



2022 Zone Jumper Team Championship Specifications

Changes from 2021 marked in bold italic and underlined.

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1.10/1.15m Children's and Adult Amateur Jumper

1.20/1.25m Junior and Amateur Jumper

1.30/1.35m Junior and Amateur – **Moved to the Platinum Jumper Championship**

I. MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- A. Eligible athletes must be a current active USEF and USHJA member in good standing (see GR201 & JP 100.1) from the time of application until conclusion of event.
- B. The horse must be registered with USHJA (see JP 100.2) and recorded with USEF pursuant to USEFGR 1102, 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 eligibility.
- D. The zone of each Athlete is determined by the athlete's point state as recorded with USEF as of December 1, 2021. (See JP 100.5)
- E. Athletes wishing to participate in the USHJA Zone Jumper Team Championships complete and submit an application online at www.ushja.org/zonejumper no later than 45 days prior to the start of their respective Championship. The applicants must certify that they meet the qualification and eligibility conditions delineated herein.
 - Application: December 1 through 45 days before each Combined Zone Championship. Fee of \$75 per athlete/horse combination. \$25 per additional athlete/horse combination applied.
- F. Refer to "Zone Eligibility Requirements" for important dates and deadlines.

II. QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ATHLETE/HORSE COMBINATIONS

- A. An athlete and/or horse is eligible to compete in only one height section and on one team at the Zone Jumper Team Championships:
 - 1.10/1.15m Children's and Adult Amateur Jumper Championships
 - 1.20/1.25m Junior and Amateur Jumper Championships
- B. In order to be eligible for the Zone Jumper Team Championships, athlete/horse combination must earn a minimum of 20 points in their respective section(s) at USEF licensed competitions held with fence heights of that section 45 days prior the start of their championship. Exceptions: II.J.I Waivers and II.K Substitutions.
- C. The point standings (ranking) in each zone starts 30 days following the conclusion of the previous year's Zone Jumper Team Championship to 45 days prior to the start of the current year's Championship, will be used to determine the athlete/horse combination's acceptance to compete in the combined zone's championships. Exceptions: II.J.I Waivers and II.K Substitutions.
- D. 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. Zone Jumper Team Championships must accept up to a maximum of 192 athlete/horse combinations. A maximum of eight teams per section will be accepted.
- F. Any athlete wishing to compete in the 1.10/1.15m Championship may not have competed, on any horse, in a class held at a height over 1.25m within the current qualifying period up through the championship.
- G. Any athlete wishing to compete in the 1.20/1.25m Junior/Amateur Jumper Championship may not have competed, on any horse, in a class held at a height over 1.35m within the qualifying period up through the championship.
- H. No athlete will be considered for the Zone Jumper Team Championship that has competed in classes that have heights greater than the maximum height restriction of each section in the current competition year unless a waiver has been granted.

- I. Waivers must be submitted at least 45 days prior to the championships. Any waivers submitted after the deadline will not be considered.
- If an athlete has an extenuating circumstance and wishes to apply for a waiver to any of the requirements in Section I, he must apply to the USHJA explaining the circumstances and details. USHJA will appoint a group of jumper representatives that will evaluate the request and provide a final decision whether to accept or deny the waiver.
 - Waivers will not be granted for classes that do not meet the minimum fence height.
 - In no case will a waiver include any classes that occur less than 45 days before the Championship when the point standings freeze.
 - Waivers will not be granted for Athletes that have jumped over the maximum height restrictions more than 3 times within the qualifying period.
- J. Substitutions
1. Once the definite entries are secured, and up to 14 days preceding the Monday of the Championship, if an eligible athlete/horse combination is unable to compete in the Championship, the space will be filled by the next available athlete/horse combination from the frozen point standings list.
 2. After the 14-day deadline, if a horse is unable to compete and the athlete has another eligible horse, a substitution will be allowed under the following conditions:
 - If the qualifying points were won within 21 days of the championship, the athlete must present a copy of the official results from the qualifying horse shows showing the height of the class(s) and the placing of the horse.
 - The substituted horse must have earned its qualifying points with the athlete seeking the substitution.
 - All substitutions must take place prior to the start of the horse inspection.
 3. Once the first round of the competition commences, no changes in team composition will be allowed for any reason. If a three- member team is reduced to two, those riders will compete as individuals.
 4. In a combined zone championship, at least three individuals from different zones may compete as a combined team, prior to the start of the first competition, upon approval from the USHJA Technical Delegate on site.
 5. It is the intention of the USHJA to allow as much flexibility as possible within the parameters of sound, fair, friendly competition, and good sport in the allowance of teams to be combined at events should a competitor drop out due to sickness or injury.

