

New 2027 Jumper Chapter Rules

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JP102 *Unethical Treatment of the Horse (GR 838)*

1. Conduct in the competition ring:

a. Any action against a horse by a competitor in the ring, deemed excessive by the judge, may be penalized by any one or combination of the following: Recorded Warning, *Yellow Warning Card*, or elimination from the class.

b. Such action(s) could include, but are not limited to, excessive or improper use of the whip, spurs, reins, rider's weight or rider's hands.

Excessive/improper use of the whip:

- *The whip may never be used to vent a rider's anger.*
- *The use of the whip on a Horse's head is always excessive use.*
- *Striking a horse more than three times after entering the competition ring.*
- *The whip may never be used after elimination.*

c. In addition, after consultation with the Competition Manager and a Competition Steward, additional penalties, including one or more of the following: disqualification from competing within the upcoming 24-hour period, disqualification from the balance of the competition.

d. All such violations must be recorded in the Steward's Report.

JP103 Schooling

2. Schooling Supervisor Requirements

f. Within 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the class, any schooling over obstacles by an entry in a jumper class of \$10,000 or more in prize money, must be done in the designated area.

JP105 Officials

5. Veterinarian. In reference to GR1211.5.a. every competition must have a qualified veterinarian present throughout the competition if the previous year's competition's entry number was 300 horses or greater.

JP111 Tack and Attire

7. 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 or 17.637 ounces (shoe excluded).

Failure to comply with this paragraph will incur disqualification.

a. See JP 117.2 for Classes Restricted by Age of Horse.

b. ~~For classes to be included in the USEF Ranking List,~~ The following will also apply to hind boots during and while schooling for a class. Fasteners may only be Velcro, stud type, or hook type. No mechanism that allows the fastener to double back on itself or any kind of leverage to be applied to the fastener is permitted. No additional elements may be added to or inserted in the boot itself. The inside of the boot must be non-abrasive and smooth, that is, the surface must be even and there may not be any pressure points on the inside of the boot. Sheepskin linings are allowed.

12. Sunglasses and goggles that cover the horse's eyes are only allowed with a veterinary certificate stating the necessity. Blinkers or cheek pieces attached to the bridle may not exceed 5cm (2").

JP118 Sections/Classes Restricted to Junior, Amateur or Young Riders

6. Restrictions

b. Any athlete that competes in a CSI4*, a CSI-W or CSIO is ineligible to compete in a Junior and/or Amateur Jumper class held below 1.40m at that same competition.

c. Any athlete that competes in a CSI5* is ineligible to compete in a Junior and/or Amateur Jumper class at that same competition.

d. Any athlete competing in a CSI3* or CSI4* FEI Grand Prix is ineligible to compete in any Junior and/or Amateur Jumper class held below 1.20m at the same competition.

e. At competitions offering multiple height sections of Junior and/or Amateur Jumper classes at 1.20m and above, athletes are ineligible to compete in the class offering the most prize money in the lowest height section at the same competition in which they compete in a CSI3* or CSI4* FEI Grand Prix.

JP120 U25 (25 and Under) Jumper Sections/Classes

1. U25 classes are open to riders from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 16 until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 25. ~~From the year in which they reach their 14th birthday until the end of the year in which they reach their 15th birthday, riders may participate in U25 classes providing the height of obstacles in the initial round does not exceed 1.40m.~~ Amateur classification is not a factor for entry into a U25 class.

2. Specifications:

a. U25 courses must be set at 1.40m or above.

~~b. U25 classes offering \$25,000 or more in prize money must be held at a Regional, American National, or High Performance Standard (per JP123.4).~~

3. U25 Overlay Class.

a. A U25 Overlay Class is defined as additional money specifically for U25 riders entered in an Open Jumper Class offering \$25,000 or more held at **1.40m or above** (see JP123.4).

