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USHJA Affiliate National Championships Specifications

I. Qualifying Information

- A. Qualifying: *Affiliate entrants must be nominated by their USHJA Affiliate Organization and accepted by USHJA prior to entering. Each accepted Affiliate horse-and-rider combination must remit the non-refundable \$100 nomination fee at time of entry.*
- B. Entry: *Affiliate competitors may only enter the USHJA Affiliate National Championship sections that they have been nominated and accepted for.*
 - 1. Late entries (after closing date) will be accepted. However, all late entries will be placed at the bottom of the wait list.
 - 2. Entries will not be accepted after **November 10, 2025 at 5 pm PT.**
 - 3. Nominated horse-and-rider combinations must submit an entry via the host's online entry portal.
- C. Acceptance Lists: *Affiliate Acceptance* lists will be made available after applications close August 29, 2025.

II. Qualifying for the USHJA Affiliate National Championships

- A. Affiliate Competitors: Each USHJA Affiliate Organization will choose their own procedure to nominate the entrants they deem most qualified to compete and represent their organization at the National Championships. Organizations must be an official USHJA Affiliate Organization no later than June 1, 2025, to be eligible to submit nominations. [Click here](#) to view current USHJA Affiliate Member Organizations.
 - 1. Horses must be registered with USHJA and recorded with USEF.
 - 2. Riders must be Active Competing members of USHJA and USEF.
 - 3. Any Affiliate rider 18 years of age and older and any person signing the entry blank as trainer or coach must have completed SafeSport.
 - 4. Riders must be Juniors or Amateurs as defined under USEF rules.
 - 5. Horses may compete in different sections (Affiliate or Rated) with a different rider.
 - 6. Affiliate Riders may not cross enter into any "Rated" section.
 - 7. Horse-and-rider combinations may cross enter non-championship classes held at comparable heights in which they are nominated for.
 - 8. A horse-and-rider combination may be nominated for and compete in a maximum of two (2) divisions (Hunter, Equitation, Jumper).
 - 9. Each Affiliate Organization must submit a nomination form that indicates the name of the horse-and-rider combination, which section they are nominated for, and their order of preference (first-, second-, or third-ranked).

10. The deadline for Affiliate Organization **nominations is August 1, 2025. No late nominations will be accepted.**
 11. Nominated horse-and-rider combinations must submit an entry **and** provide proof of nomination from their Affiliate Organization.
- B. **Outreach Golden Backstage Pass Competitors:** Outreach riders achieving Gold Level status with the highest number of points from each Zone **are** given the opportunity to compete at the USHJA **Affiliate** National Championships.
1. Riders may only compete **in the Affiliate** Championship sections of comparable height for which they achieved their Gold Level status.
 2. Horses may compete in different sections **(Affiliate or Rated)** with a different rider.
 3. All other Hunter, Equitation and Jumper sections conditions apply to **the Outreach Golden Backstage Pass competitors.**
 4. Outreach **Golden Backstage Pass competitors** will be in addition to the 30 accepted Affiliate horse-and-rider combinations.
 5. The deadline for Outreach **Golden Backstage Pass competitors to accept their invitation to compete in the USHJA Affiliate National Championships** is August 29, 2025.

III. Affiliate Hunter Sections

- A. **Each Affiliate may nominate up to** three horse-and-rider combinations per section in order of preference. **The highest-ranked** horse-and-rider combination **will be** guaranteed acceptance. **If space allows, the second- and third-ranked** horse-and-rider combination **may also** be accepted.
1. Horse-and-rider combinations may not compete in both the 2' and 2'6" **Hunter** Sections.
 2. The USHJA Affiliate 2' & 2'6" Hunter sections will take the top 30 **nominated** horse-and-rider combinations.
 3. To be judged on performance, soundness and way of going.
 4. **For safety, the 2' Hunter Under Saddle classes with 20 or more competitors will be split and pinned as a single class.**

IV. Affiliate Equitation Sections

- A. **Each Affiliate may nominate up to** three horse-and-rider combinations per section in order of preference. **The highest-ranked** horse-and-rider combination per section **will be** guaranteed acceptance. **If space allows, the second- and third-ranked** horse-and-rider combination **may also** be accepted.
1. The USHJA **Affiliate 2' and 2'6"** Equitation sections will take the top 30 **nominated** horse-and-rider combinations.
 2. **To** be judged based on USEF Equitation Rules.
 3. **For safety, the 2' Equitation Flat classes with 20 or more competitors will be split and pinned as a single class.**

V. Affiliate Jumper Sections

- A. **Each Affiliate may nominate up to** three horse-and-rider combinations per section

in order of preference. **The highest-ranked** horse-and-rider combination per section **will be** guaranteed acceptance. **If space allows, the second- and third-ranked** horse-and-rider combination **may also** be accepted.

1. Horse-and-rider combinations may be nominated for a maximum of two (2) consecutive Jumper height sections.
2. The USHJA Affiliate .70m, .80m, .90m, 1.00m Jumper sections will take the top 30 **nominated** horse-and-rider combinations.
3. **To be scored under USEF Jumper Rules.**

VI. Division Awards

A. HUNTER:

1. **The Champion and Reserve Champion titles are awarded to the top two of the four horses that acquired the most points Over Fences. Only these four horses receive full points for ribbons won in the Under Saddle class.**
2. All Hunter sections will consist of three Over Fences and one Under Saddle.
3. Points to determine Champion and Reserve are as follows: 10, 6, 4, 2, 1, 0.5
 - i. Ties for champion and reserve will be decided by the highest cumulative points from all three Over Fences classes.

B. EQUITATION:

1. **Champion and Reserve Champion titles are awarded to the top two of the four riders that acquired the most points Over Fences. Only these four riders receive full points for ribbons won in the Flat class.**
2. Points will be awarded as follows: 10, 6, 4, 2, 1, 0.5
 - i. Ties for champion and reserve will be decided by the highest cumulative points from all three Over Fences classes.

C. JUMPER:

1. Champion and Reserve Champion **titles are** awarded to the two horse-and-rider combinations **that acquired** the most points **across all classes** in their respective section.
2. All Jumper sections will consist of a Welcome, Speed **or Two Phase**, and Grand Prix. All classes will count for championship.
3. Points to determine Champion and Reserve are as follows: 10, 6, 4, 2, 1, 0.5
 - i. Ties for champion and reserve will be decided by highest placing in the Grand Prix of each section.

- D. BLING AWARD: all Jumper riders identified during Friday and Saturday classes who show off the most bling and sparkles in the spirit of Las Vegas. Separate Bling Awards will be given to one Junior and one Amateur both days.