K. Qualifying List

- Athlete/horse combinations for all three heights of the Zone Jumper Team Championships will be accepted from the USHJA Zone Jumper Team Championship Qualifying List (standings) found on the USHJA website, www.ushja.org/zonejumper.
- Combined Zones: Each Zone may send up to 16 qualified athlete/horse combinations per section. Should a Zone be unable to send 16 qualified athlete/horse combinations the other competing Zone may send more than their allotted 16 combinations until a maximum of 32 athlete/horse combinations per section have been accepted.
- Should the maximum number of 32 athlete/horse combinations not be met in any section an athlete may ask to be included in the Championship at the Zone Jumper Team Championship site. The athlete/horse combination must meet eligibility requirements and apply to the USHJA representative at the Championship competition 24 hours before the horse inspection. If a team is unavailable the additional athlete/horse combination will compete as an individual.

III. RULES AND REGULATIONS

Horse Rules and Regulations

A. Horse inspection and jog for soundness

- Championship horses must be stabled on the show grounds, in official horse show

stabling, starting no later than 1 hour prior to the horse inspection and remaining on the show grounds until the completion of their Championship.

- Horses competing in the Championship may not compete in any other class at the same horseshow after the Official Jog has taken place. **Exception: Official Zone Jumper Team Championship Training class if offered.**
- All Championship horses must be presented at the mandatory horse inspection by the athlete or designated representative. The horse inspection and jog for soundness will be held not more than 24 hours prior to the start of the First Individual Qualifying Class. The exact time and location will be included in the prize list and schedule for each championship.
- A designated **representative other than the rider, who must be at least 18 years of age, may** present at the horse inspection.
- Each horse must be presented with its entry number **and current Coggins.** 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 when in the stall.
- Horses not accepted at the horse inspection and jog for soundness will have the opportunity to be re-presented once prior to the First Individual Qualifying Class.
- If a horse is not accepted at the initial horse inspection and jog for soundness, they may not participate in the Championship Training Session if it is held prior to the re-inspection. Horses not accepted at the re-inspection and jog for soundness will not be allowed to compete in the Championships. Horses may not 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. (GR914.3)

B. Tack/ Equipment

USEF Rules: USEF rules will govern these Championships. (JP 111). Additionally, please pay particular attention to the specifics listed below:

- Martingales
 - Standing martingales are permitted in the 1.10/1.15m Children's and Adult Amateur Jumper Championship and the 1.20/1.25m Junior and Amateur Jumper Championships
 - The use of any other type of martingale will be cause for elimination from that Championship class. Exception: Irish Martingales may be used.
- **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.**
- Equipment
 - **Boot regulations- Refer to rule JP111.5.**

Athlete Rules and Regulations

1. Although an athlete is not prevented from competing on another horse during the Championship week, there will be no waiting for that athlete/horse during the Championship classes. If an athlete is not immediately available in the order, the athlete will 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. (JP136.2)
3. Only the competing athlete may be mounted on the Championship horse after the official jog.
4. Rider's Meeting: There will be a **mandatory** rider's meeting and Show Jumping Athlete Pathway Orientation presentation: time and location will be included in the prize list and schedule.
5. The draw for the Team Order of Go **may** take place at the Riders Meeting.

