

2023 Platinum Jumper Championship

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^{1.30/1.35}m Platinum Jumper Championship -Junior, Amateur and Professional 1.40/1.45m Platinum Jumper Championship- Junior, Amateur and Professional

I. <u>MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS</u>

- A. Eligible athletes must be a current active USEF and USHJA member in good standing (see GR 201 & JP 100.1) from the time of application until the conclusion of the event.
- B. The horse must be registered with USHJA (see JP 100.2 recorded with USEF (see GR 1102), 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 the USHJA. USHJA staff is not available to determine eligibility of each horse or athlete.
- 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 Platinum Jumper Championships (PJC) must complete and submit an application online at <u>www.ushja.org/platinum-jumper</u> no later than 45 days prior to the start of the respective <u>PJC</u>. Applicants must certify that they meet the qualification and eligibility conditions delineated herein.
 - Application: Registration period is December 1 through 45 days before each Combined Zone PJC. 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. <u>QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ATHLETE/HORSE COMBINATIONS</u>

- A. An athlete/ horse combination is eligible to compete in only one height section and on one team at the PJC:
 - 1.30/1.35m Junior, Amateur, Professional
 - 1.40/1.45m Junior, Amateur, Professional
- B. <u>To</u> be eligible for the <u>PJC</u>, the athlete/horse combination must earn a minimum of 250 points in the respective section(s) at USEF licensed competitions held with fence heights of those section 45 days prior to the start of their <u>PJC</u>. Exceptions: II.J.I Waivers and II.K Substitutions.
- C. The point standings (ranking) in each zone <u>begins</u> 30 days following the conclusion of the previous year's <u>PJC</u> to 45 days prior to the start of the current year's <u>PJC</u>. <u>The points will be</u> <u>used to determine the athlete/horse combination's acceptance to compete in the PJC</u>. Exceptions: II.J.I Waivers and II.K Substitutions.
- D. <u>In case of ties</u>, the most first-place finishes in qualifying classes <u>will break ties</u>. If ties still exist, the most second-place finishes in qualifying classes will be used, and so on until the tie is broken.
- E. <u>*PJC hosts*</u> must accept up to a maximum of 128 athlete/horse combinations. A maximum of eight teams per section will be accepted.
- F. 1.30/1.35m athlete/horse combinations electing to compete in the Platinum Championships may not have competed in a class held at a height over 1.45m in the current competition year.
- G. 1.40/145m athlete/horse combinations wishing to compete in the Platinum Championships may not have competed in an Open High Performance Standard Grand Prix in the current competition year. (JP123.4d) I. Platinum athletes may compete in classes that have heights greater than the maximum height restriction for the Platinum Championships on a different horse
- H. No athlete will be considered for the PJC who has competed in classes with 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 seven days prior to the <u>PJC</u>. 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, <u>the athlete</u> must apply to the USHJA explaining the circumstances and details. USHJA will appoint a group of jumper representatives <u>who</u> will evaluate the request and provide a final decision <u>on</u> whether to accept or deny the waiver.
- 2. Waivers will not be granted for classes that do not meet the minimum fence height.
- 3. In no case will a waiver include any classes that occur less than 45 days before the PJC when the point standings freeze.
- 4. Waivers will not be granted for athletes *who* have jumped over the maximum height restrictions more than *three* times within the qualifying period.
- J. Substitutions
 - 1. Once the entries are secured and up to seven days preceding the Monday of the <u>*PJC*</u>, if an eligible athlete/horse combination is unable to compete in the <u>*PJC*</u>, the space will be filled by the next available athlete/horse combination from the point standings list.
 - 2. After the seven-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:
 - a. If the qualifying points were won within 21 days of the <u>*PJC*</u>, the athlete must present a copy of the official results from the qualifying horse showing the height of the class(es) and the horse's placing(s).
 - b. The substituted horse must have earned its qualifying points with the athlete seekingthe substitution.
 - c. 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. If any zone participating in the PJC does not have enough athletes to comprise a full team, the USHJA Technical Delegate may approve blended teams, those comprised of athletes from more than one zone. This approval must occur PJC prior to the first competition.
 - 5. The USHJA intends to allow as much flexibility as possible within the parameters of sound, fair and friendly competition, and good sport in the allowing teams to be combined during the PJC should an athlete drop out due to sickness or injury.
- K. Qualifying list
 - 1. Athlete/horse combinations for the Platinum Championships will be accepted from the USHJA Platinum Jumper Championship Qualifying List (standings) found on the USHJA website: <u>ushja.org/platinum jumper</u>
 - 2. 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(s) may send more than their allotted 16 combinations until a maximum of 32 athlete/horse combinations per section have been accepted.
 - 3. Should the maximum number of 32 athlete/horse combinations not be met in any section, an athlete may ask to be included in the <u>PJC</u> at the <u>PJC</u> site. The athlete/horse combination must meet eligibility requirements and apply to the USHJA representative at the <u>PJC</u> competition 24 hours before the horse inspection. If a team spot is unavailable, the additional athlete/horse combination will compete as an individual.

