

2008
North American Junior and Young Rider
Championships - Jumping
Zone 1



Colorado Horse Park
Parker, CO
July 29-August 3, 2008

**General Information for the North American
Junior and Young Rider Championships**
New language indicated by *bold/italics*

The North American Junior and Young Rider Championships is an international event held annually. The Colorado Horse Park in Parker, Colorado is the host of the 2008 North American Junior and Young Rider Championships to be held July 29-August 3, 2008. Teams are invited from the twelve Zones in the United States, each Canadian Province, Mexico and the Caribbean to compete for team and individual medals. The Championships are designed to mirror the competition format used at the Olympic and Pan American Games. The objective of the national and international Federations is to introduce and prepare competitors for international competitions and FEI rules. In addition, the Championships offer riders the opportunity and experience of competing as a member of a team.

Eligibility: The Zone of each horse/rider combination is determined by the rider's point state as recorded with USEF as of December 1, 2008.

Requirements

- ***Application*** - *Athletes wishing to be considered for a 2008 Zone Young Rider/Junior Show Jumping Team must complete an application (See Attachment A) and return it with an application fee to the United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA), Attn: Melissa Pylant, Zone Coordinator, U.S. Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA), 4047 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, KY 40511, (859)825-6010, fax (859)258-9033, mpylant@ushja.org. Applications and fees postmarked, and-delivered, or faxed on or prior to Tuesday May 20, 2008 will be charged \$35 per application. Applications and fees postmarked, hand-delivered, or faxed after Tuesday May 20, 2008 and received by USHJA on or before Tuesday June 17, 2008 will be charged an application fee of \$150 per application. **HOWEVER, NO APPLICATIONS SHALL BE ACCEPTED UNLESS RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE Tuesday June 17, 2008. IN THE EVENT AN APPLICATION IS RECEIVED WITHOUT THE APPROPRIATE APPLICATION FEE, THOSE APPLICATIONS SHALL BE ACCEPTED ONLY IF THE APPROPRIATE APPLICATION FEE IS RECEIVED BY Friday June 20, 2008.***
- ***!! Updated FEI Passports including vaccination records per FEI rules are REQUIRED!!***
- FEI Registration Numbers for horse and rider are required.
- International High Performance fee must be paid for rider per GR 204.3.b
- Horses are required to have a valid Coggins test as specified by their state of origin and the state in which the Championship is held. Horses must have health documents and vaccinations as specified by their state of origin and the state in which the championship is held.
- Horses are required to have a health certificate within thirty (30) days of the competition.
- If additional inoculations are required, candidates will be notified.
- Riders must be U.S. citizens or in compliance with FEI Article 123 regarding Nationality Status of Competitors.
- Riders must be current members in good standing with USEF.
- All horses must be recorded with the Federation pursuant to USEF General Rule 812 and must be shown under the correct owner of record. Per FEI Article 138, horses must be six years of age or older.
- A complete list of current FEI Rules can be found on the FEI web site at www.horsesport.org

Financial Terms

Riders are responsible for their own expenses to the NAJYRC. However, your Zone may provide some financial reimbursement to team members or the Chef d'Equipe.

Drug Testing

The North American Junior and Young Rider Championships is a drug free competition. During the NAJYRC, FEI rules will be in effect, and all horses shall be subject to drug testing. Blood and/or urine samples may be collected at any time. Samples will be tested for the presence of all forbidden and/or controlled substances using FEI guidelines. If any substance is detected for which the FEI has established quantitative restrictions, the amount of this substance will be quantified.

Soundness Inspection

Because there is a mandatory veterinary inspection at the NAJYRC, your Zone's criteria may require soundness inspections (jogs) if the criteria includes designated selection trials. If your criteria requires a soundness inspection, times and locations will be announced and declared horses must be presented for at least one soundness inspection during the selection process.

Combining Zones to Form Teams

If a zone is unable to field a team of at least three horse/riders combinations, the zone may then apply to the Federation to combine with another zone which is also unable to field a team. Once all Definite Entries have been submitted, USEF will make the final decision to combine their horse/rider combinations *no later than the first Chef d'Equipe meeting*.

Horse Substitution Request

Horse Substitution requests will only be considered when the Zone has exhausted the list of eligible applicants available with their first ranked horse.

If an applicant's best ranked horse is not available, the applicant may request to be considered for selection on another horse. The request must be in writing to Melissa Pylant, USHJA Zone Coordinator. The request will be reviewed by the un-conflicted members of their Zone Jumper Committee or their designees, in consultation with the Junior/Young Rider Zone Coordinator and Chef d'Equipe, if un-conflicted, whose decision and recommendation to the USHJA Officers must be unanimous. The USHJA Officers shall have the final decision.

In making their decision, the un-conflicted members of the Zone Jumper Committee or their designees shall evaluate the past performance of the horse and rider, 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. Horses being submitted for consideration must have earned a Certificate of Capability for the appropriate level (Junior or Young Rider), though not necessarily as a combination with the applicant.

After the Definite Entry Deadline, substitutions will only be allowed in the event of an accident or illness of a competitor and/or horse on the production of a certificate from a properly licensed physician and/or with the permission of the Veterinary Commission. Substitutions must be made in ranking order from the horse/rider combinations submitted on the Zone's Nominated Entry, and

must be exhausted before a Horse Substitution Request can be considered (see Horse Substitution Request above).

Between the completion of the First Veterinary Inspection and one hour before the First competition, substitutions will only apply to riders and/or reserve horses already in the Stables, and will only be allowed in the event of an accident or illness of a competitor and/or horse on the production of a certificate from a properly licensed physician and/or with the permission of the Veterinary Commission.

