



2025/2026 Platinum Performance/USEF Show Jumping Talent Search

Points Scale

Effective September 1, 2025, the following Point System will be used for the 2025/2026 Talent Search qualifying period:

| Class Placings | Number of Exhibitors who complete the course | | | | |
|-----------------|--|----|---------------|----|----|
| | 3-5 Exhibitors | | 6+ Exhibitors | | |
| | 1* | 2* | 1* | 2* | 3* |
| 1 st | 15 | 20 | 30 | 45 | 90 |
| 2 nd | 7 | 15 | 15 | 30 | 60 |
| 3 rd | 5 | 10 | 10 | 20 | 40 |
| 4 th | 2 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 20 |
| 5 th | | 2 | | 5 | 10 |
| 6 th | | | | | 5 |

Finals Qualification

Finals East

- Qualifications close August 31, 2026. Talent Search classes at competitions which begin on or after September 1, 2025, will count towards qualification for the 2026 Finals.
- To qualify for the **Finals East**, a rider must earn 90 points and a ribbon placing in a 2* or 3* Talent Search class
- A 3* win automatically qualifies a rider for the East Final

Finals West

- Qualifications close October 31, 2026. Talent Search classes at competitions which begin on or after November 1, 2025, will count towards qualification for the 2026 Finals.

- To qualify for the **Finals West**, a rider must earn **15 points in** ~~have completed a~~ Talent Search class(es) within the qualifying period.
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Winners of twenty Talent Search Classes who are Junior or Young Riders under Federation rules, may compete in the Finals, but are no longer eligible to compete in the USEF Show Jumping Talent Search Class.

Winners of the Finals, who are Junior or Young Riders under Federation rules, may continue to compete in the USEF Show Jumping Talent Search Class, in pursuit of additional wins towards Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals in recognition of these wins, but may not compete in future Finals. **The Platinum Performance/USEF Show Jumping Talent Search Class will be conducted using a star (*) level based on the difficulty and class specifications. Star levels will be conducted as follows:**

1* (One Star)

For a 1*, both the Jumping and Flat phases of the USEF Show Jumping Talent Search Class must be held in a jumper or equitation competition ring.

The time must be manually or electronically timed for a 1* Talent Search Class.

The Jumping phase of the class shall be held prior to the Flat phase over a Junior Jumper styled course with a minimum of ten numbered fences at the respective heights, spreads, and other obstacles as delineated below:

1* fence heights will be 1.10m to 1.15m (3'7" to 3'9") with a minimum of three (3) spreads (as defined in JP125), excluding a triple bar (if any). The course must include one (1) double and one (1) triple combination (or three (3) doubles), and at least one (1) Liverpool covered with water.

2* (Two Star)

For a 2*, both the Jumping and Flat phases of the USEF Show Jumping Talent Search Class must be held in a jumper or equitation competition ring.

The time must be manually or electronically timed for a 2* Talent Search Class.

The Jumping phase of the class shall be held prior to the Flat phase over a Junior Jumper styled course with a minimum of ten numbered fences at the respective heights, spreads, and other obstacles as delineated below:

2* fence heights will be 1.15m (3'9") with a minimum of three (3) spreads (as defined in JP125), excluding triple bar (if any) and water obstacle. The course must include one (1) double and one (1) triple combination (or three (3) doubles), one (1) water-filled Liverpool, and a water-filled water jump (minimum 2.45m (8') with an option fence.) The water must have a rail over it and must be colored black or blue so the bottom is not visible.

3* (Three Star)

For a 3*, the Jumping phase of the Talent Search Class must be held in one of the main Grand Prix Jumping

competition rings.

The time must be electronically timed for 3* Talent Search Class.

The Jumping phase of the class shall be held prior to the Flat phase over a Junior Jumper styled course with a minimum of ten numbered fences at the respective heights, spreads, and other obstacles as delineated below:

3* fence heights will be 1.15m (3'9") with a minimum of three (3) spreads (as defined in JP125), excluding triple bar (if any) and water obstacle. The course must include one (1) double and one (1) triple combination (or three (3) doubles), one (1) water-filled Liverpool, and a dug in water-filled open water jump of 3.05m to 3.65m (10' to 12') with or without a rail over it, at the judge's discretion in consultation with the Course Designer, a rail may be added over the water in the interest of safety to the competitors. The water must be colored black or blue so that the bottom is not visible.

Although the Talent Search Class is located and described in the Equitation (EQ) Chapter of the USEF Rule Book (EQ110.9), both the course materials and equipment used and the conduct of the class will be in accordance with the rules and procedures delineated in the Jumper (JP) chapter of the USEF Rule Book unless specifically noted herein. This specifically includes, but is not limited to, rails, planks, gates, jump cups, breakaway safety cups, lath or plasticine, numbers, and flags.

Competition Requirements to Hold a Talent Search Class

To apply to host a Talent Search class, please check the box for the intended star level in your Competition License Application.

If not indicated on the Competition License Application, all competitions planning to hold a 1*, 2* or 3* Talent Search Class must apply in writing to the United States Equestrian Federation for permission to hold the class. This may be submitted to the Lexington, KY office at least eight (8) weeks prior to your competition. Please indicate the name of the competition, the competition dates, and the intended star level of the Talent Search Class, in addition to the name, address and email of a contact person.

3* Talent Search Class applications will be reviewed separately. For every three (3) consecutive weeks of competitions held at any one facility and by any one Licensee, competitions may only hold one (1) 3* Talent Search Class.

Competitions may offer only one (1) Talent Search Class.