



TO: Potential 2024 NAYC Athletes
FROM: Erin Keating, Director Jumping Development Programs
DATE: September 25, 2023
RE: 2024 FEI North American Youth Championships – Selection Methodology (All Zones, except Zone 10 to be published separately)

Dear US Youth Jumping Athletes,

The preliminary information below is being provided to assist you with your competition planning leading up to the 2024 FEI North American Youth Championships which will be held at the Great Lakes Equestrian Festival in Traverse City, Michigan, July 30 – August 4, 2024. Please remember this information is preliminary and is subject to approval by the USEF Board of Directors and therefore is subject to change. The 2024 NAYC Selection Procedures, when approved, will be posted [Here](#).

1.1. Qualifying Period and Criteria:

- 1.1.1. The qualifying period for the 2024 North American Youth Championships Jumping is [September 1, 2023 through June 2, 2024](#). The start date of a competition is used to determine if a qualifying class falls within the qualifying period. For example, if a competition starts on June 2nd, and the qualifying class is on June 3rd, the class will be included in the qualifying period that ends on June 2nd. It is the responsibility of the athlete to verify the accuracy of the NAYC Standings posted on the USEF website. USEF is not responsible for inaccurately reported results. If any errors are detected, athletes are encouraged to contact the USEF office immediately. Errors must be reported no less than three (3) business days prior to the NAYC nominated entry deadline.
- 1.1.2. Standings lists will be maintained for the NAYRC, NAJC, NAPJC, and NACHC and will be calculated as outlined below, athlete/horse combinations best five (5) results (highest prize money won in a class) at the specified heights per category. The FEI Nominated and FEI Definite Entries will be submitted in accordance with the Final Rankings.

Certificate of Capability

- 1.1.2.1. **North American Young Rider Championships:** The Young Rider (CH-N.AM-YR-S) standings will be based on the athlete/horse combination's best five (5) results (highest prize money won in a class) in the following classes held at 1.45m and above at FEI and USEF licensed competitions: Junior Jumper, Young Rider, Amateur Owner, Amateur Jumper, Open Jumper, U25, as well as Jumper classes offering \$25,000 or more in prize money held at the [National Standard](#) or above. Classes offering more than \$25,000 will be capped at 25,000 points, thus pointed the same as classes of \$25,000. Ties will be decided by determining which athlete/horse combination has the next best result (highest prize money won in a class) as specified above at the height of 1.45m and above, if a tie remains after the 1.45m and above classes are exhausted it will be followed by which athlete/horse combination has the next best result (highest prize money won in a class) as specified above at the height of 1.40m, if a

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tie remains after the 1.40 classes are exhausted it will be followed by which athlete/horse combination has the next best result (highest prize money won in a class) as specified above at the height of 1.35m and so until the tie is broken.

