



## 2021 USEF Junior Jumper National Championships

The USEF Junior Jumper National Championships will be offered as a Team Championship and an Individual Championship. The Team Championship will be based on a modified Nations Cup format and the Individual Championship will be a multi-round competition. Fence heights will be up to 1.45m.

### **I. MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

- A. Athletes wishing to participate in the 2021 USEF Junior Jumper National Championships must be U.S. citizens.
- B. The athlete must be a current USEF Junior member in good standing (see GR128) from time of application until conclusion of event.
- C. The athlete must be a current USHJA member (see JP 100.1) from time of application until conclusion of event.
- D. The zone of each athlete is determined by the athlete's point state as recorded with USEF as of December 1, 2020 (See JP 100.5).
- E. The horse must be recorded with USEF pursuant to USEF GR 1102, in good standing under USEF rules, and shown under the owner of record.
- F. The horse must be registered with USHJA (see JP 100.2) and the horse owner must be an active member of USHJA (see GR 1110).
- G. Athlete/horse combinations wishing to participate in the USEF Junior Jumper National Championships must earn a Certificate of Capability by completing a course set at 1.40m or higher with a score of four (4) faults or less, at a USEF or FEI licensed competition, within the qualifying period (see III.D).
  1. Athletes must verify this in writing with official complete show results that include faults.
  2. Each athlete entered in the championship must submit their Certificate of Capability to the Federation office in Lexington, KY by September 15, 2021.
- H. Athletes wishing to be considered for the 2021 USEF Junior Jumper National Championships must complete and submit an application online at [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org) no later than August 31, 2021. This application states that the athlete and parent must certify by signing the application that they have read the Selection Procedures and the Code of Conduct and that they understand these documents and agree to be bound by them. The application fee is \$25 per application.

### **II. ZONE INVITATIONS:**

- A. Each zone may send a maximum of five eligible athlete/horse combinations to the 2021 USEF Junior Jumper National Championships based on each zone's respective Junior Jumper National Championships Standings dated September 15, 2021:
  1. A team consists of at least three athlete/horse combinations but not more than four athlete/horse combinations. These athlete/horse combinations will participate in the Team Championship and the Individual Championship.
  2. The fifth athlete/horse combination will compete only as an Individual.
    - a. This athlete/horse combination is the fifth ranked athlete/horse combination in the Zone's Junior Jumper National Championships Standings dated September 15, 2021.
    - b. This combination will serve as the team's Traveling Reserve athlete/horse combination should a member of the team be unable to participate.
- B. If a zone is unable to field a team, that zone may send up to two athlete/horse combinations to participate in the Individual Championship.
- C. Individuals from zones unable to field a team will, if possible, be combined with other Individuals to form combined Zone Team/s. USEF will make the final decision to combine athlete/horse combinations no later than the first Chef d'Equipe Meeting.

### **III. INDIVIDUAL INVITATIONS:**

*A. The next twenty (20) highest ranked athlete/horse combinations, from the Junior Jumper National Championships National Standings List, who have not been selected to a Zone Team or as the Zone's Traveling Reserve will be invited to compete as an Individual.*

### **IV. SELECTION:**

- A. Athlete/horse combinations from each zone will be selected according to their ranking in their Zone's Junior Jumper National Championships standings:
- 1. The best five (5) results (highest prize money won in a class) per athlete/horse combination will count for their Zone's Junior Jumper National Championships standings.*
  2. Points are based on money won (one dollar equals one point; see exception III.B. 3).
  3. Athlete/horse combinations can acquire points/money in any zone.
  4. Points can be earned at any USEF Licensed Competition, except Local competitions. See Section III.G below for foreign FEI and Equestrian Canada events.
  5. Each Zone's Junior Jumper National Championships Standings can be found on the USEF website at [www.usef.org/jumping](http://www.usef.org/jumping).
  6. In the event of a tie in the standings, the tie will be broken by the athlete/horse combination that earned the most money won in classes held at 1.45m or above, followed by the most money won classes held at 1.40m.
  7. If an athlete has more than one horse in the top five positions of their zone's Junior Jumper National Championships Standings, the athlete may choose which horse he/she will compete.
- B. Classes to count for each Zone's Junior Jumper National Championships standings
1. Junior Jumper Classes offering \$500 or more in prize money held at 1.40m or above. Junior Jumper classes must be run in accordance with JP 117.3.
  2. Open Jumper Classes offering \$500 or more in prize money held at 1.40m or above. Classes held at the Regional Standard not to count. Classes offering \$25,000 or more must be run in accordance with JP 150.
  3. Classes of more than \$25,000 will be capped at 25,000 points, thus pointed the same as a \$25,000 class.
  4. Only the two highest money classes per athlete/horse combination will be pointed per competition.
- C. Money won/points earned at foreign FEI and Equestrian Canada (EC) competitions will be awarded as follows:
1. Money from foreign FEI competitions will automatically be counted towards the athlete/horse combination's standings if the class/s meet or exceed the requirements of III.B and are held within the qualifying period (see III.D).
  2. Money from national Equestrian Canada competitions may also be counted towards the horse/athlete combination's standings if the class/s meet or exceed the requirements of III.B and are held within the qualifying period (see III.D). Athletes are responsible for submitting a copy of the prize list (indicating which class is to be counted and fence height) and official complete show results that include prize money won to USEF, Attention Erin Keating, within ten business days of the last date of the competition for the money to count towards the combination's respective standings.
  3. Foreign FEI or EC competition money won will be converted into US dollars at the exchange rate of the date the money was won.
- D. Qualifying period: The Qualifying period for the 2021 USEF Junior Jumper National Championships is September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021. The start date of a competition is used to determine if a qualifying class falls within a qualifying period. For example, if a competition starts on August 31<sup>st</sup>, and the qualifying class is on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, the class will be included in a qualifying period that ends on August 31<sup>st</sup>.
- E. Verification of Standings: It is the responsibility of the athlete to verify the accuracy of the Junior Jumper National Championship Standings posted on the USEF website. USEF is not responsible for inaccurately reported results. If any errors are detected, athletes are encouraged to contact the USEF office immediately. Errors must be reported no less than three (3) business days after the standings are posted.

