



Frequently Asked Questions

Do we need to 'apply' anywhere to be considered?

Yes! Pony Jumper Applications can be found on the athlete dashboard at athletes.usef.org. Please be sure the “category” selected is “jumping” all other fields can remain blank. The application deadline is June 15, 2026.

We don't have pony jumper classes in our area; how do we qualify?

That's ok! Minimum eligibility can be earned in any jumper class at the athlete/pony's respective height, or above. The class can be called training jumper, open, puddle, schooling, itty bitty, etc. It does not need to be a Pony Jumper specific class to qualify.

The qualifying criteria says four (4) classes total at two (2) different shows, but my show only offers three (3) classes.

That's ok! You can do three (3) classes at one show, and one (1) class at another show, or two (2) classes at one show, and two (2) classes at a different show. Whatever works best with your schedule and the show schedule.

Do they have to place or jump clear in the qualifying classes?

No, they just need to complete the course.

What if there are less than three (3) entries in the class? Will the class still count as a qualifying class?

Yes, the class will still count as a qualifying class if there are less than three entries.

Does the junior rider need to own the pony she is applying for in the championships?

No.

Can a rider enter multiple ponies in the Pony Jumper National Championships?

Yes, athletes can compete one (1) pony in each category of the Jumper National Championships.

Can the same pony compete in the Pony Hunter Finals and the Pony Jumper National Championships?

Please note during the week of Pony Finals, pony jumpers may not cross enter into pony hunter finals classes but may compete in the pony medal.

How do we know if we are qualified?

All athlete/pony combinations that apply and meet the minimum eligibility requirements will be invited to compete at the Pony Jumper National Championships. Formal invitations will be distributed mid-June.