



USHJA SHOW JUMPING
EMERGING JUMPING RIDER PROGRAM
Wildcard Application

USHJA Emerging Jumper Rider - Gold Star Clinic

Desert International Horse Park – Thermal, California January 10-14, 2024

***Extended Deadline*: 11:59pm, December 31, 2023 - West Coast Clinic**

Jim Brandon Equestrian Center - Wellington, Florida February 14-18, 2024

Deadline: 11:59pm, January 15, 2024 – East Coast Clinic

Wildcard Application Minimum Criteria

The USHJA Emerging Rider Gold Star Clinic provides intensive training and workshops for talented Emerging Show Jumping Athletes. Additionally, workshops and round table discussions are also open to parents and professionals.

See ushja.org for details.

Wildcard Applications- Applications will be accepted in this order:

Group A: Individual medalists in the Junior Jumper National Championships (Prix des States), NAYC Children's (any rider that jumped a clear round), Pre-Junior, and Junior, USEF Pony Jumper Championship, and the USHJA Jumper Classic Series (top rider in each of the four fence heights).

Group B: Once Group A commitments are secured, the Task Force will consider any athlete from the ZJTC and PJC who successfully competed without elimination.

Group C: If available space remains, then consideration will be given to any athletes from Group A who finished below the podium in the individual final of their specific championship.

Group D: If no additional athletes from Group A, B, or C are available, Wild Card applications from ZJTC and PJC athletes who did not meet the above criteria will be considered.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens, and members in good standing of the USHJA and USEF. Athletes are required to bring a horse. Athlete/horse combinations must be proficient in competition at applied height.

Wildcard applicants will be notified by email of acceptance on January 3, 2024, for the West Coast, and January 22, 2024, for the East Coast.

The Clinic Fee of \$1500 is Due by January 9, 2024, for West Coast participants, and February 1, 2024, for East Coast participants.



Application Deadlines:

(Check the clinic applying for)

West Coast Clinic – Desert International Horse Park
Thermal, California, **January 10-14, 2024**

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East Coast Clinic - Jim Brandon Equestrian Center
Wellington, Florida, **February 14-18, 2024**

Application Deadline: 11:59pm, January 15, 2024

Please complete the application below to be considered for a Wildcard Application to the clinic.

ATHLETE INFORMATION

Name _____ USEF/USHJA ID # _____

Address _____ DOB _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home# _____ Cell# _____ Email _____

Shirt Size: _____ (Circle Level) **1.10-1.15m 1.20-1.25m 1.30-1.35m 1.40-1.45m**

TRAINER INFORMATION

Name _____ Cell# _____ Email _____

Address _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

HORSE INFORMATION

Name _____ USEF/USHJA ID# _____

Color _____ Sex _____ DOB _____

Owners Name _____ Cell# _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUESTED

1. **Juniors** must provide a written recommendation from a show jumping professional/trainer.
2. Riders age 24 or under must complete the **U.S. Emerging and Developing Show Jumping Athlete Questionnaire**, however this is optional for those 25 years old and older.
3. Submit any additional information you wish to have considered by the selectors.

Return all completed materials to Coleton Cook at ccook@ushja.org

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U.S. Emerging & Developing Show Jumping Athlete Questionnaire



This questionnaire is designed to help USHJA, U.S. Equestrian, and the Chef d'Equipe understand your immediate and future goals and your background. It will also help USHJA and U.S. Equestrian provide opportunities that meet the needs of up-and-coming Show Jumping Athletes. Please take the time to fully answer the questionnaire and express your goals in the sport.

Athlete

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Trainer: _____ Farm: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parent (if under 18): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Background & Competition Information

What are you hoping to learn more about in the Gold Star clinic?

At what age did you start riding? _____

At what age did you start jumping? _____

Is your family involved in the horse industry? Yes No

Have you participated in any other disciplines? Yes No

Please check the sections in which you have competed: Hunter Jumper Equitation.

How many years did you compete in the Hunters? _____

Do you feel your Hunter experience helped you develop as a Jumper rider?

How many years did you compete in Equitation? _____

Do you feel your Equitation experience helped you develop as a jumper rider?

Did you compete in the Talent Search competitions? Yes No

Jumping Rider Questionnaire

Have you competed in any Equitation Finals? If so, where did you compete, and at what age(s) and year(s)? Did you place?

At what age did you start riding in Jumper competitions? _____

Have you competed in the National Junior Jumper Championship and Prix des States competition?

If so, at what age and what year? _____

List results: _____

Have you competed in the North American Youth Championships?

If so, at what age, level, and in what year? _____

List results: _____

Have you competed in the USEF Pony Jumper Championships?

If so, at what age, level, and in what year? _____

List results: _____

It is important to know how you felt about the experience of competing at the Junior Jumper Championship/Prix de States and the NAYC. Please tell us how it impacted your riding career.

It is important to know how you felt about the experience of competing at the USHJA Zone Jumper Team Championships. Please tell us how it impacted your riding career.

When you began your riding career, did your parents feel they had enough information about the sport to make informed decisions on competitions, trainers, and horse selection?

Non-Competition Information

Have you ever taken dressage lessons? If so, did you find it beneficial, and why?

Do you have a young horse between the ages of 3 and 7 that you are working with?

Do you follow top show jumping bloodlines? _____

Do you have an interest in your sport horse breeding and development? If so, please explain how it is important for your and the industry's future.

Have you had any education on conformation, lameness, feeds and nutrition, shoeing, health, and welfare of the horse? If so, was it helpful information, and do you use the education you received?

Physical fitness is a key component to top athlete performances, please describe your personal fitness program.

Do you play another sport? If so, what do you play, and does it help your riding skills?

Jumping Rider Questionnaire

Have you ever participated in a clinic or the USHJA Emerging Athlete Program? If so, who was the clinician, did you feel it was beneficial and why?

Have you ever been a working student or an apprentice for anyone other than your current trainer? If so, who did you work for, and at what age? What did you learn from the experience?

Do you use visualization techniques when competing? Yes No

What do you feel are your riding weaknesses and strengths?

Goals

What are your immediate goals? Please be specific.

What are your long-term goals? Please be specific and explain how you intend to reach those goals.

In what way do you think that the USHJA/USEF can help you to reach your goals?

Jumping Rider Questionnaire

Do you intend to become a professional, or are you already a professional?

Are you familiar with the Show Jumping Athlete Pathway? Yes No

Are your parents familiar with the Show Jumping Athlete Pathway? Yes No

Has the Pathway information helped you and your parents understand the development process in Show Jumping?
In what way?

What would you and/or your parents wish to learn more about?

Horses

Horse I Name: _____

1.10/1.15m 1.20/1.25m 1.30/1.35m 1.40/1.45m 1.50/1.55m

Horse II Name: _____

1.10/1.15m 1.20/1.25m 1.30/1.35m 1.40/1.45m 1.50/1.55m

Horse III Name: _____

1.10/1.15m 1.20/1.25m 1.30/1.35m 1.40/1.45m 1.50/1.55m

Horse IV Name: _____

1.10/1.15m 1.20/1.25m 1.30/1.35m 1.40/1.45m 1.50/1.55m

Current Year Goals & Schedule

On the next page, please list your goals for the current competition year. Be sure to include your tentative schedule for both yourself and your horses (i.e., Zone Jumper Team Championships, NAYC, Prix des States, Equitation Finals, Nations Cups, and international competitions, as well as any preparation for these targets).

