



## **2026 1.00/1.05m Junior/Amateur Zone Jumper Championship Specifications**

1.00/1.05m Low Junior Jumper  
1.00/1.05m Low Amateur Jumper

*Changes from **2025** are marked in **bold**, *italic*, and underlined*

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**I. CHAMPIONSHIP REGIONS: The 1.00/1.05m Junior/Amateur ZJC will be held in four regions:**

- A. North Central – Zones 5 & 6
- B. North East – Zones 1 & 2
- C. South – Zones 3, 4, 7
- D. West – Zone 8, 9, 10
- E. Zones 11 & 12 will be able to attend any of their choosing

**II. MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- A. Eligible athletes must be a current active USEF and USHJA member in good standing (GR201 & JP100.1) from the time of application until conclusion of event.
- B. The horse (includes ponies) must be registered with USHJA (JP 100.2) and recorded with USEF pursuant to USEF GR1102, 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 of the USHJA. USHJA staff is not available to determine each horse's or athlete's eligibility.
- D. The zone of each athlete is determined by the athlete's point state as recorded with USEF as of December 1, **2025**. (JP 100.7).
- E. Athletes wishing to participate in the USHJA 1.00/1.05m Junior/Amateur Zone Jumper Championships must submit an online application prior to the championship horse inspection. The applicants must certify that they meet the qualification and eligibility conditions.
- F. There are two application periods: Early and Late.
  - 1. Early Application: December 1 through 45 days prior to the championship. Fee of \$75.00 per athlete/horse combination. \$25 per additional horse; up to three horses.
  - 2. Late Application: 44 days prior to the championship –until 24 hours before the official horse inspection. Late application fee of \$150. \$25 per additional horse; up to three horses. Late applications will only be accepted if the maximum number of riders is not met. (Refer to section III.J.2).
- G. Refer to section IX for important dates and deadlines.

**III. QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ATHLETE/HORSE COMBINATIONS**

- A. An athlete and/or horse is eligible to compete on one team at the 1.00/1.05m Junior/Amateur Zone Jumper Championships.
- B. To be eligible for the 1.00/1.05m Junior/Amateur Zone Jumper Championships, athlete/horse combinations must earn a minimum of 20 points in their respective category at USEF licensed competitions.
- C. Point accumulation ***for the following year will begin*** the ***Monday following*** the conclusion of the previous year's championship and ends 45 days prior to the start of the current championship.
- D. Points will be used to determine the athlete/horse combination's acceptance to compete in the USHJA 1.00/1.05m Junior/Amateur Zone Championships. 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 their respective height will be used, and so on until the tie is broken.
- E. **Points earned by athletes transitioning from junior to amateur status before December 1, 2025, will carry over from the junior section to their amateur record.**
- F. 1.00/1.05m Junior/Amateur Zone Jumper Championships will accept up to a maximum of 32 athlete/horse combinations or eight teams per category.