6. Teams will be determined two weeks prior to the Championship **and are subject to change should a member of a team scratch. All necessary changes will be communicated to the Zone Chefs d'Equipe.**
7. **To hold a Zone Jumper Team Championship, a minimum of three teams must be entered in each section or combined section. Teams may be combined by sections or height, and/or combined section, height, and zone.**

A. Schooling

- USEF Jumper Schooling Rules will be in effect **throughout the competition (JP 103) and Appendix A**

B. Attire (JP111.9)

1. Official Horse Inspection and Jog for Soundness and Course Walks

- Athletes and or designated representatives must be appropriately dressed. Athletes must wear boots, breeches, and a hard hat. A designated representative must be professionally dressed with proper foot wear for the Official Horse Inspection and Jog for Soundness, **Please refer to USEF rule JP 111.9c**

2. **First Individual Qualifier and Team Competition**

- White breeches: Zone team shirts or team polo shirts are **encouraged**. Shirts must have collars and sleeves (sleeves may be either 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. **(JP 111.9a)**
- Members on each team must all wear coordinated shirts or formal attire. Boots are required. Half chaps are permitted **if** the color matches the paddock boot.

3. Individual Final

- **Formal Attire required**. Dark, muted, or similar colored, coats are required; white breeches; a white tie, choker (unless the shirt, by design, has the choker built in for its intended use) and a white shirt must be worn. Shirts must be fastened at the neck and tucked into breeches. Boots are required. Half chaps are permitted **if** the color matches the paddock boots being worn. (JP111.9a)

IV. **MEDICATION RULES**

- A. USEF Drugs & Medication rules will be in effect for these championships **(GR 401-404)**

V. **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

- A. Passports are not required.
- B. Entrants must comply with the documents and health certificates, if any, required by the organizer, state, and facility where the championship is being held.
- C. **Current Coggins are required at the horse inspection.**

VI. **CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE**

There are two format options under which the Championships may be conducted. Host management may choose the option that they feel will work best for the Championship, always keeping the welfare of the horses and athletes as the primary consideration.

Championship Schedule for all height sections

1. 1.10-1.15m Children's and Adult Amateur Championship; spreads up to 1.25m
2. 1.20-1.25m Junior and Amateur Championship; spreads up to 1.40m
3. The speed for all three height sections is 350m/m.

OPTION ONE – Three Day /Three Round Format

A. **Day One (First Round of the Team Championship and First Individual Qualifying Class)**

1. Specifications: The class will be conducted under a Table II, Section 1. Faults and **Time. (JP 146.2)** The results of this class will be decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the time allowed. Horses with clear rounds or equal faults are classified according to their time taken to complete the course. 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.**

2. Individual Classification: Faults **and time** from Round One will be carried forward to the Individual Standings.
3. The order of the individuals on a team will be determined by the Chefs and given to the USHJA representative at the Rider's Meeting. **Teams of three will start with their first rider in the second rotation.**
4. **Only the top three team member scores from Round One will count toward the team score on Round Two.**
5. Class Awards: Ribbons will be awarded through 8th place. Prize money: 20% of the sections prize money will be paid through 8th as follows: 30%, 22%, 15%, 10%, 7%, 6%, 5%, 5%.

B. Day Two (Second Round of the Team Championship/Second Individual Qualifying Class)

- Specifications: The Team Championship is a two round format held over two days. Round two also serves as the second Qualifying Class for the Individual Final. The competitors will be scored under a modified Table II.
- Scoring
 - The Second Round of the Team Championship is open only to athlete/horse combinations that have started (whether eliminated or not) in the First Individual Qualifying Class (Day One).
 - 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 in that round.
 - Only the **top** three scores of each team from **rounds one and two** will count toward the team's **final** score.
 - The winning team will be the team with the lowest combined scores from the two rounds.
 - Any teams tied for a medal shall jump off. The Chefs d'Equipe will select one member from the team for the jump off.
 - If jump-offs for multiple medals are required, the jump-off for the lowest medal will occur first.
 - Placing of teams tied below medal positions will be decided by the combined times from the three highest place riders on a team from Day One.
- Start Order: 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.
 - 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 Individual competitors will be based on reverse order of scores from the first round.
- Class Awards: Medals will be awarded to the gold, silver, and bronze teams, ribbons will be awarded through 3rd place, along with any trophy or other prizes that management chooses to award. Gold team must ride for ribbons, silver and bronze teams will enter the ring on foot for a podium presentation. Prize money: 15% of the sections prize money will be paid to the Gold, Silver and Bronze winning teams. Prize money will be paid through 3rd as follows: 50%, 30%, 20% and divided equally among the team's members. Additionally, ribbons will be awarded through 8th to the individual class placings after round one and round two of Team Competition. Prize money: 15% of the sections prize money will be paid through 8th to the individual class placings. After round two of **the Individual Qualifier** follows: 30%, 22%, 15%, 10%, 7%, 6%, 5%, 5%. **Only faults from the 2nd Individual Qualifier will be considered.** Ties for individual placing will be broken by the time from Day One.

