

2015 CHILDREN'S AND ADULT AMATEUR JUMPER REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. REGIONS: There will be four Regions, composed of the USHJA Zones.
 - a. North – Zones 1, 2, and 5
 - b. South – Zones 3 and 4
 - c. Central – Zones 6, 7 and 8
 - d. West – Zones 9, 10, 11 and 12

2. MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Riders wishing to participate in the USHJA Children's and Adult Amateur Jumper Championships must complete an application. The rider must be a current active USEF and USHJA Junior or Amateur member in good standing (see GR202.1 & JP 100.1). The region of each rider is determined by the rider's point state as recorded with USEF as of December 1, 2014 (See JP 100.4). The horse must be registered with USHJA (see JP 100.2) and recorded with USEF pursuant to USEF GR 1102, in good standing under USEF rules, and shown under the owner of record who must be an active member of USHJA (see GR 1110.1). The rider, parent, and horse owner(s) must certify by signing the USHJA Code of Conduct that they understand this document and agree to be bound by it.

3. APPLICATION: Each rider will submit a \$50 application fee to USHJA in order to be considered for a Regional Team. Applications must be received in the USHJA office by 45 days prior to the start of any Regional Championship.

4. DATES AND SHOW VENUES: The Locations and Dates of Regional Championships TBD by the Jumper Working Group are subject to approval by the USHJA. Regional Championships must be held between June 1 and November 30 each year.
 - a. A Regional Championship may only be held in conjunction with a Federation licensed Jumper Level 2 or above competition. Regional Championships shall be awarded to a host through a bid process established by the USHJA.
 - b. No venue may be selected to host the Regional Championship for more than 2 consecutive years unless USHJA deems it to be necessary or in the best interest of the sport.
 - c. Each Regional Championship must be held within the Zones that comprise its Region.

5. QUALIFYING PROCEDURES: For each Regional Championship, the qualifying period will begin the day following the conclusion of the Regional Championship and end 45 days prior to the first day of the Regional Championship the following year.

- a. No rider may compete in a Regional Championship if he/she has ridden in a class of \$25,000 or more within the last 5 years (except those classes restricted to Children's and/or Adult Amateur Jumpers or classes held at 1.20m and under).
- b. No rider may compete in a Regional Championships if he/she has ridden in any jumper class over 1.20m during the qualifying period.
- c. Horse/rider combinations from each Zone will be selected according to points earned at USEF Licensed Competitions in Children's and Adult Amateur Jumper classes held at 3'6" or 1.10m - 1.15m, as well as Equine Canada* competitions. A horse/rider combination may only earn points in combined sections if the section is held at 3'6" or 1.10m – 1.15m. Please note that points may be acquired in any state and thus may be different than Zone Horse of the Year point totals.
 - i. *Equine Canada National Classes
 - ii. Prize money from national Equine Canada classes may be included towards the horse/rider combination's money won if the class/es meet or exceed the Championship's qualifying criteria, and are held within the Championship's qualifying period.
 - iii. However, for this money to be included in an horse/rider combination's record, a copy of the prize list (indicating which class is to be counted and the fence height) and the official results from the horse show/event office must be submitted to USHJA within ten business days following the last date of the competition, in order for the money to count towards the combination's respective standings.
 - iv. Money won in foreign FEI and/or national Equine Canada classes and, if applicable, submitted as specified above, will be converted into US dollars at the exchange rate of the last date of the event and noted for that horse/rider in their regional standings.

6. COMPOSITION OF TEAMS AND INDIVIDUAL COMPETITORS:

- a. Each Zone will be eligible to send a minimum of two teams of Children's competitors and two teams of Adult Amateur competitors to the Championships.
- b. The three year average number of Children's Jumper riders and Adult Amateur Jumper riders residing in a Zone will determine the maximum number of teams that the Zone may send to the Championship.
 - Less than 200 Children's Jumper riders.....2 teams
 - 201 – 300 Children's Jumper riders.....3 teams
 - 301 – 400 Children's Jumper riders.....4 teams
 - 401 – 500 Children's Jumper riders.....5 teams
 - 501 – 600 Children's Jumper riders.....6 teams

 - Less than 200 Adult Amateur Jumper riders.....2 teams
 - 201 – 300 Adult Amateur Jumper riders.....3 teams
 - 301 – 400 Adult Amateur Jumper riders.....4 teams
 - 401 – 500 Adult Amateur Jumper riders.....5 teams