- G. Any athlete wishing to compete in the 1.00/1.05m Junior/Amateur Zone Jumper Championship may not have competed, on any horse, in a class held at a height over 1.15m within the current qualifying period through the Championships. Exceptions: II.H. Waivers and II.I. Substitutions.
- H. Waiver
1. If an athlete has an extenuating circumstance and wishes to apply for a waiver to any of the requirements in section II, the athlete must apply to the USHJA explaining the circumstances and details. The appropriate committee(s) will evaluate the request and make a final decision.
  2. Waivers will not be granted for classes that do not meet the minimum fence height.
  3. Waivers will not be granted for athletes who have jumped over the maximum height restrictions more than three times within the qualifying period.
  4. Waivers must be submitted 24 hours prior to the championships. Any waivers submitted after the deadline will not be considered.
- I. Substitutions
1. Once the definite entries are secured, and up to the championship, if an eligible athlete/horse combination is unable to compete at the championship, the space will be filled by the next available combination that has met the minimum point requirement and has enrolled.
  2. If a horse is unable to compete and that athlete has another horse that is eligible in the standings with a minimum of 20 points, the substitution will be allowed. If the horse being substituted has met the point requirement at a competition held within 45 days of the championship, the athlete must present a copy of the official results from the horse show showing the height of the class, the placing of the horse, and proof that the athlete was the rider.
  3. During the week of the championship if an entry is not able to compete, the four-member team will be reduced to three. If a three-member team is reduced to two members, those athletes will compete as individuals if a team position is not available. Under no circumstances will riders be placed on a new team after the first round of team competition.
  4. There is no substitution of a horse once the horse inspection has been completed.
  5. It is the intention of the USHJA to grant as much flexibility as possible, within the parameters of sound, fair competition, by allowing teams to be combined at events should a competitor drop out due to sickness or injury prior to the horse inspection.
- J. Qualifying List
1. Athlete/horse combinations for the 1.00/1.05m Junior/Amateur Zone Jumper Championships will be accepted from the USHJA 1.00/1.05m Junior/Amateur Zone Jumper Championship Qualifying List found on the USHJA website, [www.ushja.org](http://www.ushja.org).
  2. Should the maximum number of 32 athlete/horse combinations not be met, an athlete may ask to be included in the championship and may apply ***late online through their USHJA member profile, or while on site the week of the championship, up to 24 hours prior to the horse inspection.*** The athlete/horse combination must meet eligibility and point requirements and acknowledges that they will compete as an individual if a team is unavailable. All fees must be paid prior to the start of the championship.
  3. ***In the event of a tie in total qualifying points for the 32<sup>nd</sup> ranked combination, the tie shall be broken by recognizing the highest number of 1st-place finishes during the qualifying period. If a tie persists, it will be resolved sequentially using the highest number of 2nd-place finishes, then 3rd-place finishes, and so on, until the tie is broken.***

4. Acceptance Method: Athlete/horse combination acceptance will be based on the following two-part system:
  - a. Part 1: The Equitable Base Outoa:
    - For Two-Zone Championship Regions: The top sixteen applied/qualified athlete/horse combinations from each Zone will be automatically accepted into the Championship (a total of 32 guaranteed slots).
    - For Three-Zone Championship Regions: The top ten applied/qualified athlete/horse combinations from each Zone will be automatically accepted into the Championship (a total of 30 guaranteed slots).
  - b. Part 2: Wild Card Acceptance: Any remaining slots will be filled based on a combined, ranked qualifying list of all remaining applied/qualified athlete/horse combinations across that championship's Zones. Wild Card slots will be accepted in order of their overall ranking until the 32-athlete maximum is reached.
  - c. If the section's 32-athlete maximum is reached, but there are still applied/qualified Wildcard athlete/horse combinations wishing to compete, those athletes will be notified of a waitlist status. Waitlisted athletes will be eligible to fill any remaining championship slots vacated by previously accepted athletes from after initial acceptance/waitlist notifications are sent, through to 24 hours prior to the championship horse inspection.
5. Athletes that are approved to compete in a championship outside of their region are not automatically qualified for the Championship. The applicants will be considered Wild Cards and will be accepted according to the Wild Card acceptance process outlined in Sec III.J.4.b-c.

K. Athletes from one zone may apply for a waiver to compete in another zone's championship. Athletes must have the minimum number of qualifying points to be considered. Approved athletes will compete in addition to the maximum number of athletes for each home Zone championship. If there are enough athletes from an additional Zone, then they will formulate a team of their own. Otherwise, athletes will be placed on a combined Zone team.

#### IV. NUMBER AND COMPOSITION OF TEAMS

- A. The USHJA 1.00/1.05m Junior/Amateur Zone Jumper Championships will accept up to a maximum of 64 athlete/horse combinations, 32 per Junior and Amateur section.
- B. In order to hold a 1.00/1.05m USHJA Junior/Amateur Zone jumper Championship, there must be a minimum of nine athletes entered in each Junior and Amateur category or the two categories will be combined and run as one.
- C. There must be a minimum of three Junior teams and Three Amateur teams, and up to a maximum of eight teams in each category. Teams are created using the California Split Method. 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 Zone championships.
- D. The point standings freeze (for championship purposes) 45 days prior to the start of the competition, the USHJA will issue invitations to those qualified **when all results from USEF-licensed competitions held on or before the qualifying period deadline are verified and published by USEF.** Athletes must confirm **their intent to compete** no later than 21 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 sent **ten days prior to Day One of the championships.**
- E. From these lists of definite entries, the 1.00m/1.05m Junior/Amateur Zone Jumper Championship teams will use a California Split from the Ranking List, which will determine members for each team.

