinated shirts or **Otherwise, athletes must wear formal attire**. Boots are required, **and** half chaps are permitted **providing** the color matches the paddock boot.
 3. Individual Final
 - a. Formal Attire required. (JP111.9a)

IV. **MEDICATION RULES**

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

V. **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

- A. Passports **or current coggins are required. (USEF proof of horse registration, in California)**
- B. Entrants must comply with the documents and health certificates, if any, required by the organizer, state, and facility where the **ZJTC** is being held.

VI. **CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE and SPECIFICATIONS**

1. 1.10-1.15m Children's and Adult Amateur ZJTC; spreads up to 1.25m
 2. 1.20-1.25m Junior and Amateur ZJTC; spreads up to 1.40m
 3. The speed for **both** height sections is 350m/m
- A. **Day One (First Round of the Team ZJTC and First Individual Qualifying Class)**

1. The class will be conducted under a 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, shall receive 20 faults more than the highest penalized competitor in that round who completed the course and received a score.
 2. Individual Classification: Faults and time from Round One will be carried forward to the Individual Standings.
 3. 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. The top three team member scores from **this competition serve as the round one team score. This cumulative score will be added to the round two team cumulative score the next day to determine the final team standings.**
 5. Class Awards: Ribbons will be awarded through 8th place. Prize money: 20% of the sections **overall** prize money will be paid through 8th as follows: 30%, 22%, 15%, 10%, 7%, 6%, 5%, 5%.
- B. **Day Two (Second Round of the Team ZJTC/Second Individual Qualifying Class)**
1. Specifications: The Team **ZJTC** is a two-round format held over two days. **Day** Two also serves as the second Qualifying Class for the Individual Final. The competitors will be scored under a modified Table II.
 2. Scoring
 - a. The Second Round of the Team **ZJTC** is open only to athlete/horse combinations that have started (whether eliminated or not) in the First Individual Qualifying Class (Day One).
 - b. Athletes eliminated or retiring from the course shall receive a score equal to 20 faults more than that received by the highest penalized competitor in that round.
 - c. **A team's** top three scores **in Day Two competition as the second set of scores for the team competition.**
 - d. The winning team will **have the** lowest combined score from the two rounds.
 - e. Any team tied for a medal shall jump off. **Each team's** chef d'equipe will select one **athlete** to represent the team in the jump-off.
 - f. If jump-offs for multiple medals are required, the jump-off for the bronze medal will occur first.
 - g. **The** placing of teams tied below medal positions will be decided by the combined times from the three highest placed 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.
 - a. Athletes competing as individuals will compete in drawn order in the first round and **compete** first in the second round of the Team Competition. The second-round order for Individual competitors will be based on the 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, along with any trophy or other prizes that management chooses to award. **The** 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 section's **overall** 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.

5. **Additionally, ribbons will be awarded through 8th to the individual class placings after round one and round two of the Team Competition. At the completion of round two (2nd Individual Qualifier) prize money to be paid out 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 be broken by the time from day one.**

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.
2. 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. Athletes must not have 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 by a lower ranked athlete. Faults will carry over from the previous rounds and be added to any faults from the final round to determine the placings. Ties, other than for medals will be determined by the time on day one.
 - a. Start Order: The start order will be the reverse order of riders' total scores incurred in the first and second individual qualifying classes. In the event of an 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.
 - b. Jump-Off: There will be a jump-off **in the case of a tie for an individual medal.** Competitors will jump off in the same start order of the Individual Final. If jump-offs for multiple medals are required, the jump-off for the **lowest** medal will occur first.
 - c. 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 **three** overall must ride for ribbons. Gold, silver, and bronze **medal** individuals must **remain in the arena** for a podium presentation. Prize money: 50% of the section's **overall** prize money will be paid to medal-winning individuals: Gold – 50%, Silver– 30%, Bronze – 20 %
 - d. The Individual Medalists are invited to participate in one of the USHJA Gold Star clinics. Wild Card applications will be considered. Please find the most updated **information** about the USHJA Gold Star clinics at: ushja.org/GoldStarClinics.