C. Day Three (Individual Final)

- Specifications: The competition will conclude with the Individual Final on the third day. It will be scored under Table II Section 2 and held over one round. The top **15** athlete/horse combinations

based on the cumulative scores from the first and second individual qualifying classes, including ties for 15th place, are eligible to compete. They must have not been eliminated in either of the two rounds of the competition. 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.

- Start Order: The start order will be the reverse order of a rider's total scores incurred in the first and second individual qualifying classes. In the event of equality of scores, the result of the first qualifying class will decide, with a lower placing athlete/horse combination going before a higher placing competitor.
- Jump-Off: In the case of a tie for an individual medal, there will be a jump-off. Competitors will jump off in the same start order of the Individual Final. If jump-offs for multiple medals are required, the jump-off for the bronze medal will occur first.
- Class Awards: Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals provided by the USHJA will be awarded to the top three individuals, along with ribbons to 8th and other specified prizes or prize money as may be specified by the organizers and the USHJA. Top 3 overall must ride for ribbons. Gold, Silver, and Bronze Individuals must stay for a podium presentation. Prize money: 50% of the sections prize money will be paid to medal winning individuals as follows: Gold – 50%, Silver – 30%, Bronze – 20 %.
- The Individual Medalist are invited to participate in one of the USHJA Gold Star clinics. Wild Card applications will be considered. Please find the most update information about the USHJA Gold Star clinics at: ushja.org/GoldStarClinics.

OPTION TWO – Four Day /Four Round Format

A. Day One (Round One-First Individual Qualifying Class)

- Specifications: The class will be conducted under Table II, Section 1. Faults and Time (JP 146. 2) Athletes eliminated or retiring for any reason will receive 20 faults more than the highest penalized competitor in that round that completed the course and received a score.
- Individual Classification: Faults from Round One will be carried forward to the Individual Standings. Faults from all rounds will be carried through to the Individual Final. **Ties for non-medal positions in the Individual Final will be determined by the time taken on Day One.**
- Start Order: The order will be drawn at the Rider's Meeting.
- Class Awards: Ribbons will be awarded through 8th.
- Prize money: 20% of the prize money for the section will be paid as follows: 30%, 22%, 15%, 10%, 7%, 6%, 5%, 5%.

B. Day Two (Round Two and Three Team Championship and Second and Third Individual Qualifying Classes)

- Specifications: The Team Championship is a two round competition which also serves as the Second and Third Individual Qualifying classes for the Individual Final. This competition will be scored under a modified Table II over two identical rounds.
- Scoring:
 - The Team Championship is open only to athlete/horse combinations that have started (whether eliminated or not) in the First Individual Qualifying Class (Day One).
 - All athletes will receive a score regardless of elimination and are eligible to compete in both rounds of the Team Championship.
 - Athletes eliminated or retiring from the round will receive 20 faults more than the score of the highest penalized competitor in that round that completed the course and received a score.
 - Only the best three scores of each team from Rounds One and Two of the Team Competition will count toward the team score.