- F. In the event full four member teams are not available the Chefs and USHJA representative will meet to draw which teams will have only three members. The teams of three members will utilize a Designated Point Rider (DPR) system. The DPR will be the rider from each three-member team who placed highest on Day One, their score from Day One and Day Two will serve as the fourth score for their team. The DPR system ensures that all teams have four scores to utilize a drop score.
- G. Should a Zone have only five riders in a category, the four highest point riders from the standings will form the team. The 5th rider will be placed on a combined team if available, and if no team position is available the rider will compete as an individual.

H. 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

## V. RULES AND REGULATIONS

### A. Horse Inspection

1. Championship horses must be stabled on the show grounds, in official horse show stabling starting no later than two hours prior to the horse inspection and remaining on the show grounds until the completion of their championship. (Minus extenuating circumstances)
2. Horses competing in the championship may not compete in any other class at the same horse show after the Official horse inspection has taken place. Exception: Official 1.00/1.05m USHJA Championship Training Class. Professionals may ride the horse in the USHJA Championship Training Class.
3. All championship horses must be presented at the mandatory horse inspection by the athlete or a designated representative. The horse inspection will be held not more than 24 hours prior to the start of the First Individual Qualifying Class.
4. If the athlete is unable to attend the horse inspection, a designated representative who is 18 years of age or older may present and jog the horse.
5. Each horse must be presented with its entry number and a current negative Coggins test, passport, or USEF proof of horse registration. Following the official 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 otherwise.
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 the re-inspection will not be allowed to compete in the championships nor may they 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. (GR913.3)

### B. Tack/ Equipment

1. USEF Rules: USEF rules will govern these Championships. (JP111). Additionally, please pay particular attention to the specifics listed below:
2. The use of draw reins, German Martingales, Chambons, or any other unconventional equipment are not allowed at any time during the championships, including schooling. Exception: The use of draw reins is permissible during awards presentations and victory gallops.
3. Boot regulations- Refer to rule JP111.5.

### C. Athlete Rules and Regulations

1. Although an athlete is not prevented from competing on another horse during the championship, there will be no waiting during the championship classes. If an athlete is not immediately available in the order, the athlete may be scratched from that championship 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. (JP137.2)
3. Riders' Meeting: There will be a mandatory riders' meeting and Show Jumping Athlete Pathway Orientation presentation; time and location will be announced. The riders' meeting will not be more than 24 hours prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> qualifying class.
4. **From one hour prior to the start of each championship class through the completion of the class, only the competing athlete may be mounted on the ZJC horse. ZJC horses may be ridden by others outside of this time frame.**

### D. Schooling

1. USEF Jumper Schooling Rules will be in effect throughout the competition (JP103) and Appendix

### E. Attire (JP111.9)

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 for the official horse inspection, including wearing appropriate footwear. Please refer to USEF rule JP111.9c
2. First and Second Individual Qualifiers, 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 (JP111.9a).
  - b. Boots are required. Half chaps are permitted if the color matches the paddock boot.
3. Individual Final
  - a. Formal Attire required. (JP111.9a)

## VI. MEDICATION RULES

- A. USEF Drugs & Medication rules will be in effect for these championships (GR401-404)

## VII. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- A. A negative Coggins, passport, or USEF proof of horse registration must be presented with the horse at the official horse inspection.
- B. Entrants must comply with all documents and health certificates required by the organizer, state, and facility where the championship is being held.