VII. **CHEF d' EQUIPE**

- A. Individuals will be asked to apply to USHJA to serve as a Recognized and/or Assistant Chef d'Equipe. The applicants must meet the following criteria:
 1. Current Active adult member in good standing with USHJA **and a Jumper designation for USEF.**
 2. Must adhere to the USHJA Conflict of Interest and Ethics Policy.
 3. Agree to attend the designated **ZJTC** and fulfill the responsibilities of the position as designated by USHJA. **Chef d'Equipe**
 4. Must have completed the annual Safe Sport training and passed **ed** the Background Individuals Check from the USEF within the past two (2) years.
 5. The Assistant **ZJTC** chef d'equipe will work closely with the Recognized Zone chef

d'équipe and the USHJA Show Jumping Technical Advisor.

6. A Recognized and/or Assistant **ZJTC** chef d'équipe may assist a maximum of two teams in a section and no more than six teams' total.
- B. Zone Committees will recommend individuals from the USHJA approved list to serve from the submitted applications as the Assistant **ZJTC** chef d'équipe for each team they send to the **ZJTCs**.

VIII. **HOST AND ORGANIZER REQUIREMENTS**

A. Competition Conduct

1. Training Session: ***The competition organizer may elect to hold a training session. If held, the training sessions 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 must be scheduled the day prior to the First Individual Qualifier and held in the ZJTC 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 **of** the courses must include a Liverpool. There will be no open water jump for the 1.10/1.15m Children's and Adult Amateur Jumper Championship. However, at the Course Designer's discretion, open water may be used as part of an option fence in the 1.20/1.25m Junior/Amateur Jumper.

B. Prize Money

1. The maximum total prize money allowed in the USHJA Children's and Adult Amateur Jumper **ZJTC** is \$25,000 **for** each section (children's and adult amateur).
2. There is no maximum prize money for the 1.20/1.25m Junior/Amateur Jumper **ZJTC**. However, the total prize money offered for the two **ZJTC** must be divided as follows: **-60%** to the 1.20/1.25m Junior/Amateur Jumper **ZJTC**, and 40% to the Children's and Adult Amateur Jumper **ZJTC**.
3. Within each ZJTC, prize money must be divided as follows:
 1. 20% to the First Individual Qualifying Class. Money to be paid through eighth place as follows: 30%, 22%, 15%, 10%, 7%, 6%, 5%, 5%.
 2. 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.
 3. 50% to the Individual Final. Money paid to Individual finalists is Gold – 50%, Silver – 30%, and Bronze – 20 %.
4. Prize money amounts must be listed per class in the Prize List.

C. Host Organizer Conditions

1. All **ZJTC** must be held at a USEF licensed competition.
2. The **ZJTC** is requested to be held in the main jumper ring at the competition **will receive** priority scheduling if possible and the time schedule approved by USHJA.
3. ***Any other special events at the*** host facility must have the written permission of the USHJA.
4. A working scoreboard (matrix display, video, or LED) should be available at the ring where the **ZJTC** are held, along with a technician who operates it.
5. There must be a minimum of two USEF "R" jumper judges (with no additional duties during **all ZJTC** classes. (JP 105)
6. For the Horse Inspection, the Jumper Technical Delegate (JTD), Official Veterinarian, and the USHJA on-site representative must be present.
7. There must be a backup timer with a stopwatch. (JP 106)

8. There must be an announcer with no additional duties during each class.
9. There must be a Certified Jumper Schooling Supervisor on duty in the warm-up arena for the duration of each **ZJTC** class. (JP 103)
10. The host competition will send results to the USHJA office immediately following each class of each section of the **ZJTC** (e-mail to EJR@ushja.org).
11. The Jumper Technical Delegate (JTD), who will certify that all rules, specifications, and class conditions are followed, will represent the USHJA and be the final authority in all questions that arise during the **ZJTCs**, the **ZJTC** logistics, and the schedule. The USHJA JTD will have a checklist, a set of instructions, and a 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.

D. Combining and Dividing Sections

1. When entries exceed 16 or more competitors in a combined section, the sections must be offered separately. Sections may be only combined when there are fewer than 16 entries per section.
2. In order to hold a **ZJTC**, three teams must be entered in each section or combined section. Teams may be combined by section, zone, and/or height.

IX. **ZONE ELIGIBILITY**

A. **The three USHJA ZJTC**

- **North- Zones 1,2,5,6**
- **South – Zones 3,4,7**
- **West – Zone 8,9,10**
- **Zones 11 & 12 will be able to attend any of their choosing**

The Zone Jumper Team and the Platinum Jumper ZJTC will be held together at the same event, except in extraordinary circumstances.