- The winning team will be the team with the lowest combined score from the two rounds.
- Any teams tied for a medal position will jump off. The Chef d'Equipe will select one member from the ir team for the jump-off. If multiple jump-offs are required, the jump-off for bronze will occur first.
- **Individual placing will be decided from the combined scores of Rounds Two and Three. Ties will be broken by day one placing.**
- Start Order: The first-round team order will be drawn at the rider's meeting. The order of the riders on the team will be decided by the Chef d'Equipe.
- The starting order of teams **for the second round** will be the reverse order of team scores from the first round of the Team Championship. Teams tied will start in the same order as the first round.
- Athletes competing as individuals will start **in drawn order in the first round, and first in** the second round of the Team Championship. The second-round order for individuals will be based on reverse order of scores from the first round.
- Class Awards: Medals will be awarded to Gold, Silver and Bronze teams, ribbons awarded through 3rd. Gold medal teams must ride for presentations, Silver and Bronze teams will enter the ring on foot for a podium presentation. Additionally, ribbons will be awarded 1st through 8th to the individual class placings from the combined scores from rounds one and two of the Team Championship. Ties for individual placing will be broken by the times from the First Individual Qualifying Class (Day One).
- Prize Money:
 - **Teams:** 15% of the prize money for the section will be paid to the Gold, Silver and Bronze teams as follows: 50%, 30%, 20%.
 - **Second Individual Qualifier:** 15% of the prize money for the section will be paid to the top 8 individual class placings after round one and two the Team Championship as follows: 30%, 22%, 15%, 10%, 7%, 6%, 5%, 5%.

B. Day Three (Mandatory Rest Day)

C. Day Four (Individual Final)

- Specifications: The Individual Final will be scored under Table II, Section 2 and held over one round. The top 15 athlete/horse combinations based on cumulative scores for the first, second and third individual qualifying classes, including ties for 15th place are eligible to compete. They must not have been eliminated d in any of the three rounds of the competition. The list of the top 15 will be posted as soon as feasible following the conclusion of the Team Championship. If one or more of the qualified athlete/horse combinations are unable to start in the Individual Final, they will not be replaced.
- Start Order: The start order will be the reverse order of **a rider's** total score from the first, second and ~~th~~ individual qualifying classes. In the event of equality of score, the result of the First Individual Qualifying Class (Day One) will decide, with the lower placing starting before the higher placing.
- Jump-Off: In the case of a tie for an individual medal, there will be a jump-off, with the jump off going in the same order as in the individual final. **If jump-offs for multiple medals are required, the jump-off for the bronze medal will occur first.**
- Class awards: Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded to the top three individuals, and ribbons through 8th. The top 3 must ride for awards. Medalist will stay for podium presentation.
- Prize money: 50% of the prize money for the section will be paid to the Gold, Silver and Bronze individual winners as follows: 50%, 30%, 20%. **Ties for non-medal placings will be determined by Day One times.**
- The Individual Medalists **are** invited to participate in one of the USHJA Gold Star clinics. **Wild Card applications will be considered.** Please find the most update information about the USHJA Gold Star Clinic at: ushja.org/GoldStarClinics.

VII. **CHEF d'EQUIPE**

- A. Individuals will be asked to apply to USHJA to serve as the Recognized and/or Assistant Zone Jumper Team Championship Chef d'Equipe. The applicants must meet the following criteria:
- Current Active adult member in good standing with USHJA and USEF.
 - Must adhere to the USHJA Conflict of Interest and Ethics Policy.
 - Agree to attend the designated Zone Jumper Team Championship and fulfill the responsibilities of the position as designated by USHJA.
 - Individuals must have completed the annual Safe Sport training and pass the Background Check from the USEF, within the past two (2) years.
 - The Assistant Zone Jumper Team Championship Chef d'Equipe will work closely with the Recognized Zone Show Jumping Chef d'Equipe and the USHJA Show Jumping Technical Advisor.
 - A Recognized and/or Assistant Zone Jumper Team Championship Chef d'Equipe may assist a maximum of two teams per section and no more than six teams' total.
- B. Zone Committees will select individuals from the USHJA approved list to serve from the submitted applications as the Assistant Zone Jumper Team Championship Chef d'Equipe for each team they send to the championships.

