



## 2026 USHJA Outreach Festival Specifications

Effective December 1, 2025 – November 30, 2026

### I. Festival Requirements

- A. All Outreach Festivals must follow the current [Outreach Specifications](#) and terms outlined in the USHJA Host Agreement.
- B. Outreach Festivals may be held at a Category 1 or Category 2 Outreach Program Competition.
- C. Hosts must apply during the open application period and be approved by USHJA.

### II. Host Management Requirements

- A. **All personnel must** meet the **respective** requirements outlined in the current [Outreach Specifications](#).
- B. Create a special Championship experience to set the Festival apart from standard Outreach Program classes.
  - 1. **It is strongly advised to staff additional awards personnel.**
- C. **Implement** a coordinated Festival promotion and marketing strategy to attract competitors.
- D. **Develop** show schedules with a focus on the sections and divisions that most meet the competitive needs of **the** H/J Community.
  - 1. All Prize Lists and Schedules must be reviewed and approved by USHJA prior to publishing.
- E. Appoint a liaison to collaborate with USHJA.
- F. Submit electronic results to USHJA no later than 10 days after the conclusion of the Festival.
- G. Festival Fees:
  - 1. Festivals will incur a \$30 Host Fee which must be paid upon approval from USHJA.
  - 2. **Five dollars (\$5.00) for every horse entered that competes in a USHJA Outreach Festival class** must be remitted to USHJA within 10 days of the conclusion of the Festival.

### III. Qualifying Criteria

- A. Riders must be a USHJA member at any level on or before the start date of the Festival.
  - 1. Riders at Category 2 Festivals (within a USEF licensed competition) are exempt from USEF membership requirements and USEF fees.
- B. Riders must have competed in at least one Outreach class prior to the start of the Festival.
  - 1. Riders do not need to qualify in the same section as they compete in the Festival.
  - 2. Riders do not need to place in the qualifying class to be qualified **to compete at a Festival.**
- C. Horses do not need to be registered or microchipped to compete in an Outreach Festival.
  - 1. Riders do not need to qualify on the same horse that they compete on in the Festival.
  - 2. Horses at Category 2 Festivals are exempt from USEF Drugs & Medications fees. However, they are bound by USEF Drugs & Medications rules and are subject to being tested.

#### IV. Awards

- A. USHJA will provide awards and prizes for a maximum of 15 sections (45 total classes).
- B. Management may supplement USHJA awards with additional awards and prizes.
- C. Hosts wishing to offer more than 15 Outreach Festival sections must seek prior approval from USHJA.
  - 1. Hosts will be responsible for coordinating and payment of additional section awards and prizes a minimum of 90 days prior to the start date of the Festival.
  - 2. Additional section awards and prizes must be ordered through USHJA to ensure consistency.
- D. USHJA will provide banners and signage for the Outreach Festival.
- E. USHJA will provide marketing collateral to hosts for the promotion of the Festival.

#### V. Points and Standings

- A. ***Outreach Festivals shall award points at double the weight of Outreach Program classes.***
- B. ***Outreach Points from Outreach Festivals shall be awarded on the following scale:***
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place: 20 points***
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place: 12 points***
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place: 8 points***
  - 4<sup>th</sup> place: 4 points***
  - 5<sup>th</sup> place: 2 point***
  - 6<sup>th</sup> place: 1 points***
- C. ***Results must be submitted according to the standards outlined in the [Outreach Specifications](#).***

#### VI. USHJA Outreach Program Contact

- A. Please contact USHJA if questions arise pertaining to the USHJA Outreach Program that cannot be answered by the Show Steward or Management based on the class specifications provided.

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***Any deviations from the class specifications for the USHJA Outreach Program are not permitted without the express written permission from USHJA prior to the printing of the prize list.***

***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.***