Zone Review of Host Applications- Zone Jumper Team Championship

- A. 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.
- B. Event Selection-USHJA **ZJTC** will ideally be held between **April 1 and November 30.**
- C. 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.
- D. A new facility that 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 ZJTC.**
- E. Events that desire to apply for hosting should specifically state their intention to hold all **ZJTC** heights, along with the prize money **the host will** offer. Zone jumper committee

members must take this into consideration when selecting a potential host event.

F. **Date and Location Approval**

1. The final decision of the location and date for each zone’s USHJA **ZJTC** 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 committee of its decision, as well as notifying the **ZJTC** host.

X. **Important Dates and Deadlines**

1. 45 days prior to **ZJTC**: –athlete applications close; qualifying period ends.
2. 21 days prior to **ZJTC**: - athletes 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.
3. 21 days prior to **ZJTC**: - waiver request period ends.
4. 14 days prior to **ZJTC**: - mandatory Chef d’Equipe conference call to approve team configurations.
5. 10 days prior to **ZJTC**: - athletes are notified of team selection and teammates.

XI. **Number and Composition of Teams**

1. **ZJTC** must accept up to a maximum of 192 athlete/horse combinations.
2. In order to hold a 1.10m-1.15m Children’s/Adult Jumper **ZJTC**, the zone must enter a minimum of three children’s and three adult amateur teams (or three combined teams) and **may enter** up to a maximum of eight children’s teams and eight adult amateur teams. A team will consist of four athlete/horse combinations. ***If four team members are not available, three athletes may comprise a team.*** These athletes will participate in both the team and the individual competitions at their respective **ZJTC**.
3. In order to hold a 1.20/1.25m Junior/Amateur Jumper, the zone must enter a minimum of three Junior and three Amateur teams (or three combined teams per section, if combined) and must accept up to a maximum of eight Junior and eight Amateur teams at each **ZJTC** height. A team will consist of four athlete/horse combinations unless there are not four available, in which case a minimum of three are required to field a team. These athletes will participate in both the team and the individual competitions at their respective **ZJTC**.
4. When the point standings freeze (for **ZJTC** purposes) 45 days prior to the start of the competition, the USHJA will issue invitations to qualified athletes, which must be confirmed by the athlete no later than 21 days prior to the start of the competition. All athletes will be placed on a team (if possible), and team and team members will be notified.
5. From these lists of entries, the **ZJTC** teams will use a California Split from the Ranking List, which will determine members for each team.

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 |

In the event full four-member teams are not available for each team, 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 (DPR) system. The DPR will be the rider from each three-member team placed highest in the first individual qualifier. The 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 teams with three riders.

Should a zone have only five riders in a section, the four highest point riders from the standings will form a team. The fifth rider will be placed on a combined team, if available. Otherwise, the fifth rider will compete as an individual.

XII. ZONE HOTY CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

Children’s and Adult Amateur Jumper ZJTC: The following Zone HOTY ZJTC Points will be awarded in each of the following three classifications comprising the USHJA Children’s and Adult Amateur Jumper ZJTC: First Individual Qualifying Class (Day One), Team ZJTC (Day Two), and the Individual Final (Day Three).

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|-----|-----------|-----|-----------|
| 1st | 60 points | 2nd | 50 points |
| 3rd | 40 points | 4th | 30 points |
| 5th | 20 points | 6th | 10 points |

In the Team ZJTC, each competitor on a team will receive equal ZJTC Points according to the team’s placing. For competitors who are tied, the points will be totaled and divided by the number tied to determine the number of points each tied competitor will receive. Example: A competitor is first in the Individual Qualifier (60 points), her team is Silver (50 points), and she finishes as the bronze Medalist (3rd) in the Individual Final (40 points) for a total of 150 Zone HOTY ZJTC Points.

1.20/1.25m Junior/Amateur Jumper ZJTC: Because the Zone HOTY ZJTC points for this section are awarded to competitors based upon money won, and the offering of prize money is optional for the potential host applicant, the USHJA will assign a minimum amount of money to this ZJTC height of \$6,000. Classes offering more than \$6,000 will be capped at \$6,000 thus pointed as a \$6,000 class.

The USHJA ZJTC 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 ZJTC as necessary for the purposes of consistency and clarity. Any deviations from the class specifications for the USHJA ZJTC 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.