Equine Canada (EC) and Foreign FEI Competitions

Money from EC and Foreign FEI competitions may be counted towards the horse/rider combination if the class/s meet or exceed the Zone's qualifying criteria, and are held within the Zone's qualifying period (and no sooner than December 1, 2007 for the 2008 championship qualifying period)

In addition, class/s results must be submitted as follows:

- *A copy of the prize list (indicating which class is to be counted and Level of difficulty) and a copy of the signed judge's card from this class must be submitted to the Junior/Young Rider Zone Coordinator within five business days of the last date of the competition for the money to count and*
- *Junior/Young Rider Zone Coordinators must submit any updates in money won from EC and/or Foreign FEI competitions to USEF Attention Jennifer Haydon within five days of receipt from the rider.*

EC or Foreign FEI competition money won and submitted as specified above will be converted into US dollars at the exchange rate of the date won and noted for that horse/rider in their Zones' standings.

The North American Young Rider Championships (CH-N.AM-YR-S):

The Young Rider Championship is open only to Young Riders (ages 16-21) as defined by FEI rules. The Young Rider Championship team will consist of four team members and an alternate. The alternate may compete in the Championship as an Individual. The championship features both a Team and an Individual competition. **Maximum fences heights will be 1.50m (4'11") with proportional spread between 1.50m and 1.80m (4'11" to 5'9") per FEI Jumping Rules Annex IX.** Standings for the Young Rider Championship can be found on the Federation web site at www.usef.org under 'Zone Points'.

Age of Young Rider

Riders may compete in the CH-N.AM-YR-S (North American Young Rider Championship) from the beginning of the year they reach the age of 16 until the end of the year they reach the age of 21 per FEI General Regulations Article 124.1 This includes riders born between January 1, 1987 and December 31, 1992.

Certificate of Capability

Each horse/rider combination must complete a Certificate of Capability in order to compete in the North American Young Rider Championships. A Certificate of Capability is considered complete when the horse/rider combinations completes a course set at Level 8 or higher with a score of 4 faults or less within your Zone's qualifying period. Riders must verify this in writing from the horse show office with a signed judge's card.

Team

Each team will be comprised of the top four horse/rider combinations as ranked in the Zone's standings. A fifth horse/rider combination will be chosen as the alternate who will receive a place on the team in the event of illness, injury, or withdrawal of a team horse/rider. The alternate will be eligible to compete in all the classes and qualify for the Individual Championship.

The following prize money credit will be given to competitors for USEF Horse of the Year categories even though no actual cash will be given:

Team Competition:

1 st	\$12,000
2 nd	9,000
3 rd	6,300
4 th	2,700

Individual Competition:

1 st	\$9,000	5 th	1,800.00	9 th	900
2 nd	6,600	6 th	1,500.00	10 th	600
3 rd	3,900	7 th	1,200	11 th	600
4 th	2,400	8 th	900	12 th	600

North American Junior Championships (CH-N.AM-J-S):

The Junior Championship is open only to Juniors (ages 14-18) as defined by the FEI rules. The Junior Championship team will consist of four team members and an alternate. The alternate may compete in the Championship as an Individual. The championship features both a Team and an Individual competition. **Maximum fence heights will be 1.40m (4'7") with proportional spread between 1.40m to 1.70m (4'7" to 5'6")**. Standings for the Junior Championship can be found on the Federation's web site at www.usef.org under 'Zone Points'.

Age of Junior

Riders may compete in the CH-N.AM-J-S (North American Junior Championship) from the year they reach the age of 14 until the end of the year they reach the age of 18 per FEI General Regulations Article 124.2. This includes those born between January 1, 1990 and December 31, 1994 per FEI General Regulations Article 124.

Certificate of Capability

Each horse/rider combination must complete a Certificate of Capability in order to compete in the North American Junior Championships. A Certificate of Capability is considered complete when the horse/rider combinations completes a course set at Level 7 or higher with a score of 4 faults or less within the Zone's qualifying period. Riders must verify this in writing from the horse show office with a signed judge's card.

Team

Each team will be comprised of the top four horse/rider combinations as ranked in the Zone's standings. A fifth horse/rider combination will be chosen as the alternate who will receive a place on the team in the event of illness, injury, or withdrawal of a team horse/rider. The alternate will be eligible to compete in all the classes and qualify for the Individual Championship.

The following prize money credit will be given to the horse for Junior Jumper USEF Horse of the Year categories even though no actual cash will be given:

Team Competition:

1 st	\$6,000
2 nd	4,500
3 rd	3,150
4 th	1,350

Individual Competition:

1 st	\$4,500	5 th	900	9 th	450
2 nd	3,300	6 th	750	10 th	300
3 rd	1,950	7 th	600	11 th	300
4 th	1,200	8 th	450	12 th	300

2008 NAJYRC Selection Procedures, Zone 1

While the National Jumper Committee will oversee the selection process, the committee is subject at all times to oversight and supervision by USEF, as the National Governing Body.

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Standings for the Young Rider Team

The Young Rider (CH-N.AM-YR-S) standings will be based on money won in USEF Junior, Young Rider, and Amateur Owner classes held at Level 7 or above, as well as Grand Prix classes offering at least \$25,000 in prize money. The qualifying time period will be June 16, 2007 through June 15, 2008.

Standings for the Junior Team

The Junior (CH-N.AM-JS) standing will be based on money won in USEF Junior Jumper classes held at Level 7 or above as well as Grand Prix classes offering at least \$25,000 in prize money. The qualifying time period will be June 16, 2007 through June 15, 2008.

Ties

Any ties will be decided by determining which horse/rider combination won the most money in the classes specified above at "AA" rated competitions.

Spruce Meadows

Money won under the above specifications from Spruce Meadows during the above qualifying dates will also count toward the horse/rider standings if the rider contacts their Zone Coordinator prior to the first day of competition at the Spruce Meadows show.