Organizer Requirements

I. **HOST AND ORGANIZER REQUIREMENTS**

- A. Competition Conduct
1. Holding a training session is optional for the organizer, and if held is optional for competitors. A course of approximate eight fences will be provided, 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, if offered must be scheduled the day prior to the First Individual Qualifier and held in the Championship ring.
 2. Courses: Each course must have no fewer than 12 jumping efforts and must include a minimum of two doubles or one triple combination. All the courses must include a Liverpool. There will be no open water jump for the 1.10/1.15m Children's and Adult Amateur Jumper Championship. However, at the Course Designer's discretion, open water may be used as part of an option fence in the 1.20/1.25m Junior/Amateur Jumper and 1.30/1.35m Junior/Amateur Jumper Championships.
- B. Prize Money
1. The maximum total prize money allowed in the USHJA Children's and Adult Amateur Jumper Championships \$25,000 to each section (children's and adult amateur).
 2. There is no maximum prize money for either the 1.20/1.25m Junior/Amateur Jumper Championships. However, the total prize money offered for all two championships must be divided as follows: at least 50% to the Championship, 30% to the 1.20/1.25m Junior/Amateur Jumper Championship, and 20% to the Children's and Adult Amateur Jumper Championship.
 3. Within each Championship, prize money must be divided as follows:
 - 20% to the First Individual Qualifying Class. Money to be paid through eighth places as follows: 30%, 22%, 15%, 10%, 7%, 6%, 5%, 5%
 - 15% to Individual placings after the Team Championship. Money paid to individuals after round one and round two of team day, 1st – 8th as follows; 30%, 22%, 15%, 10%, 7%, 6%, 5%, 5%.
 - 15% to Gold, Silver, and Bronze Team Medal winners. Money paid as follows: 50%, 30%, 20%. Prize money for each team will be divided equally among the team's members.
 - 50% to the Individual Final. Money paid to Individual finalists as follows: Gold – 50%, Silver – 30%, Bronze – 20%.
 4. Prize money amounts must be listed per class in the Prize List.
- C. Host and Organizer Conditions

1. All Zone Jumper Team Championships must be held at a USEF licensed competition.
 2. The Zone Jumper Team Championship ***is requested to*** be held in the main jumper ring at the competition and receive priority scheduling ***if possible and the time schedule*** approved by USHJA.
 3. In general, other finals, other championships, or other special competitions at the host event must have the express written permission of the USHJA.
 4. 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.
 5. There must be a minimum of two jumper judges (at least one with a large R) with no additional duties during the Championship classes. ***(JP 105)***
 6. For the Horse Inspection and Jog for Soundness, the Jumper Technical Delegate (JTD), Official Veterinarian, and the USHJA on-site representative must be present.
 7. There must be a ***backup timer*** with a stopwatch. ***(JP 106)***
 8. There must be an announcer with no additional duties during each class.
 9. There must be a Certified Jumper Schooling Supervisor on duty in the warm-up arena for the duration of each championship class. ***(JP 103)***
 10. The host competition will send results to the USHJA office immediately following each class of each ***section of the*** Championship (e-mail to EJR@ushja.org).
 11. The Jumper Technical Delegate (JTD), who will certify that all rules, specifications, and class conditions are followed, and who will represent the USHJA and be the final authority in all questions that arise regarding the Championships, the Championship logistics, and the schedule. The USHJA JTD will have a check list, a set of instructions and list of specific duties from the USHJA. Management will assist the JTD as necessary to ensure a quality technical event. The JTD will walk all courses and consult with the Course Designer to ensure fair competition.
- D. Combining and Dividing Sections
1. When entries exceed 16 or more competitors in a ***combined*** section, the sections must be offered as ***separately***. Sections may be ***only*** combined when there are ***fewer*** than 16 entries per section.
 2. In order to hold a Zone Jumper Team Championship, three teams must be entered in each section or combined section. Teams may be combined by section, zone, ***and/or*** height.

Zone Eligibility Requirements

I. **ZONE ELIGIBILITY**

A. The ***five*** USHJA Zone Jumper Team Championships and Platinum

Championships will normally be held together at the same event, except in extraordinary circumstances.

II. **ZONE REVIEW OF HOST APPLICATIONS**

A. General Information

- The USHJA office will announce the dates when applications for hosting open and close. Application documents will be posted on the USHJA website. Completed applications will be sent directly to the respective ***combined*** zone committees, whose Jumper members will formally review and discuss them based upon their knowledge of the events, the facilities, the amenities, the location, and the criteria. Great care must be taken to identify and remove both actual and perceived conflicts of interest among zone committee members in the evaluation process in accordance with USHJA policies. Indoor facilities will not be considered.