## VIII. CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

- 1.00/1.05m Junior Jumper
  - 1.00/1.05m Amateur Jumper
- A. **Day One (First Round of the Team Championship and First Individual Qualifying Class)**
    1. Specifications: The class will be a Two-Phase competition, Table II, Sec. 2 (d). (JP 146.3.e) The results of this class will be decided by adding together the faults incurred over both phases and any penalties for exceeding the time allowed. Whether or not a competitor has gone clear in the first phase, he will, upon crossing the finish line, commence the second phase course. Time starts as the horse crosses the finish line for the initial phase.
    2. Athletes eliminated or retiring from the course, for any reason, shall receive 20 faults more than the highest penalized competitor in that round who completed the course and received a score.

3. Individual Classification: Faults and time from round one will be carried forward to the individual standings.
4. Start Order: The order of the individuals on a team will be determined by the Chefs d'Equipe and given to the USHJA representative at the Riders' Meeting. Teams of three will start with their first rider in the second rotation.
5. The top three team member scores from round one will count toward the team score; the team member with the highest score will be considered the "drop" score.
6. Class Awards: Ribbons will be awarded through 8th place.

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 Individual Qualifying Class for the Individual Final. The competitors will be scored under modified Table II.
2. Scoring:
  - a. The second round of the team championship-is open only to athlete/horse combinations that have started, whether eliminated or not, in the first team / first individual qualifying round. (Day One).
  - b. 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 who completed the course and received a score.
  - c. The top three scores of each team from rounds one and two will count toward the team's final score.
  - d. The winning team will be the team with the lowest combined scores 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:
  - a. 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.
  - b. 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 the Individual competitors will be based on reverse order of scores from the first round.
4. Class Awards:
  - a. Medals and ribbons will be awarded to the Gold, Silver, and Bronze teams, along with any trophy or other prizes that management chooses to award. Gold medal team may ride for ribbons, silver and bronze teams will enter the ring on foot for a podium presentation.
5. Prize money (if provided by host location): 60% of the overall prize money offered will be allocated to the team competition and paid to the gold medal team – 50%, silver medal team – 30% and bronze medal team– 20% and divided equally among each team's members.

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 sec. 2 (a) (JP146.3.a).
2. The top 15 athlete/horse combinations based on the cumulative scores from the first and second individual qualifying classes, including ties for fifteenth place, are eligible to compete. Riders who were eliminated in either of the two rounds of the competition are ineligible to compete in the individual final. 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.

3. Faults will carry forward from the previous rounds and be added to any faults from the final round to determine the final placing. Ties for other than medal placings (top three) will be determined by the second phase time from round one (first individual qualifying class).
4. Jump-Off: There will be a jump-off in the case of a tie for an individual medal. If jump-offs for multiple medals are required, the jump-off for bronze will occur first.

#### D. Start Order

1. The start order will be the reverse order of a rider's cumulative scores incurred in the first and second individual qualifying classes. In the event of equality of scores, the time of the first qualifying class will decide, with a lower placing athlete/horse combination going before a higher placing competitor.

#### E. Class Awards:

1. Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals will be awarded to the top three individuals. Ribbons will be awarded to individuals 1st through 8th as well as other prizes as specified by the organizers and the USHJA. Gold, silver, and bronze medal individuals may ride for ribbons and must stay for a podium presentation.
2. Prize money (If provided by the host location): 40% of the overall prize money offered will be paid to winning individuals as follows: 30%, 22%, 15%, 10%, 7%, 6%, 5%, 5%.
3. Individual Gold Medalists are invited to participate in the EAP Regional Training Session held in the Region of their Zone Jumper Championships. If there are no EAP Regional Training Sessions in that Zone, then gold medalists can select an EAP Regional Training Session.

### **IX. CHEF d'EQUIPE**

- A. Apply to USHJA to serve as the Zone and/or Team Chef d'Equipe for the Championship.

#### Criteria:

- a. Current Active Senior member in good standing with USHJA and USEF.
- b. Must adhere to the USHJA Conflict of Interest and Ethics Policy.
- c. Must apply on the USHJA website by the posted application deadline.

- B. The appropriate committee(s) will review application and select individuals that meet the requirements to serve as the Recognized and/or Team Chef d'Equipe for the championships.

- C. For the full position description and responsibilities of the Zone Chef d'Equipe), go to the respective USHJA Jumper Championship webpage. Chef d'Equipe Position Description.

