



*PLATINUM PERFORMANCE/USEF SHOW JUMPING TALENT SEARCH CLASS SPECIFICATIONS

(Effective September 1, 2011)

Modifications indicated by *bold/italics*

The *PLATINUM PERFORMANCE/USEF SHOW JUMPING TALENT SEARCH CLASS, a test of the abilities of an individual as a show jumping rider, is open to Junior/Young Riders who are members of the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) who have not reached their 21st birthday under Federation rules.

Winners of twenty (20) Talent Search Classes may compete in the Finals if they have not reached their 21st birthday under Federation rules, but are no longer eligible to compete in the *PLATINUM PERFORMANCE/USEF SHOW JUMPING TALENT SEARCH CLASS.

Winners of the Finals may continue to compete in the *PLATINUM PERFORMANCE/USEF SHOW JUMPING TALENT SEARCH CLASS, in pursuit of additional wins leading towards Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals in recognition of these wins if they have not reached their 21st birthday under Federation rules, but may not compete in future Finals.

Non-U.S. citizens may compete in *PLATINUM PERFORMANCE/USEF SHOW JUMPING TALENT SEARCH CLASSES, but not the Finals.

If 50 or more entries are received, the class must be divided equally and run as two or more separate classes.

All competitions planning to hold this class must apply at least four weeks prior to the competition to the United States Equestrian Federation office at the Lexington, KY address, for permission to hold the class. Please include the name of the competition, the dates, and the name and address of a contact person.

Competitors must use the same horse in both phases. Competitors may ride stallions. The jumping phase of the class shall be held first over a course of at least ten fences from 3'7" to 3'9" (1.10 - 1.15m.) in height with spreads to 4'11" (1.50m.). Each course must contain at least three fences set at 3'9" in height and none lower than 3'6". The course must include a double and a triple combination, or 3 doubles. Additional spread fences are required elsewhere on the course. ***At "AA" rated outdoor competitions, a water-filled obstacle with a 10' (3.05m) to 12' (3.30m) spread (with or without a pole) must be included. At all other rated competitions a liverpool is required.*** At both East and West Coast Finals, a water obstacle of at least 10' (3.05m) is required. The course should be of the type used in a Junior Jumper class. Time allowed will be figured at 350 meters per minute; may be timed either electronically or manually. To be judged on style and execution. Time and jumping faults should be taken into consideration in the judge's evaluation of the rider. Two refusals will incur elimination.

At least 12 riders, if available, must be called back for the flat phase. In the flat phase, riders will show as a group at the working walk, the working trot sitting, the working trot rising, as well as showing a lengthening of stride; the working canter, and the working canter showing a lengthening of stride. All riders being considered for an award shall be required to show the working canter on the counter lead for at least one full revolution of the arena in both directions, but not more than 12 shall counter canter at one time. Judges may require any additional tests. To be judged on rider's position and seat and the correctness and effect of the aids.

All riders must ride in the jumping phase, which will be offered first and will constitute entry into the class as a whole, regardless of whether the rider is called back for the second, flat phase. To fill a class, SIX COMPETITORS MUST COMPLETE THE COURSE.

SADDLERY

- (1.) There are no restrictions on saddles.
- (2.) Change of bridle is permissible, between phases.
- (3.) Blinkers are forbidden.
- (4.) No martingales of any kind are permitted in the flat phase.
- (5.) Only running martingales used in the conventional manner are permitted in the jumping phase. Standing martingales, draw reins, or restricted running martingales are prohibited.
- (6.) Reins must be attached to the bit(s) or directly to the bridle. Gags and hackamores are not allowed in the flat phase.

2012 FINALS QUALIFYING PROCEDURES

Riders wishing to compete in the *PLATINUM PERFORMANCE/USEF SHOW JUMPING TALENT SEARCH FINALS - EAST must earn 90 points in *PLATINUM PERFORMANCE/USEF SHOW JUMPING TALENT SEARCH CLASSES in any zone (must include a minimum of one first place) within the qualifying period (September 1-August 31) to qualify for the East Coast Finals. The results of Talent Search classes taking place at competitions beginning in late August but continuing into September will be included in the earlier qualifying period, not the qualifying period that begins September 1.

Riders wishing to compete in the *PLATINUM PERFORMANCE/USEF SHOW JUMPING TALENT SEARCH FINALS - WEST must earn 30 points in *PLATINUM PERFORMANCE/USEF SHOW JUMPING TALENT SEARCH CLASSES in any zone within the qualifying period (September 1-August 31) to qualify for the West Coast Finals. The results of Talent Search classes taking place at competitions beginning in late August but continuing into September will be included in the earlier qualifying period, not the qualifying period that begins September 1.

*Effective September 1, 2011, the point system for *PLATINUM PERFORMANCE/USEF SHOW JUMPING TALENT SEARCH CLASSES held in Zones 1-7 will change to the following system:*

- *6-24 riders:*

<i>First Place</i>	<i>30 Points</i>
<i>Second Place</i>	<i>15 Points</i>
<i>Third Place</i>	<i>10 Points</i>
<i>Fourth Place</i>	<i>5 Points</i>

- *25-49 riders*

<i>First Place</i>	<i>45 Points</i>
<i>Second Place</i>	<i>30 Points</i>
<i>Third Place</i>	<i>20 Points</i>
<i>Fourth Place</i>	<i>10 Points</i>

The point scale for Show Jumping Talent Search classes held in Zones 8-12 will remain unchanged:

First Place	30 Points
Second Place	15 Points
Third Place	10 Points
Fourth Place	5 Points

Competitors will qualify for the East or West Finals according to the qualifying procedures for that Final. Wins and/or placings in any Zone (regardless of where the competitor lives) will qualify a competitor for a Final.

The *PLATINUM PERFORMANCE/USEF SHOW JUMPING TALENT SEARCH FINALS will be judged by at least one judge who holds an "R" Registered status in the Hunter Seat Equitation Division. Additional judges are eligible to judge with a guest card.

Qualifying procedures cannot be changed without the approval of the USEF Show Jumping High Performance Committee following notification of USHJA of such changes.

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