

New Jumper Rules effective December 1, 2021 for the 2022 Competition Year

JP103 Schooling

8. The Certified Schooling Supervisor's or the schooling supervisor's decision, after consultation with the Senior Steward, or an official competition steward's decision regarding schooling fences, or tack and equipment **rules** in the warm-up/**schooling** area is final. **Any decision made by an unlicensed schooling supervisor, if agreed to by the Senior Steward, regarding schooling rules in the warm-up/schooling area is final.**

JP103 Schooling

9. The unsafe use of electronic devices, as determined by the competition steward in their sole discretion, including cell phones, with or without earphones/buds while mounted is prohibited in all areas designated for schooling and exercise, and while lungeing horses on competition grounds. **Earphone(s)/Earbud(s) are prohibited in all areas designated for schooling & exercise.**

JP105 Officials

2. Course Designers.

a. The Jumper Course Designer must be on the grounds during the classes for which he is building **he has built**. He or his designated representative must be present at the ring(s) during all Jumper classes for which he has responsibility and be available to report to the judge at any time. **The course designer, or his designated representative, must ensure** that the courses **are** properly set for the competition.

b. A minimum of an 'r' or 'R' Jumper Course Designer license is required to officiate **for all Jumper classes at Rating 2 or higher Federation licensed** competitions with a rating 2 or higher.

c. An 'R' license is required to officiate **for any Jumper classes** offering \$25,000 or more in prize money.

**JP107 Prize List and Scheduling**

**1. Management may change the Table under which a class of under \$25,000 is originally offered due to unforeseen circumstances; examples include, but are not limited to: impending inclement weather, excessive entries, possible loss of daylight. Competitors must be provided notification of changes to the Table a minimum of two hours in advance of the start of the class. Any competitors entered in the class no longer wishing to compete under the new Table must be given a full refund of entry fees.**

JP108 Prize Money

7. Per JP 122.1.c, if classes of different heights are combined, **one of the following methods must be used:**

a. The entry fee, prize money, **and payouts for each placing** will follow the class that has the higher prize money **in accordance with the prize list**. The start fee must be refunded to declared competitors who choose not to declare for the combined class.

**b. The entry fee, prize money, and payouts for each placing will follow the relevant entries of original classes, in accordance with the prize list.**

JP117 Sections/Classes Restricted to Junior, Amateur/Owner, Amateur or Young Riders

~~1. Amateur Owner Jumper:...~~ [The Amateur Owner Jumper section is no longer in the USEF Rule Book as of December 1, 2021 for the 2022 Competition Year]

2. Amateur Jumper: A horse that is ridden by an Amateur. Classes are restricted to riders who are no longer eligible to compete as junior exhibitors. **See GR 1306 for Amateur Rules.**

a. **Amateurs may compete up to two horses per height section of Amateur Jumpers per competition.**

b. Dividing Classes. class within a section with eighty (80) or more entries at the beginning of the first class must be divided. If there are eighty (80) or more entries remaining in a class after it has been divided, the class must be redivided by every other number or a California Split.

c. Level of Difficulty:

1. High Amateur classes will have courses set at either 1.40m (4'7") or 1.45 m (4'9'). The maximum height for the first class of this section, and for any classes in which time is the deciding factor in the initial round, is 1.40 m (4'7"). Note: Only Amateur classes set at either 1.40m or 1.45m will be pointed toward HOTY awards in the High Amateur category.
2. Medium Amateur classes will have courses set at either 1.30m (4'3") or 1.35m (4'5"). All Amateur classes set at either 1.30m or 1.35m will be pointed towards HOTY awards in the Medium Amateur category.
3. Low Amateur classes will have courses set at either 1.20m (3'11") or 1.25m (4'1"). All Amateur classes at either 1.20m or 1.25m will be pointed toward the Low Amateur category for purposes of HOTY awards.
4. Local competitions - no minimum course requirements and no points towards National Horse of the Year awards.