- 501 – 600 Adult Amateur Jumper riders.....6 teams
- c. A team will consist of a minimum of three horse/rider combinations but not more than four. These riders will participate in both the Team and the Individual competition.
- d. The fifth horse/rider combination will compete only in the Individual Championship.
 - i. The rider is the 5th ranked horse/rider combination in the Zone’s Regional Championship Standings.
 - ii. He will serve as the team’s Traveling Replacement horse/rider combination should a member of the team be unable to participate.
- e. If a Zone is unable to field a team, that Zone may send up to two horse/rider combinations to participate in the Individual Championship.
- f. If a Zone is unable to field a team of at least three horse/rider combinations, the Zone may apply to the USHJA to combine with another Zone. Once all the entries are submitted, the USHJA will make the final decision to combine the horse/rider combinations no later than the first Chef d’Equipe meeting at the championship.
- g. A rider may not compete on more than one team.
- h. If the horse of an eligible horse/rider combination is unable to compete at the championship, the rider may apply to USHJA in writing for a horse substitution up until the mandatory 24 hour check-in.
 - i. The potential horse substitution must meet the Minimum Eligibility Requirements (section 2).
 - ii. The permission of a horse substitution is at the sole discretion of the USHJA and is not appealable.
 - iii. If a horse substitution is granted, the substitute horse/rider combination will be placed beneath all other eligible horse/rider combinations.

7. TEAM SELECTION:

- a. Horse /rider combinations from each Zone will be selected according to points won at USEF Licensed Competitions.
 - i. Horse/rider combinations can acquire points in any state.
- b. In the event of a tie in the standings, the tie will be broken by the number of first places, followed by the number of second places, and so on until the tie is broken.
- c. If a rider has more than one horse in an eligible team position of their Zone’s standings, the rider must choose which horse he will compete. Riders will be seated on a team based on the ranking of the horse the rider chooses.
- d. In the event a qualified horse/rider combination is unable to compete due to illness or injury to a rider or horse, or other unforeseen circumstances, the next highest ranked horse/rider combination in the Zone will move into the vacancy.

- i. If a Zone is eligible to send multiple teams (see section 6. a) in either the Children's or Adult Amateur sections, these teams will be formed from the top horse/rider combinations in the Championship Standings using the following split type format: the top four horse/rider combinations will make up Team One; Team Two will be comprised of the next four horse/rider combinations; Team Three will be comprised of the next four horse/rider combinations; and so on. After the top horse/rider combinations are selected for the multiple teams, the next highest ranked horse/rider combination will be the Traveling Replacement Combination for Team One, the following highest ranked horse/rider combination will be the Traveling Replacement Combination for Team Two and the following highest ranked horse/rider combination will be the Traveling Replacement Combination for Team Three; and so on. See 7.c if a Zone's standings have riders with multiple horses in the standings.
 - ii. If a Zone is eligible to send multiple teams, the composition of those teams may not be changed after the start of the Horse Inspection.
 - iii. After the start of the First Individual Qualifying Class, Traveling Replacement horse/rider combinations are no longer eligible to compete in place of a member of the team.
 - e. Chef d'Equipe
 - i. Individuals will be asked to apply to USHJA to serve as the Chef d'Equipe. The applicants must meet the following criteria:
 - 1. Current Active member in good standing with USHJA and USEF.
 - 2. Declared professional with USEF.
 - 3. Reside within the Zone for which they are applying to serve as the Chef d'Equipe.
 - 4. Confirm they will be attending the designated Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper Regional Championship.
 - ii. The Zone committee will select individuals to serve as team Chefs d'Equipe.

8. REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION SPECIFICATIONS: Regional Championships must be held over three days. The following three classes must be held in the order listed.
- a. Day One – The First Individual Qualifying Class will be conducted under Table II.2.1. Fences to be set at 1.10m with spreads to 1.20m. Speed 350m/m.
 - b. Day Two – The Team Championship/Second Individual Qualifying Class is a two round Nation's Cup format for the Team Championship which also serves as the Second Qualifying Class for the Individual Championship. Fences to be set at 1.15m with spreads to 1.25m. Speed 350m/m.

- c. Day Three– The Individual Championship will conclude with the Third Individual Qualifying Class. It will be held over one round. Fences to be set at 1.15m with spreads to 1.30m. Speed 350m/m. for each round.

Each course must have no fewer than 12 jumping efforts and either 2 doubles or one triple and one double combination. Three out of the four courses must include a Liverpool.

9. SCORING:

First Individual Qualifying Class – The First Individual Qualifying Class will be conducted under Table II, Sec 1 format. The scores obtained by each competitor will be converted into points. The winner gets one more point than the number of starters. The second place gets two points less than the winner, the third place gets three points less than the winner, and so on. Competitors who have been eliminated or who have retired do not get points. Points will then be transformed to penalties. The competitor with the highest number of points will have zero (0) penalties. For all other competitors, the number of penalties will be calculated by multiplying with a coefficient of .50 the difference between their points and the points of the leading competitor.

