



## 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](https://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.