JP123 Fence Dimensions

1. At Licensed Competitions the Level of Difficulty for each class must be indicated in the prize list and on the course plan. This may be shown as either

a. specific height in feet/inches or metric measure or a height range of not more than 5cm or 3" (i.e. 1.30m to 1.35m or 4'3" to 4'6"). If a range is indicated, fence heights may not be lower than the low height specified (except the first fence or the first element of a combination, and High Jump, Puissance, Gambler's Choice, and Accumulator classes). If a range is shown, the higher height will determine how the class is counted toward HOTY awards, etc. **Exception, see JP 123.1.b below for classes offering \$25,000 or more in prize money.**

b. **Classes of \$25,000 or more must be offered at one specific height at 1.40m or above...**

c. Management may choose to run a class over two different heights (not more than 10 cm of difference), permitting competitors to elect at which height to compete. **Entries in each height will adhere to the applicable tack rules for that height.** The conditions for such classes must be stated in the prize list unless the two-height class results from the combining of classes due to insufficient entries (defined as less than six entries in either grouping) See JP108.7. The steward's report must indicate any two-height class held, and the official results submitted to the Federation must accurately state at which height each entrant competed. **Exception, see JP 123.1.b above for classes offering \$25,000 or more in prize money.**

4. **Classes offering \$25,000 or more in prize money: Classes offering \$25,000 or more in prize money must be offered at one specific height of 1.40m or above.** Competitions must apply to the Jumping Sport Committee for permission to offer \$25,000 or more in prize money in any class **held below 1.40m.**

~~a. Regional Standard...~~

~~b. American Standard...~~

~~c. National Standard...~~

~~d. High Performance Standard...~~

5. Conforming to Level of Difficulty. **Water jumps, first fence on course, and the first fence of a combination are excluded from the required percentages below. Exception to Level of Difficulty rule: Gambler's Choice and Derbies.**

a. **In all classes offered below 1.50m, 60% of the fences in the first round of a class must be set at the required height indicated, and the remaining 40% within a 5 cm variance.**

b. In classes offered at 1.50m or above, 50% of the fences in the first round must be set at the required height indicated, and the remaining 50% within a 5cm variance.

6. Changing the Level of Difficulty from that published in prize list. The height at which a given competition is held may be altered from that listed in the prize list with the joint approval of the Course Designer, Judges and competition management; only in the case of inclement weather, or unsafe conditions. Changes in the height for any other reason may be done ONLY with the prior written consent of the majority of competitors in the class. See GR832.6 for class postponement due to weather conditions. All changes MUST be specifically noted in the Steward's report for the competition. For classes offering \$25,000 or more in prize money, see JP151. |

7. Certifying the Standard for USEF Show Jumping Ranking List Classes. Classes to be included in the USEF Show Jumping Ranking List must be certified by the following: A course plan showing the actual heights and spreads of all the fences, signed by the Course Designer and given to the Senior Judge. After the Senior Judge inspects the course, they must sign and give the course plan to the Course Designer. The Course Designer must submit the signed course plan to the Ryegate Show Services within 48 hours of the completion of the competition/event. The Senior Steward must submit the USEF Show Jumping Ranking List Steward's Report to Ryegate Show Services within 48 hours of the completion of the competition/event. If the class is held at a different height than that listed in the prize list, the Steward must certify in both the USEF Steward's Report and the USEF Show Jumping Ranking List Steward's Report that the requisite rules and procedures of JP151.1 were correctly followed.

JP134 Judge(s) Inspection of Courses

1. The judge should assure that the course has been properly set according to specifications indicated in the prize list, and that it has been measured and the Time Allowed calculated properly, and call attention to any errors that would result in unfair or inappropriate courses. The judge should also ensure that any or all obstacles have been appropriately reset after disruption of any kind during the competition. For all classes of \$25,000 or more, the Senior Judge must physically inspect the course to ensure that the obstacles are set at the correct height as stated in the prize list.

JP 140 Falls

1. The first fall of horse or rider results in elimination, except in classes in which special rules apply. (Fault and Out, Top Score, etc.)