III. <u>RULES AND REGULATIONS</u>

- A. Horse Inspection: *this involves a formal inspection of the horse using an official identification document and includes jog for soundness.*
 - 1. <u>*PJC*</u> horses must be stabled on the show grounds, in official horse stabling beginning no later than one hour prior to the horse inspection and remain on the grounds until the completion of the <u>*PJC*</u>.
 - 2. Horses competing in the PJC may not compete in any other class at the same horse show after the official horse inspection has taken place. Exception: Official <u>PJC</u> Training class, if offered.
 - 3. All <u>*PJC*</u> horses must be presented at the mandatory horse inspection by the athlete or designated representative. The horse inspection will be held no 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 <u>*PJC*</u>.
 - 4. A designated representative other than the rider, who must be at least 18 years of age, may present *<u>the horse</u>* at the horse inspection.
 - a. Each horse must be presented with its entry number and current Coggins *and or passport. (USEF proof of horse registration*) Following the 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.
 - b. Horses not accepted at the horse inspection will have the opportunity to be re-presented once, prior to the First Individual Qualifying Class.
 - c. If a horse is not accepted at the initial horse inspection, the horse may not participate in the <u>PJC</u> Training Session if it is held prior to the re-inspection. Horses not accepted at the re-inspection will not compete in the <u>PJC</u>. Horses may not participate in any concurrently held competition during which the <u>PJC</u> for 48 hours following the horse inspection. (GR914.3)
- A. Tack/ Equipment

USEF rules will govern these <u>*PJCs*</u>. (JP 111). Additionally, please pay particular attention to the specifics below:

- 1. Martingales
 - a. Only running martingales used in a conventional manner are permitted in the Platinum Championships. (JP111.1b)
- b. The use of any other type of martingale will be cause for elimination from that Championship class. Exception: Irish Martingales may be used.
- c. The use of Draw Reins, German Martingales, Chambon's, or any other unconventional equipment is not allowed at any time during the <u>*PJCs*</u>, including when schooling. Exception: The use of Draw Reins is permissible during awards presentations and victory gallops.
- 2. Boot regulations- Refer to rule JP111.5.
- B. Athlete Rules and Regulations
 - 1. Although an athlete is not prevented from competing on another horse during the <u>PJC</u> week there will be no waiting for that athlete/horse during the <u>PJC</u> classes. If an athlete is not immediately available in the order, the athlete will be scratched from that <u>PJC</u> class.
 - 2. For the order of go for classes with non-Platinum and Platinum horses entered, the Platinum horse must be ridden first.
 - 3. 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)

- 4. Only the competing athlete may be mounted on the <u>*PJC*</u> horse after the official <u>*Horse*</u> <u>*Inspection*</u>.
- 5. Riders' meeting: There will be a mandatory riders' meeting and Show Jumping Athlete Pathway Orientation presentation. The time and location will be included in the prize list and schedule.
- 6. The draw for the Team Order of Go will take place at the Riders' Meeting.
- 7. Teams will be determined two weeks prior to the PJC and are subject to change should a member of a team scratch. All necessary changes will be communicated to the Zone Chefs d'Equipe.
- 8. To hold a PJC, a minimum of three teams must be entered in each section or combined section. Teams may be combined by section or height and /or combined section, height, and zone.
- C. Schooling
 - a. USEF Jumper Schooling Rules will be in effect throughout the competition (JP 103) and Appendix A.
- D. Attire (JP 111.9)
 - 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 and wearing a helmet and proper footwear for the Official Horse Inspection and Horse Inspection for soundness. Please refer to USEF rule JP 111.9c.
 - 2. First Individual Qualifier 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. (JP 111.9a)
 - b. <u>All athletes</u> on each team must wear coordinated shirts. <u>Otherwise, athletes must wear</u> <u>formal attire.</u> Boots are required, <u>and</u> half chaps are permitted <u>providing</u> the color matches the paddock boot.
 - 3. Individual Final
 - a. Formal Attire required. (JP111.9a)

IV. MEDICATION RULES

USEF Drugs & Medication rules will be in effect for these PJC (GR 401-404)

V. <u>REQUIRED DOCUMENTS</u>

- A. Passports or current coggins are required. (USEF proof of horse registration in California)
- B. Entrants must comply with the documents and health certificates, if any, required by the organizer, state, and facility where the *PJC* is being held.