JP117 Sections/Classes Restricted by Age of Horse

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### 3. Course **Requirements**

a. General for all ages:

**1. Before July 1, all courses must be set in ascending height and the maximum height for Five and Six Year Olds cannot be used in the first 30% of the course. The first jump of the course and the first element of a combination must be set 5cm lower than the lowest height permissible under the rule for the age category.**

2. There should be at least two changes of direction, preferably more.

3. The first obstacle should be inviting, not difficult (i.e. no blind corners).

~~4. Normal distances should be used in related lines, whether straight or bending.~~

~~5. The fill must be consistent in each element A, B, and C of the combination and must not be solid or a visual distraction.~~

~~6. Indoor arenas: Whenever possible, obstacles should not be placed directly on the wall.~~

~~7. Certificate of Compliance: A course plan showing the actual heights and spreads of all the fences, signed by the Course Designer and the Senior Judge, must be given to the Senior Steward no later than the conclusion of competition on the same day the class is held to include with his report to the Federation.~~

b. Five Year Old Jumpers

1. All courses must be basic and straight forward.

2. Obstacles **must** be inviting.

3. **Before July 1, all** courses must be set in ascending height and the maximum height cannot be used in the first 30% of the course.

4. The first fence and the (a) portion of any combination must be set 5cm lower than the height specified for the class.

5. Combinations cannot be used before fence number four.

6. Triple combinations cannot be included before July 1.

7. Only one spread obstacle may be included in any combination before July 1.

8. A Liverpool cannot be used as part of a combination.

9. When using a Liverpool **at a vertical**, the rails must be in the center. **When using a Liverpool at an oxer, the front edge of the Liverpool must be in line with the front element of the oxer. In either case, the rails must be** on Safety Cups and the Liverpool must be used as an option.

10. **Three (3) stride lines cannot be used before July 1.**

11. **Flower boxes or ground rails can be used in front of verticals to encourage a visual aid.**

12. **Normal distances should be used in related lines, whether straight or bending.**

13. **The fill must be consistent in each element A, B, and C of the combination and must not be solid or a visual distraction.**

14. **Indoor arenas: Whenever possible, obstacles should not be placed directly on the wall.**

c. Six Year Old Jumpers

1. **Before July 1, all** courses must be set in ascending height and the maximum fence height cannot be used **in the first 30% of the course** ~~until the second half of the course before May 1.~~

2. Triple combinations may only include one spread obstacle before July 1.

3. Water jumps cannot exceed 11' (3.30m) and must use a rail over the water with a lath on the landing side. Water jumps should be in the second half of the course, and another obstacle must be offered as an option. The rail must be judged and if the lath is to be judged, it must be marked on the course.

4. A Liverpool cannot be used as part of a combination.

5. If using Table II, Section 1, courses should always be built as Table II, not Table III.

d. Seven Year Old Jumpers

1. If a Liverpool is used in a combination, it may only be used as the first element, and may not be used before ~~May~~ **July 1.**

2. Water jumps cannot exceed 12' (3.60 m) and must use a rail over the water with a lath on the landing side, and another obstacle must be offered as an option. ~~before May 1.~~

4. Five-Year-Old Jumper: Open to horses **that meet the eligibility requirements listed in JP117.1.** ~~with papers indicating a foaling date five years previous to the current calendar year.~~ Horses competing in classes restricted to Five-Year-Olds cannot have ever shown in Open Jumper Classes offering \$25,000 or more in prize money with fence heights of 1.25m or higher.

a. Classes will be scored under Table II (all clears stay equal). After July 1, classes may be scored under Table II, Sec 2. a, b, or d.

b. Courses to be set at 1.00 m to 1.15 m. After July 1 courses must be set at **1.15-1.20** m. Speed of 325 m/m.

