Platinum Performance/USEF Show Jumping Talent Search Finals
For complete Talent Search Finals Rules please visit the official Talent Search Finals Prize List.

Entry Fee: $150
Entry Deadline: November 15, 2026
Qualifying: In order to be eligible to compete in the Talent Search Finals West, a rider must earn a minimum of 15 points in Talent Search class(es) between November 1, 2025 and October 31, 2026.

Open to Junior and Young Riders under USEF rules who are U.S. citizens, members of the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc., and who have qualified prior to October 31, 2026 (West). Previous Finals winners are ineligible for either Final.

A mandatory rider meeting, and horse inspection will be held on Friday, December 4th.

Saturday, December 5th - Phase I (Flat) & Phase II (Gymnastics)

- Phase I (flat) and Phase II (Gymnastics) will be performed individually by each athlete, sequentially.
- Athletes will receive the required flat movements and the order in which to perform the movements the Friday prior to the final.
- Flatwork movements must be performed in both directions, athletes are encouraged to incorporate the movements into the ring as they wish. The flat phase should be completed efficiently within a four-minute timeframe.
- A tone will be sounded for the athlete to begin the gymnastics phase.
- Athletes will receive one score for the flat phase and one score for the gymnastics phase.
- The gymnastics score will receive a 1.5 multiplier.

Sunday, December 6th – Phase III (Jumping) & Phase IV (Ride Off)
Phase III (Jumping)

- To be shown over a course of approximately 10-13 fences set at 1.15m with spreads to 1.50m (excluding the water jump, which may be wider).
- To include one double combination and one triple combination, or three double combinations, and an open water jump (with or without a pole, see USEF JP128).
- Speed 375 meters per minute.
- To be judged on effectiveness of execution. Time and jumping faults will be taken into consideration in the judges' evaluation of the rider.
- Phase III will have a multiplier of 2.
- The start order of Phase III will be the reverse order of standings after Phases I and II, respectively**.**

Phase IV (Ride Off)

- Prior to the start of Phase IV, a veterinary evaluation will be held for the top ten (10) horses qualified to participate
- Phase IV is open to the 10 best placed athlete/horse combinations (including those tied for 10th place) according to cumulative scores from Phases I, II, and III.
- Phase IV will be held over a shortened course and will be judged. The judges will be looking

for a rider who can combine speed with short turns, accuracy, an efficient track while maintaining control, classical riding, and the horse's ability to jump clear. The time taken to complete the round will be considered as a factor in the judges' scoring. Faults will be scored as four points deducted from the final score for each rail down. Although Phase IV will be timed, time and faults are NOT the sole deciding factors.

Overall Rules:

- Courses may only be walked by the competitor. Trainers are prohibited from walking any Talent Search Finals courses.
- Beginning at 6:00pm Thursday, December 3rd only the athlete may ride the horse.
- During the week of the finals and through the conclusion of the event, Finals horses may only compete in designated talent search finals classes. Designated classes include:
    - Tuesday Clear Round classes
    - Thursday Class #1000 Talent Search 90 second (water option);
    - Friday Jumper 2 water option – 1.10m jr/am (pick 1 - #401; #383; #386)
    - Saturday Talent Search Finals Phase I & II
    - Sunday Talent Search Finals Phase III & Phase IV (if eligible)