VI. <u>CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE and SPECIFICATTIONS</u>

- 1.30/1.35 Junior/Amateur/Professional: spreads up to 1.45m
- 1.40/1.45m Junior/Amateur/Professional: spreads up to 1.55m
- The speed in 350m/m

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

- 1. The class will be conducted under Table II, Section 1. Faults and Time. (JP146.2) The results of this class will be decided by adding together the faults incurred over thecourse 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, 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 Chef and given to the USHJA representative at the Riders' Meeting. Teams of three will start with their first rider in the second rotation.
- 4. The top three team member scores <u>from this competition will serve as the round one</u> <u>team score. This cumulative score will be added to the round two team cumulative</u> <u>score the next day to determine the final team standings.</u>
- 5. Round One for the 1.30/1.35m Platinum Championship may be an overlay class with the horse show's regular1.30m speed class. Table II.1 5.
- 6. Round One for the 1.40/1.45m Platinum Championship may be an overlay class with the horse show's regular1.40m speed class. Table II.1.
- Class Awards: Ribbons will be awarded through 8th place. Prize money: 20% of the sections overall 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 PJC/Second Individual Qualifying Class)
 - 1. Specifications: The Team <u>PJC</u> is a two-round format held over two days. Day Two also serves as the second Qualifying Class for the Individual Final. The competitors will be scored under a modified Table II.
 - 2. Scoring
 - a. The Second Round of the Team <u>*PJC*</u> is open only to athlete/horse combinations that have started (whether eliminated or not) in the First Individual Qualifying Class (Day One).
 - b. Athletes eliminated or retiring from the course shall receive a score equal to 20 faults more than that received by the highest penalized competitor in that round.
 - c. A team's top three scores in Day Two competition will count as the second set of scores for the team competition.
 - d. The winning team will have the lowest combined score 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 lowest medal will occur first.
 - g. <u>*The*</u> 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: 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.
 - a. Athletes competing as individuals will compete in drawn order in the first round and <u>compete</u> first in the second round of the Team Competition. The second-round order for Individual competitors will be based on the reverse order of scores from the first

round.

- 4. 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. The 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 section's overall 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.
- 5. Additionally, ribbons will be awarded through 8th to the individual class placings after round one and round two of the Team Competition. At the completion of round two (2nd Individual Qualifier) prize money to be paid out as 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 (Mandatory Rest Day)
- D. Day Four (Individual Final)
 - 1. Specifications: The competition will conclude with the Individual Final on the third day. It will be scored under Table II, Section 2.
 - 2. 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. Athletes must not have 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 by a lower ranked athlete. Faults will carry over from the previous rounds and be added to any faults from the final round to determine the placings. Ties, other than for medals will be determined by the time on day one.
 - 3. The Individual Final for the 1.30/1.35m Platinum Championships may be an overlay with a Regional Standard Grand Prix Class. Individual Final Participants are eligible for prize money offered in the Championship as well as in the Grand Prix or featured classic if the overlay class is entered.
 - 4. The Individual Final for the 1.40/1.45m Platinum Championships may be an overlay on the Grand Prix class. The horse show's Grand Prix or featured classic held at 1.40/1.45m, may serve as the Individual Final. Participants are eligible for prize money offered in the Championship as well as in the Grand Prix or featured classic if the overlay class is entered.
 - 5. Start Order: The start order will be the reverse order of riders' total scores incurred in the first and second individual qualifying classes. In the event of an 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.
 - 6. Jump-Off: There will be a jump-off in the case of a tie for an individual medal. Competitors will jump-off in the same order of the Individual Final. If jump-offs for multiple medals are required, the jump-off for the lowest medal will occur first.
 - 7. 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 *three* overall

must ride for ribbons. Gold, silver, and bronze medal individuals must remain in the arena for a podium presentation. Prize money: 50% of the section's overall prize money will be paid to medal-winning individuals: Gold – 50%, Silver – 30%, Bronze – 20%.

8. 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 updated information about the USHJA Gold Star clinics at: <u>ushja.org/GoldStarClinics</u>.

VII. <u>CHEF d' EQUIPE</u>

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

VIII. HOST AND ORGANIZER REQUIREMENTS

- A. Competition Conduct
 - Training Session: <u>The competition organizer may elect to hold a training session. If</u> <u>held, the training sessions is optional for competitors</u>. A course of approximately 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 must be scheduled the day prior to the First Individual Qualifier and held in the <u>PJC</u> 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 <u>of</u> the courses must include a Liverpool. If an open water is to be used in a Platinum Championship, it must also be used in the Training session before the First Individual Qualifier (Day One), and then only used either in the Team Competition (Day Two) or Individual Final (Day Four). It must have a minimum spread of 2.45m (8'). (JP128)
- B. Prize Money
- 1. **1.30/1.35 A minimum of \$15,0000 to be offered. There is no Maximum. There is no maximum prize money for the 1.30/1.35m Junior/Amateur/Professional PJC.**
- 1.40/1.45m A Minimum of \$20,000 in prize money to be offered for the entirety of the 1.40/1.45m <u>PJC</u>. There is no maximum prize money for the 1.40/1.45m Junior/Amateur/Professional <u>PJC</u>.
- 3. Within each *PJC*, prize money must be divided as follows:

- 20% to the First Individual Qualifying Class. Money to be paid through eighth place 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 is Gold 50%, Silver 30%, and Bronze 20%.
- 4. Prize money amounts must be listed per class in the Prize List.
- C. Host Organizer Conditions
 - 1. All PJC must be held at a USEF licensed competition.
- 2. The *PJC* is **required** to be held in the main jumper ring at the competition will receive priority scheduling if possible and the time schedule approved by USHJA.
- 3. Any other special events at the host facility must have the written permission of the USHJA.
- 4. A working scoreboard (matrix display, video, or LED) <u>must</u> be available at the ring where the <u>PJC</u> are held, along with a technician who operates it.
- 5. There must be a minimum of *two USEF "R*" jumper judges, with no additional duties during *all PJC* classes. (JP 105)
- 6. For the Horse Inspection, 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 *PJC* class. (JP 103)
- 10. The host competition will send results to the USHJA office immediately following each class of each section of the PJC (e-mail to EJR@ushja.org).
- 11. The Jumper Technical Delegate (JTD), who will certify that all rules, specifications, and class conditions are followed, will represent the USHJA and be the final authority in all questions that arise during the <u>PJCs</u>, the <u>PJC</u> logistics, and the schedule. The USHJA JTD will have a checklist, a set of instructions, and a 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 separately. Sections may be only combined when there are fewer than 16 entries per section.
 - 2. In order to hold a Zone Jumper Team <u>*PJC*</u>, three teams must be entered in eachsection or combined section. Teams may be combined by section, zone, and/or height.

IX. ZONE ELIGIBILITY

- A. The three USHJA PJC:
 - A. North- Zones 1,2,5,6
 - B. South Zones 3,4,7
 - C. West Zone 8,9,10
 - D. Zones 11 & 12 will be able to attend any of their choosing

The Zone Jumper Team and the Platinum Jumper will be held together at the same event,

except in extraordinary circumstances.

Zone Review of Host Applications

- A. 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.
- B. Event Selection-USHJA <u>*PJC*</u> will ideally be held between April 1 and November 30.
- C. Once a given zone's jumper committee members review the competition host applications, the zone will complete a USHJA zone prospective host document (foundon 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.
- D. A new facility that 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 *PJC*.
- E. Events that desire to apply for hosting should specifically state their intention to hold all <u>*PJC*</u> heights, along with the prize money the host will offer. Zone jumper committee members must take this into consideration when selecting a potential host event.
- F. Date and Location Approval
 - 1. The final decision of the location and date for each zone's USHJA <u>PJC</u> will rest entirely with the USHJA, which will review a zone's recommendations and selectthe 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 notifying the <u>PJC</u> host.

X. Important Dates and Deadlines

- 1. 7 days prior to *PJC*: athlete applications close; qualifying period ends.
- 2. 7days prior to **PJC**: athletes 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.
- 3. 7 days prior to <u>*PJC*</u>: waiver request period ends.
- 4. 14 days prior to <u>*PJC*</u>: mandatory Chef d'Equipe conference call to approve team configurations.
- 5. 10 days prior to <u>*PJC*</u>: athletes are notified of team selection and teammates.

XI. <u>Number and Composition of Teams</u>

- A. When the point standings freeze (for <u>*PJC*</u> purposes) 45 days prior to the start of the competition, the USHJA will issue invitations to qualified athletes, which must be confirmed by the athlete no later than 7 days prior to the start of the competition. All athletes will be placed on a team (if possible), and team members will be notified.
- B. From these lists of entries, the <u>PJC</u> teams will use a California Split from the Ranking List, which will determine members for each team.

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		

California Split of Ranking List Example:

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) system. The DPR will be the rider from each three-member team placed 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 five riders in a section, the four highest point riders from the standings will form a team. The fifth rider will be placed on a combined team, if available. Otherwise, the fifth rider will compete as an individual.

XII. ZONE HOTY CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

Platinum Championships: Because the zone HOTY Championship points for this section are awarded to competitors based upon money won, and because the amount offered can vary, the USHJA will assign a minimum amount of money to this championship of \$25,000. Classes offering more than \$25,000 will be capped at 25,000 points thus pointed the same as a \$25,000 class.

The USHJA PJC 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 bythe USHJA. USHJA reserves the right to change language in documents related to the conduct of the USHJA PJC as necessary for the purposes of consistency and clarity. Any deviations from the class specifications for the USHJA PJC 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.

