To protect the integrity of the calendar management process by eliminating the ability for a competition organizer to circumvent Federation competition calendar rules by using cash bonuses or prize money, in-kind gifts leading rider or other series awards, add backs, and exhibition prize money to exceed the maximum amount of prize money permitted for the competition's licensed Hunter rating and/or Jumper level. This in turn negates the boundary requirements by putting the show at a higher Hunter rating and/or Jumper level, conflicting with the rules under which the license was granted.
Competition Offering total Jumper prize money of:
Less than $5,000 USEF Jumper Level 1
Between $5,000 and $24,999 USEF Jumper Level 2
Between $25,000 and $49,999 USEF Jumper Level 3
Between $50,000 and $124,999 USEF Jumper Level 4
Between $125,000 and $199,999 USEF Jumper Level 5
$200,000 and above USEF Jumper Level 6

Prize money, bonus money, including cash or in-kind gifts, leading rider or other series awards, add backs, and any exhibition class prize money must all be included for purposes of determining total prize money when determining Jumper Rating. This must be included and reported to the Federation in the Prize List and competition results for purposes of determining total Jumper prize money. Leading Rider and other series awards which require participation in multiple competitions are exempt from this rule.