5. Six-Year-Old Jumper: Open to horses **that meet the eligibility requirements listed in JP117.1.** ~~with papers indicating a foaling date six years previous to the current calendar year.~~ Horses competing in classes restricted to Six Year Olds cannot have ever shown in Open Jumper Classes offering \$25,000 or more in prize money with fence heights of 1.35m or higher.

a. Classes may be scored under Table II, (all clears staying equal); or Table II Section 1 or 2a, b, or d.

b. Courses to be set at 1.20 m to 1.25 m. After July 1, courses must be set at **1.25-1.30** m. Speed of 350 m/m.

6. Seven Year-Old Jumper: Open to horses **that meet the eligibility requirements listed in JP117.1** ~~with papers indicating a foaling date seven years previous to the current calendar year.~~ Horses competing in classes restricted to Seven-Year-Olds cannot have ever shown in Open Jumper Classes offering \$25,000 or more in prize money held at the National or High Performance Standard

a. Classes may be scored under Table II, Section 1 or 2 a, b, or d.

b. Courses to be set at 1.30 m to 1.35 m.

7. Classes for age groups may be combined and run as one class when there are less than 4 in a given age category. When classes are combined (see JP122.1.c), each age category must jump the height specified for that age category. Course guidelines and class specifications must conform to those specified for the youngest age jumping in the combined class.

**8. Classes for age groups may be combined with an open jumper class held at the same height. Course requirements and class specifications must conform to those specified for the age group jumping in the combined class.**

9. Horses may compete in classes restricted to Five, Six, and Seven Year Olds in the month of December but they will not be eligible for HOTY points (GR 1133.2)

10. Special Competitions. Exceptions to any of the above listed conditions may be made only with the permission of the Federation Jumping Sport Committee prior to the printing of the prize list. For complete specifications for the ~~YJC~~ **USHJA Young Jumper Championship** program, please refer to ~~their website at www.youngjumpers.com.~~ ***www.ushja.org/youngjumper.***

11. For scheduled Five, Six or Seven Year Old classes, any schooling jump 1 m or over must have a minimum of two rails, in cups, on the take-off side of the jump, regardless of whether a ground line is used. The lower rail must always be below 1m. See JP103.5.

#### JP118 Sections/Classes Restricted to Children, Adult Amateur Riders, or Ponies

1. Children's and Adult Amateur Jumper: Sections are open to Junior and Amateur exhibitors. ~~Unless the USHJA submits their Zone Specifications to the Federation by August 1st of the previous year,~~ **The** specifications as shown below will apply ***unless addressed by specific USHJA Zone specifications (available at www.ushja.org)***. All USHJA zone specifications submitted by August 1st and approved by USHJA and USEF shall be enforced by USEF if not followed.

#### JP122 Fence Dimensions

4. Standards: Any class offering \$25,000 or more in prize money must be offered at one of the following standards delineated below: Regional, American, National, or High Performance. Heights alone do not apply to these classes and the standard must be clearly stated in the prize list. Competitions must apply to the Jumping Sport Committee for permission to offer \$25,000 or more in prize money in any class if it does not meet one of the following:

a. Regional Standard: 1.35m - 1.40m with spreads to 1.55m, excluding Triple Bar, Water Jump, ***and the first fence on course.*** At least 6 Verticals and 4 Oxers must be set at 1.40m. The maximum spread for the Triple Bar is 1.85m, and the maximum spread for the Water Jump is 3.60m.

b. American Standard: 1.40m - 1.45m with spreads to 1.60m, excluding Triple Bar, Water Jump, ***and the first fence on course.*** At least 4 Verticals and 2 Oxers must be set at 1.45m. The maximum spread for the Triple Bar is 1.80m, and the maximum spread for the Water Jump is 3.80m.