### **V. SUBSTITUTIONS:**

- A. Team and Traveling Reserve - In the event an eligible athlete/horse combination is unable to compete due to illness and/or injury to an athlete or horse, voluntary withdrawal, or other unforeseen circumstances, the next highest ranked eligible athlete/horse combination in the zone (see below for athletes with more than one horse in the Zone Standings) may move into the Team or Traveling Reserve vacancy.

- B. Individual Invitations – In the event an eligible athlete/horse combination declines the invitation, or is unable to compete, the next highest ranked eligible athlete/horse combination from the Junior Jumper National Championships Standings List may move into the vacancy.
- C. All substitutions will be in accordance with the following time periods:
  - 1. Up to one hour prior to the soundness inspection, should an athlete/horse combination on the team be unable to participate, the Traveling Reserve athlete/horse combination may be moved into the team. The next highest ranked athlete/horse combination in the zone’s Junior Jumper National Championships Standings dated September 15, 2021 may then move into the Traveling Reserve position.
  - 2. After the soundness inspection and up to one hour before the start of the First Competition, should an athlete/horse combination on the team be unable to participate, the Traveling Reserve athlete/horse combination may move into the team.
- D. If an athlete has applied with more than one horse and his/her chosen horse is unable to compete, then the athlete will be able to substitute an additional applicant horse if it is ranked within a team position. The above time periods are still applicable.

**VI. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

- A. Extraordinary Requests – Extraordinary requests from a Zone will only be considered if submitted between August 31, 2021 and the Entry Deadline (TBD) and only when the Zone has exhausted the list of eligible athlete/horse combinations on the Zone’s Final Ranking.
  - a. The request must be in writing to Erin Keating, Director Jumping Development Programs; [ekeating@usef.org](mailto:ekeating@usef.org) with copies sent to the athlete’s Zone Jumper Committee, Zone Coordinator, and Chef d’Equipe.
  - b. Athlete/horse combinations must meet the requirements outline in Section I. with exception to Application deadlines and Certificate of Capability requirements.
    - 1. The request will be reviewed by the nonconflicted members of the athlete’s Zone Jumper Committee or their designees, in consultation with the Zone’s Coordinator and Chef d’Equipe, if un-conflicted.
    - 2. The request must have the recommendation of the USHJA Executive Committee or its designees, the USEF Jumping Sport Committee or its designees and final approval by the USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors. In making their recommendation, the USHJA Executive Committee or its designees, the USEF Jumping Sport Committee or its designees shall evaluate the past performance of the athlete and horse, including the ability to jump the size and difficulty of obstacles, the complexity of the course(s) and the required speed to avoid time penalties.

**VII. EQUINE DRUG TESTING:** Horses competing in the USEF Junior Jumper National Championships are subject to all USEF Equine Drug and Medication rules.

**VIII. SOUNDNESS:**

- A. There will be a soundness inspection (jog) at the USEF Junior Jumper National Championships.
- B. Time and location for the soundness inspection will be included in the USEF Junior Jumper National Championships prize list.
- C. Horses failing the soundness inspection will not be permitted to compete.

**IX. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:** Horse Passports are not required. Horses are required to have health documents and vaccinations as required by the applicable states.

**X. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES** - Athletes wishing to file a grievance challenging a denial or threatened denial to participate in competition, please see the [Athlete’s Guide to Filing a Grievance Regarding Opportunity to Participate](#) and [Grievance Form](#). For procedural guidance for filing a grievance, please contact **Emily Pratt** at [epratt@usef.org](mailto:epratt@usef.org). Please contact the USOPC Athlete Ombudsman Office at (719) 866-5000, or [ombudsman@usathlete.org](mailto:ombudsman@usathlete.org), or visit [www.athleteombudsman.org](http://www.athleteombudsman.org) for guidance as to the USOPC grievance processes.

**XII. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN** - Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by USEF may contact the USOPC Athlete Ombudsman: by:

- a. Telephone at (719)866-5000

- b. Toll free telephone at (888) ATHLETE (1-888-284-5383)
- c. E-mail at [ombudsman@usathlete.org](mailto:ombudsman@usathlete.org)
- d. [www.athleteombudsman.org](http://www.athleteombudsman.org)

**XIII. QUESTIONS:** Contact Erin Keating, USEF Director of Jumping, Development Programs at [ekeating@usef.org](mailto:ekeating@usef.org) or (859) 225-2036.

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