2. A rider is considered to have fallen when they are separated from their horse, which has not fallen, in such a way as to necessitate remounting or vaulting into the saddle.
3. A horse is considered to have fallen when the shoulder and haunch on the same side have touched the ground or an obstacle and the ground.
4. In the case of a fall at any time in the competition ring, the rider may not remount.
5. In the event of a fall of a Horse and/or Rider at any time from the moment the Horse/Rider combination enters the competition ring, whether or not the signal to start has been given, the combination will not be permitted to start in the round or class in question.
6. In a Table II, Sec. 2(a), (e) or (f) Class, if a fall of a Horse and/or Rider occurs following a clear first round, after passing through the finish markers, the competitor will be allowed to compete in the jump-off.
7. In a Table II, Sec. 2(b) Class, if a fall of a Horse and or Rider occurs following a clear first round, after passing though the finish markers, the competitor will not be allowed to compete in the jump-off and will be placed according to their score in the first round.
8. In a Table II, Sec. 2(a/b) Class, if a fall of a Horse and/or Rider occurs following a clear first round, after passing through the finish markers, the competitor must exit the ring and treat class as a Table II,2(a), returning after all other competitors have completed the first round.
9. In a Table II, Sec. 2(c) Class, if a fall of a Horse and/or Rider occurs in the first phase, the competitor is eliminated. If a fall occurs in the second phase, the competitor is placed according to their score in the first phase.
10. In a Table II, Sec. 2(d) Class, if a fall if Horse and/or Rider occurs in either the first or second phase, the competitor is eliminated.
11. In a Table 2, Sec. 3 Class, if a fall of a Horse and/or Rider occurs following a clear first or second round, after passing through the finish markers, the competitor will be allowed to compete in the following round or jump-off.

JP146 TABLE II—Classes scored on Faults and Time

3. Time first jump-off

f. Table II Sec.2(e) - Time first jump-off with designated number of competitors to jump-off. The first round is decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed, if any. Following the first round a predetermined number of competitors based on faults and time will compete in one timed jump-off round in which time will decide in the event of equality of total faults from both rounds. **If one or more competitors qualified for the jump-off choose not to compete, they will not be replaced.** One of the following options must be used:

~~5. Fault and Out (Table II, Sec. 4)~~

JP147 TABLE II—Classes scored on Faults Only

~~1. Knock Down and Out (Table II, Sec. 5)~~

JP149 TABLE IV - OPTIMUM TIME CLASSES

Classes are scored on Faults; however, all ties are broken on the basis of Optimum Time.

1. Optimum time in First Round (Table IV Sec. 1) – The first round is decided by adding together faults incurred over the course. **No time penalties will be assessed for exceeding the Time Allowed.** In case of equality of faults ties will be broken on the following basis: an Optimum Time (defined as 4 seconds less than the Time Allowed for the course) will be posted on the course plan; the horse with the time closest to this Opt. Time (over or under) will prevail in the tie, next closest next, etc.

2. Optimum Time in First Jump-Off

a. Table IV Sec.2(a)- The first round will be decided by adding together faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the time allowed. Clear rounds will return for a Jump-Off which will be scored as follows: In case of equality of faults, ties will be broken on the following basis: an Optimum Time (defined as 4 seconds less than the Time Allowed Those with the time closest to the Optimum Time (over or under) will prevail in the tie, next closet next etc. **NO TIME PENALTIES WILL BE ASSESSED FOR EXCEEDING THE TIME ALLOWED IN THE JUMP-OFF ROUND.**

b. Table IV Sec. 2(b) The first round will be decided by adding together the faults incurred over course and any penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed. If a competitor has gone clear in the first round, the competitor will, without leaving the ring, upon an audible signal commence the designated jump-off course. In the case of a fall of a Rider and/or Horse after crossing the finish line of the first round, the Rider/Horse combination may not continue to the jump-off, and will be placed according to their Score in the first round. A competitor with a clear round may dismount, and with assistance if necessary, adjust tack and/or equipment; however, upon the audible signal to begin their round, the competitor is responsible to adhering to the 45 second rule as per JP137.3. A competitor who leaves the after a clear round (before or after the tone) will be considered to have withdrawn from the jump-off (exception JP138.1). In the case of equality of faults in the jump-off, ties will be broken on the following basis: an Optimum Time (defined as 4 seconds less than the Time Allowed for the course) will be posted on the course plan; the horse with the time on course closest to the Optimum Time (over or under) will prevail in the tie, next closest, next, etc. **NO TIME PENALTIES WILL BE ASSESSED FOR EXCEEDING THE TIME ALLOWED IN THE JUMP-OFF ROUND.** If there are no clear rounds in the first round and a tie exists, the results will be determined by the scores and time from that round. It is recommended that no more than twelve numbered obstacles be included in the first round when the class is scored under this table.