c. National Standard: 1.45m - 1.50m with spreads to 1.70m, excluding Triple Bar, Water Jump, ***and the first fence on course.*** At least 4 Verticals and 2 Oxers must be set at 1.50m\*. The maximum spread for the Triple Bar is 2.00m, and the maximum spread for the Water Jump is 4.00m. \*If conditions warrant (deterioration of footing, inclement weather, insufficient lighting, fewer than 10 entries at the time declarations are due), the Course Designer after consultation with Management and Judges, may use a 5cm variance up or down for these 6 required efforts.

d. High Performance Standard: 1.45m - 1.60m with spreads to 1.80m, excluding Triple Bar, Water Jump, ***and the first fence on course.*** At least 2 Verticals must be set at 1.60m, and at least 4 Oxers must be set at 1.50m+\*, excluding Triple Bar and Water Jump. The maximum spread for the Triple Bar is 2.20m, and the maximum spread for the Water Jump is 4.50m. \*If conditions warrant (deterioration of footing, inclement weather, insufficient lighting, fewer than 10 entries at the time declarations are due), the Course Designer after consultation with Management and Judges, may use a 5cm variance up or down for these 6 required efforts.

#### JP125 Jumper Courses

6. Number of Jumping Efforts.

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e. Table II, Sec.2(c) & ***Table II, Sec.2 (d)*** (see JP145.3.d & ***JP145.3.e***)

#### JP130 Measuring Courses

1. Measurement. Accurate measurement of courses is essential. Courses must be measured with a measuring wheel similar to those used by public utilities, by a measuring tape, or by computer or planimeter with the course laid out on

an accurate scale drawing of the ring. **A measuring wheel must be used for classes offering \$25,000 or more in prize money.**

JP132 Speed, Time Allowed, Time Limit and Optimum Time

1. Speed. The Time Allowed is based on a minimum speed of 350 meters per minute (382 yards per minute) ~~and 325 m/m (360 yd/min) for Pony, Children, and Adult Amateur Jumpers, or in a very small in indoor arena).~~

JP132 Posting and Walking Courses

2. Course Plan. The plan or diagram of the course, including the Speed, Time Allowed, length of course, start and finish, and jumpoff course, must show the obstacles which must be jumped with the order indicated by number. Apart from this, unless designated by the course designer by the use of a solid line between obstacles on the course plan, the rider is not bound to follow a compulsory track. An arrow is used to indicate the direction in which each obstacle must be jumped. Closed combinations and option fences must be clearly marked. For all classes of \$25,000 or more **and classes restricted to five, six, and seven year olds**, the posted course plan must include the height and spread of each obstacle.

JP138 Timing

1. Starting & Stopping. Time is taken from the instant the horse **passes through the start markers in the proper direction** ~~chest reaches the start line,~~ or upon the expiration of the 45 seconds following the sounding of the audible tone, until it reaches the finish line.

JP145 Table of Jumping Faults

2.	Knockdown of automatic timing equipment, other designated markers on start and finish lines, <b>so long as they are a part of the round being jumped.</b>	4 Faults
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20.	<b>Jumping out of the arena before, during, or after their round.</b>	<b>Elimination</b>
21.	<b>Leaving the arena through the in/out gate before beginning their round, voluntarily or involuntarily, whether or not the tone to begin has sounded.</b>	<b>No Penalty</b>

JP145 TABLE II-Classes scored on Faults and Time

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3. Time first jump-off

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e. Table II, Sec.2(d)-Two Phase Competitions – **Each** phase **will** consist of ~~8 to 10~~ **5 to 7** jumping efforts ~~and the second phase of 5 to 7 jumping efforts.~~

JP148 TABLE III-Faults Converted Into Seconds

1. Faults incurred when jumping an obstacle, for putting one or more feet in the water, or on the marking lath are penalized by adding four seconds for each occurrence. In indoor arenas or smaller rings, competitors may be penalized with ~~two (2)~~ **three (3)** seconds added for each occurrence at the discretion of the Senior Judge. Time penalties (~~2-3~~ or 4 seconds) must be listed on the course plan.