B. Event Selection

- USHJA Zone Jumper Team Championships will ideally be held between June 15 and November 17.
- Once a given zone's jumper committee members review the competition host applications, the zone will complete a USHJA zone prospective host document (found on the USHJA website) and send it to the USHJA on or before September 15 of the current competition year, signifying one or more competitions and dates recommended by

vote at a zone jumper committee meeting.

- A new facility which has not held a USEF licensed competition and/or a new competition in its first year of operation will not be considered to host a USHJA Zone Jumper Team Championship.
- C. Events that desire to apply for hosting should specifically state their intention to hold all championships heights, along with the prize money they will commit to offer. Zone jumper committee members must take this into consideration when selecting a potential host event.
- D. Date and Location Approval
 - The final decision of the location and date for each zone's USHJA Championships will rest entirely with the USHJA, which will review a zone's recommendations and select the date and location on or before February 1 of the current competition year. USHJA will promptly and formally notify each zone committee of its decision as well as the championship host.
- E. Important Dates and Deadlines
 - 45 days prior to Championships – Athlete Applications close, qualifying period ends.
 - 21 days prior to Championships – Athlete must declare section and Intent to compete. Athletes failing to respond to the invitation by this date are not guaranteed to be placed on a team.
 - 21 days prior to Championships – Waiver request period ends.
 - 14 days prior to Championships – Mandatory Chef d'Equipe conference call to approve team configurations.
 - 10 days prior to Championships – Athletes are notified of team selection and teammates.

III. **NUMBER AND COMPOSITION OF TEAMS**

- A. Zone Jumper Team Championships must accept up to a maximum of 192 athlete/horse combinations.
- B. In order to hold a **1.10m-1.15m Children's/Adult Jumper Championship, the zone must** enter a minimum of three children's and three adult amateur teams (or three combined teams, if combined), and must accept up to a maximum of eight children's teams and eight adult amateur teams. 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.
- C. In order to hold a 1.20/1.25m Junior/Amateur Jumper ~~and/or 1.30/1.35m Junior/Amateur Jumper Championship~~, the zone must enter a minimum of three Junior and three Amateur teams (or three combined teams per section, if combined), and must accept up to a maximum of eight Junior and eight Amateur teams at each Championship height. 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. When the point standings freeze (for championship purposes), 45 days prior to the start of the competition, the USHJA will issue invitations to those qualified which must be confirmed by the athlete 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 notified.
- E. From these lists of definite entries, the Zone Jumper Team Championship teams will use a California Split from the Ranking List, **which** will determine members **for** each team.
- F. 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

In the event full four member teams are not available **for each team**, the Chefs **d'Equipe** and USHJA representative will **determine, by random drawing, which teams will be comprised of three members. To allow each team to have a drop score, the three-member team will utilize a designated Point Rider (DPR).** The rider's home team is the team which they were placed on

using the California Split. *The DPR will be the rider from each three-member team that places highest in the first individual qualifier. The rider will remain the DPR for day two of the team competition and their score from the second day will, once again, be the fourth score for their team. In the spirit of fair play, the DPR gives every team a drop score in each round and levels the playing field for teams with three riders.*

Should a Zone have only 5 riders in a section the four highest point riders from the Standings will form the team. The 5th rider will be placed on a combined team if available if not available they will compete as an individual.

IV. **ZONE HOTY CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS**

- A. Children's and Adult Amateur Jumper Championship: The following zone HOTY Championship Points will be awarded in each of the following three classifications comprising the USHJA Children's and Adult Amateur Jumper Championships: First Individual Qualifying Class (Day One), Team Championship (Day Two), and the Individual Final (Day Three).

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

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), her team is Silver (50 points), and she finishes as the bronze Medalist (3rd) in the Individual Final (40 points) for a total of 150 Zone HOTY Championship Points (not Stirrup Cup).

- B. 1.20/1.25m Junior/Amateur Jumper Championship: Because the zone HOTY Championship points for this section are awarded to competitors based upon money won, and the offering of prize money is optional for the potential host applicant, the USHJA will assign a minimum amount of money to this championship height of \$6,000. Classes offering more than \$6,000 will be capped at 6,000 points, thus pointed the same as a \$6,000 class.

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