### **X. ORGANIZER REQUIREMENTS**

#### A. Competition Conduct

1. The organizer is required to hold a training session, although participation is optional for competitors. The course must consist of approximately eight fences, 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 arena used for the championship.
2. Courses: Each championship course must have no fewer than ten jumping efforts and must include a minimum of one double, no triples. A Liverpool without water may be used provided there is an option jump as well.

## B. Prize Money

1. Prize money is not required but may be offered if the organizer chooses to do so. The maximum amount allowed is \$1,000 per category (Junior and Amateur).
2. If offered, prize money must be divided as follows:
  - a. 60% of the total prize money must be allocated to the Gold, Silver, and Bronze Team Medal winners. Money paid as follows: Gold - 50%, Silver – 30%, Bronze - 20%. Prize money for each team will be divided equally among the team's members.
  - b. 40% of the total prize money must be allocated to the Individual Final. Money to be paid through eighth place as follows: 30%, 22%, 15%, 10%, 7%, 6%, 5%, 5%
3. Any prize money offered must be listed per class and payout in the prize list.

## C. Host and Organizer Conditions

1. All 1.00/1.05m Junior/Amateur Zone Jumper Championships must be held at a USEF licensed competition.
2. 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.
3. A USEF "R" Jumper Judge with no other duties will preside over the championship classes. (JP105)
4. For the horse inspection, the Jumper Technical Delegate (JTD) or USHJA on-site representative and the Official Veterinarian must be present.
5. There must be a designated person serving as the backup timer using a stopwatch. (JP106.3)
6. There must be an announcer.
7. The competition must send results to the USHJA office following the completion of the competition (e-mail to [EJR@ushja.org](mailto:EJR@ushja.org)).

## D. Combining and Dividing Categories

1. Categories (Junior and Amateur) may only be combined when there are fewer than 9 competitors per category.
2. To hold a 1.00/1.05m Junior/Amateur Zone Jumper Championship, three teams must be entered in each category, otherwise the two categories must be combined.

## XI. IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

- A. 45 days prior to championships: athlete applications close, qualifying period ends, invitations sent. Late applications can be accepted 44 prior days prior to Day One, and up through to the horse inspection at the championship at a fee of \$150\*. ***Athletes will be notified of acceptance via email once all results from USEF-licensed competitions held on or just before the qualifying period deadline have been officially verified and published by USEF.***
- B. 24 hours prior to Championships: waiver request period ends.
- C. 21 days prior to Championships: athletes must declare their intent to compete. Athletes failing to respond to the invitation by this date are not guaranteed to be placed on a team.
- D. 14 days prior to Championships: mandatory Chef d'Equipe conference call to approve team configurations.
- E. 10 days prior to Championships: athletes are notified of team composition.

## XII. ZONE HORSE of the YEAR (HOTY) CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

- A. The following Zone HOTY championship points will be awarded in each of the following three categories comprising the USHJA 1.00/1.05m Junior/Amateur Zone Jumper Championships: First Individual Qualifying Class (Day One), Team Championship (Day Two), and the Individual Final (Day Three).

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

- B. In the team championship, each competitor on a team will receive equal championship 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), the team is silver (50 points), and the athlete finishes as the bronze Medalist (3rd) in the Individual Final (40 points) for a total of 150 Zone HOTY Championship Points. All horses and riders are eligible for Zone HOTY points regardless of whether the owner or rider resides within the zone where the Championship is held. All Horse of the Year points and money won will go to Channel I.

*The USHJA 1.00/1.05m Junior/Amateur Zone Jumper 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 Junior/Amateur Zone Jumper Championships as necessary for the purposes of consistency and clarity. Any deviations from the class specifications for the USHJA Junior/Amateur Zone Jumper 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. In all sport or education related matters, where there are either discrepancies or deficiencies in the specifications, procedures or any unforeseen circumstances related to a USHJA property, the President and Executive Director will consult with the Task Force/Committee Chair (if applicable), the Officers of the USHJA and USHJA legal counsel (if applicable) before making any final decisions.*