Team Championship/Second Individual Qualifying Class - Nations Cup format – Table II modified over two identical rounds, with a jump-off against the clock in case of equality of Teams for 1st, 2nd, and or 3rd place. If two jump-offs are required, the jump off for third place will take place before the jump-off for second and first place.

The Team Championship is open only to rider/horse combinations that have taken part in the First Individual Qualifying Class (Day One).

For the Team Championship each team of four will discard their high score in each round. A team with three riders will have no discard score. If a Rider is eliminated or retires from the round, he will receive 20 faults more than the competitor with the most penalties. The winning team will be the team with the lowest combined scores from the two rounds, or from the jump-off if a jump-off is required. If a jump-off is required, one team member from each jump-off eligible team, nominated by the team's Chef d'Equipe, will compete in the jump-off.

Individual Championship/Third Individual Qualifying Class – Table II modified over one round with a jump-off against the clock in case of equality for 1st, 2nd and/or 3rd place. If two jump-offs are required, the jump off for third place will take place before the jump-off for second and first place.

The top 20 placed horse/rider combinations based on the cumulative penalties from the First, and Second (both rounds) Individual Qualifying Classes, including ties for twentieth

place are eligible to compete. They must have participated in the First Individual Qualifying Class (completed or not) and have completed the Second Individual Qualifying Class without having been eliminated or retiring. If, for any reason, one or more of the qualified horse/rider combinations are unable to start, they will not be replaced.

The Individual Champion is the horse/rider combination with the lowest cumulative score from the First and Second Individual Qualifying Classes and the one round of the Individual Championship (jump-off scores from the Team Championship will not be added in).

10. STARTING ORDER FOR THE TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS :

- a. Team Championship - The starting order in the Team Championship will be according to a draw for the first round. In the second round the starting order will be according to the reverse order of penalties incurred in the first round. In the second round individuals will start before the teams. In the case of individuals or teams with equal penalties, the first round starting order will be retained. In the case of a jump-off, the starting order will revert to the starting order of the second round.
- b. Individual Final - The starting order for Round A will be the reverse order of total penalties incurred in the First and Second Individual Qualifying Classes.
 - i. In the event of equality of penalties, the result of the First Qualifying Class will be the deciding factor for the starting order. The lowest placed qualified horse/rider combination will therefore start first.

11. EQUIPMENT: Running martingales used in conventional manner. No standing or German martingales, draw reins, or weighted boots; the total maximum weight of equipment allowed to be added to a horse's leg, front or hind (single or multiple boots, fetlock rings, etc), is 500 grams (shoe excluded).

12. SOUNDNESS: There will be a MANDATORY HORSE INSPECTION at the Championship. The horse inspection 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 for each Championship. A Person Responsible for the horse must be present at the horse inspection. For the purposes of these Championships the Person Responsible is defined as the rider, trainer, parent/guardian, or an authorized representative (authorization in writing is required). Each horse must be presented with a back number.

Horses not accepted at the horse inspection will have the opportunity to be re-presented once prior to the First Individual Qualifying Class. Horses not accepted after being re-presented will not be allowed to compete.

13. SCHOOLING: USEF Jumper Schooling Rules will be in effect from 24 hours prior to the start of the first class of the competition and throughout the competition. Schooling must take place in designated schooling areas. There will be a mandatory check-in 24 hours prior to the start of the first class restricted to riders in the Championship, including any warm-up or schooling class. Following the check-in, only the qualified rider may be mounted on his/her competition horse.
14. HORSE RESTRICTION: Horses competing in the Championships may not compete in any other class at the same competition.
15. BONUS POINTS: The following bonus points will be awarded in each of the three classes comprising each Championships, i.e. the First Individual Qualifying Class, the Team Championship/Second Individual Qualifying Class, and the Third Individual Qualifying Class:

- 1st - 40 points
- 2nd - 35 points
- 3rd - 30 points
- 4th - 25 points
- 5th - 20 points
- 6th - 15 points
- 7th - 10 points
- 8th - 5 points

In the Team Championship/Second Individual Qualifying Class, providing they complete the course in the first round, each competitor on the first place team will receive 40 points, each competitor on the second placed team will receive 35, and so on.

In the Team Championship, any ties below 3rd, the points of those tied are totaled and divided according to the number of those teams tied.

Participants competing in the USHJA Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper Regional Championships will accrue Zone bonus points for their respective placing according to the point scale included regardless of whether the event is held within their home Zone. Participants will accrue no additional Zone points for placing in this event.

16. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: Passports are not required. Horses are required to have health documents and vaccinations as required by their state of origin and the state of the Championship.