



## **2026 USHJA ZONE 2 EQUITATION CHAMPIONSHIP** **CLASS SPECIFICATIONS**

### **I. Qualifying**

- A. The USHJA Zone 2 Equitation Championship is open to any rider that is an Active/Competing USHJA and USEF junior or amateur member, at the time of the competition.
- B. Once a rider has won the USHJA Zone 2 Equitation Championship three times, he or she will not be allowed to compete in the respective section again and will be invited to present awards for the following year.
- C. **A rider is only eligible for one Equitation Championship section.**
- D. The USHJA Zone 2 Equitation Championship will be held in five sections as follows:
  1. Low Child Equitation Championship 2'6"
    - a. Rider may not cross enter a USEF Pony Medal, USEF Junior 3'6" Medal, or WIHS Medal at the same show.
    - b. **Rider may not cross enter into any class set at 3' or higher at the same show.**
  2. Low Adult Equitation Championship 2'6"
    - a. Rider may not cross enter **any class set at 3' or higher** at the same show.
  3. Children's 3' Equitation Championship
  4. Adult Amateur 3' Equitation Championship
  5. Children's Pony Equitation Championship
    - a. 2' for Small/Medium ponies; 2'6" for Large ponies
    - b. **Rider may not cross enter a USEF Pony Medal, USEF Junior 3'6" Medal, or WIHS Medal at the same show.**
    - c. **Rider may not cross enter into any class set at 3' or higher at the same show.**
  6. **Low Children's Pony Equitation Championship 2'**
    - a. **Rider may not cross enter into the Children's Pony Equitation Championship, USEF Pony Medal or WIHS Pony or Children's Medal at the same show**
    - b. **Rider may not cross enter into any class set at 2'9" or higher at the same show.**

### **II. Competition Format: The Zone 2 Equitation Championship classes may be run in a three round or two round format at Management's discretion. The class format must be posted in the prize list.** **Option 1:**

- A. Round 1- Equitation Round
  - To be shown over a course of not fewer than eight obstacles.
- B. Round 2 – Top 15
  - Based on the scores from Round 1, the top 15 riders will be called back in reverse order for another equitation style round. The course will consist of a minimum of eight jumps. The course must include one combination with an oxer and two changes of direction after

the first obstacle.

C. Round 3 – Test

- Based on the combined scores from Rounds 1 and 2, the final work off will consist of a minimum of the top four riders. Tests 1-15. The riders will jump a third course designated by the judges using components of the Round 2 courses up to a maximum of eight jumps. The Round 3 course will be announced with final competitors in the ring. At the judges' discretion, riders may be asked to remain in the ring or be excused to a secure schooling area during the testing phase. Riders will work off from lowest to highest combined scores. No trainer assistance will be allowed once the top finalists have been announced.

**Option 2:**

A. **Round 1- Equitation Round**

- **To be shown over a course of not fewer than eight obstacles**

B. **Round 2 – Test**

- **Based on the scores from Rounds 1, the final work off will consist of a minimum of the top four riders. Tests 1-15. The riders will jump a second course designated by the judges using components of the Round 1 courses up to a maximum of eight jumps. The Round 2 course will be announced with final competitors in the ring. At the judges' discretion, riders may be asked to remain in the ring or be excused to a secure schooling area during the testing phase. Riders will work off from lowest to highest scores. No trainer assistance will be allowed once the top finalists have been announced.**

**III. Schooling**

- A. Commencing at midnight the day before the start of the competition and continuing until finished competing, only the competition rider may ride his or her entry. These riders must wear their competition number at all times anywhere on the grounds whenever mounted. Riders changing horses for the Zone 2 Equitation Championship may do so only in the case of illness or injury to the declared horse and must obtain approval from the show committee.

**IV. Judges**

- A. **See GR 1304 for Judging restrictions.**  
B. The judging panel must consist of at least one 'r' Licensed judge and one 'R' Licensed judge.  
C. The panel will sit together for the duration of the class.  
D. The judges are encouraged to assist in designing the course with the licensed course designer.  
E. **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.**

**V. Judging System**

- A. The scores will be cumulative, combined from **two or** three rounds to determine the winner.

**VI. Awards**

- A. The previous year's winner, if available, will assist in the presentation of the Top 10 ribbons.  
B. Ribbons will be awarded 1st-10th place with the presentation of awards to be given in reverse order.  
C. The Overall Champion will be presented with a Championship cooler, **and** rider sash, The 2nd place winner will be presented a rider sash.

*The USHJA Zone 2 Equitation Championship 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 Zone 2 Equitation Championship as necessary for the purposes of consistency and clarity. Any deviations from the class specifications for the USHJA Zone 2 Equitation Championship 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.*

