

# **Frequently Asked Questions**

## What is the cost to host an Outreach Competition?

- ✓ The Outreach Competition Host Fee is \$30 per show, regardless of the number of days
- ✓ (2024) There is a \$3/Outreach horse post competition fee which may be passed through to competitors at management discretion.
- ✓ The per horse fee only applies to horses that compete in Outreach branded classes. Even if a school horse is ridden by 3 different riders, it's still just \$3 for that horse.

## What sections are offered/available?

- ✓ Outreach easily overlays your existing schedule WT Poles 3' for Hunters and Equitation and .60m-1.20m for Jumpers
- ✓ No need to add special classes, the Outreach classes fit in at your respective heights. (ex. Outreach Short Stirrup Hunters 2' or Local Affiliate/Outreach .70m Adult Jumpers)
- ✓ Easily adaptable for most any show
- ✓ Outreach classes may not run concurrent with USEF sections.

## How do I apply to host an Outreach Competition?

- ✓ An easy online application is available through the USHJA member portal area.
- ✓ All competitions in a series may be listed on a single application, saving time for busy managers.
- ✓ USHJA will support managers with an Outreach Competition banner, promotional flyers, and additional promotional materials free of charge.

## Is there a lot of paperwork?

- Outreach was designed to be user and competitor friendly. We require 3 documents from hosts: A Host Agreement, a copy of insurance, and a copy of the prize list with Outreach classes designated. If the same prize list is to be used over multiple competitions in a series, we only need one copy.
- ✓ Post competition, secretaries simply export the USEF (.dat file) results from their show software.
  We calculate points and post standings.
- Post competition payments may be made online through the payment portal or may be mailed in.

#### Are a bunch of memberships required?

- ✓ No, however only those individuals with a current USHJA membership at any level will earn points toward awards & rewards.
- ✓ The Outreach level Membership is FREE and allows riders to earn points toward awards & rewards, the Golden Backstage Pass, and qualify for Outreach Festivals.
- ✓ Horses are not required to be registered or microchipped (school horse friendly) but owners may choose to register them with USHJA (\$20/Annual Outreach or \$75/Lifetime) so their horse may earn points toward Year End awards.
- ✓ Trainers who are USHJA members at any level will earn points corresponding to their USHJA member riders toward High Point Outreach Trainer.
- ✓ Affiliates may send in a membership list and USHJA will issue Outreach memberships to their members saves a step!

### How do I earn points?

- ✓ Riders who are USHJA members earn points by competing in approved Outreach competitions.
- ✓ Points are accrued cumulatively across all sections and divisions, allowing riders and trainers to set goals and progress at their own pace.
- Riders accumulate points cumulatively toward Bronze (50-74 points), Silver (75-99 points), or Gold (100+ points) Medal level. This allows riders who can only attend a limited number of competitions to set goals and achieve them without having to worry about a place on a standings list. Each person is in competition with themselves.
- ✓ Riders do not need to ride the same horse each show or own/lease their own horse. Rider points are calculated separately from horse points.

### What awards are available?

- ✓ Year End awards are calculated cumulatively across all sections. After the end of the competition year, medal level winners will be notified via email and able to select from one of several award choices based on their medal level status, such as ribbons, medallions, logo wear, swag, backpacks/totes, saddle pads and more!
- The Outreach Golden Backstage Pass is awarded to the highest cumulative pointed rider from each zone. It allows the winner the opportunity to compete at the Affiliate National Championships, participate in educational sessions, and present awards with the USHJA President and Executive Director

### What is an Outreach Festival?

- ✓ USHJA created the Outreach Festivals as a way to bring a premier level Championship to your backyard!
- ✓ 2 or more managers in a geographic area who host 10 or more Outreach competitions may apply to host an Outreach Festival.
- ✓ USHJA collaborates with the Outreach Festival host to create an unforgettable Exhibitor Experience by supporting hosts with ribbons, coolers, and prizes. In turn, the host agrees to assist by creating a special experience that features and celebrates the local competitors.