c. Table IV Sec. 2 (c) – Two Phase Competitions – The first phase to consist of 8-10 jumping efforts and the second phase of 5 to 7 jumping efforts. Scores are decided by adding together the

faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed if any. If a competitor has gone clear in the first phase, they will, upon crossing the finish line, commence the second phase course. Time starts as the horse crosses the finish line of the first phase. In the case of equality of faults in the second phase ties will be broken on the following basis: an Optimum Time (defined as 4 seconds less than the Time Allowed for the course) will be posted on the course plan; the horse with the time closest to this Optimum Time (over or under) will prevail in the tie, next closest, next, etc. **NO TIME PENALTIES WILL BE ASSESSED FOR EXCEEDING THE TIME ALLOWED IN THE SECOND PHASE.** If there are no clear rounds in the first phase, the results will be determined by the scores and time in the first phase.

JP150 Special Classes

~~2. Take Your Own Line~~

~~4. Match Race~~

~~5. Rotating Pair Relay~~

~~6. Other Relays~~

JP151 Classes Offering \$25,000 or more in prize money

1. Specifications. Once the specifications for a class have been printed in the prize list, the class conditions may not be changed. The **height** may only be changed in the case of inclement weather or unsafe conditions. In exceptional circumstances, permission for a change in specifications may be granted upon the approval of the Jumping Sport Committee Chairman, or their designee, and two additional Jumping Sport Committee members. Any changes must be noted in the Steward's Report.

2. Officials.

b. Judges. For classes offering \$25,000 or more in prize money a total of two Federation licensed 'R' judges are required, one of whom will act as official timer. The third judge is necessary if an open water jump is used; this can be a 'r' judge. In addition, two back up timers with digital stop watches are required. (Note: A timer technician may also be utilized as per JP106.2; however one of the two 'R' judges must be responsible for the official time recorded for each entry.) For all classes of \$25,000 or more, the Senior Judge must physically inspect the course to ensure that the obstacles are set at the correct **height** as stated in the prize list.

10. Open Classes of \$25,000 or more.

a. The prize list and the official results must clearly indicate the **height** for any such class. Should a prize list fail to indicate at what **height** the class is to be conducted, the correct information must be posted prominently at the competition office prior to the closing of

declarations, and both the Steward's Report and the Official Results must clearly indicate **the height**. Should this requirement not have been met, the competition results shall be recorded as though the class had been conducted at **1.40m**.

Appendix A

USEF Jumper Schooling Rules

5. When schooling for **classes of 1.40m or below**, jumps in the schooling area may not exceed the height or width by more than 10cm of the jumps **for the class in progress**. **For classes over 1.40m, jumps in the schooling area may not exceed 1.65m in height and 1.80m in width.**

6. Within 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the class, any schooling over obstacles by an entry in a jumper class of \$10,000 or more in prize money, must be done in the designated area.

27. 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 (17.637 ounces), shoe excluded. For Young Jumpers, 350 grams (12.345 ounces), shoe excluded. Failure to comply with this paragraph will incur disqualification.

a. The following also applies to hind boots during and while schooling for a class. Fasteners may only be Velcro, stud type, or hook type. No mechanism that allows the fastener to double back on itself or any kind of leverage to be applied to the fastener is permitted. No additional elements may be added to or inserted in the boot itself. The inside of the boot must be non-abrasive and smooth, that is, the surface must be even and there may not be any pressure points on the inside of the boot. Sheepskin linings are allowed.