- 1.1.2.2. **North American Junior Championships:** The Junior (CH-N.AM-J-S) standings will be based on the athlete/horse combination's best five (5) results (highest prize money won in a class) in the following classes held at 1.40m and above at FEI and USEF licensed competitions: Junior Jumper, Young Rider, U25, Open Jumper, as well as Jumper classes offering \$25,000 or more in prize money held at [American Standard](#) or above. Classes offering more than \$25,000 will be capped at 25,000 points, thus pointed the same as classes of \$25,000. Ties will be decided by determining which athlete/horse combination has the next best result (highest prize money won in a class) as specified above at the height of 1.40m and above, if a tie remains after the 1.40m and above classes are exhausted it will be followed by which athlete/horse combination has the next best result (highest prize money won in a class) as specified above at the height of 1.35m, if a tie remains after the 1.35m classes are exhausted it will be followed by which athlete/horse combination has the next best result (highest prize money won in a class) as specified above at the height of 1.30m so on until the tie is broken.
- 1.1.2.3. **North American Pre-Junior Championships:** The Pre-Junior (CH-N.AM-PJS) standings will be based on the athlete/horse combination's best five (5) results (highest prize money won in a class) in the following classes held at 1.30m and above at FEI and USEF licensed competitions: Junior Jumper, Open Jumper, as well as Jumper classes offering \$25,000 or more in prize money held at [Regional Standard](#) or above. Classes offering more than \$25,000 will be capped at 25,000 points, thus pointed the same as classes of \$25,000. Ties will be decided by determining which athlete/horse combination has the next best result (highest prize money won in a class) as specified above at the height of 1.30m and above, if a tie remains after the 1.30m and above classes are exhausted it will be followed by which athlete/horse combination has the next best result (highest prize money won in a class) as specified above at the height of 1.25m, if a tie remains after the 1.25m classes are exhausted it will be followed by which athlete/horse combination has the next best result (highest prize money won in a class) as specified above at the height of 1.20m so on until the tie is broken.
- 1.1.2.4. **North American Children Championships:** The Children's (CH-N.AM-CH-S) standings will be based on the athlete/horse combination's best five (5) results (highest prize money won in a class) in the following classes held at 1.20m and above at FEI and USEF licensed competitions: Junior Jumper, Open Jumper, as well as Jumper classes offering \$25,000 or more in prize money. Classes offering more than \$25,000 will be capped at 25,000 points, thus pointed the same as classes of \$25,000. Ties will be decided by determining which athlete/horse combination has the next best result (highest prize money won in a class) as specified above at the height of 1.20m and above, if a tie remains after the 1.20m and above classes are exhausted it will be followed by which athlete/horse combination has the next best result (highest prize money won in a class) as specified above at the height of 1.15m, if a tie remains after the 1.15m classes are exhausted it will be followed by which athlete/horse combination has the next best result (highest prize money won in a class) as specified above at the height of 1.10m and so on until the tie is broken.

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1.1.3. Athlete/horse combinations wishing to compete in the 2024 NAYC, NAJC, NAPJC, or NACHC must have earned the required Certificates of Capability as described below, at USEF or FEI licensed competitions between [September 1, 2023 and June 10, 2024](#).

1.1.3.1. **North American Young Rider Championships:**

- 1.1.3.1.1. Each athlete/horse combination must earn a Certificate of Capability by completing a course set at 1.45m or higher with a score of four (4) faults or less.
- 1.1.3.1.2. Each athlete/horse combination must earn a Certificate of Capability by completing a course with either a 3 meter open water jump without a rail or a 3 meter water jump with a rail. In either case, the jump must be in accordance with USEF JP129. These two requirements may be met either in the same or different courses.

1.1.3.2. **North American Junior Championships:**

- 1.1.3.2.1. Each athlete/horse combination must earn a Certificate of Capability by completing a course set at 1.40m or higher with a score of four (4) faults or less.
- 1.1.3.2.2. Each athlete/horse combination must earn a Certificate of Capability by completing a course with either a 3 meter open water jump without a rail or a 3 meter water jump with a rail. In either case, the jump must be in accordance with USEF JP129. These two requirements may be met either in the same or different courses.

1.1.3.3. **North American Pre-Junior Championships:**

- 1.1.3.3.1. Each athlete/horse combination must earn a Certificate of Capability by completing a course set at 1.30m or higher with a score of four (4) faults or less.

1.1.3.4. **North American Children's Championships:**

- 1.1.3.4.1. Each athlete/horse combination must earn a Certificate of Capability by completing a course set at 1.20m or higher with a score of four (4) faults or less.
- 1.1.3.5. Athletes shall ensure that USEF receives verification of water certificates for Young Riders and Juniors in writing by submitting completed USEF Certificates of Capability Form no later than [June 10, 2024](#) to Erin Keating, Director, Jumping Development Programs; ekeating@usef.org.

Application

Athletes wishing to compete at NAYC must complete and submit an application online through the Athlete Dashboard no later than [June 3, 2024](#). It is anticipated that applications will open January 15, 2024.

Eligibility

Eligibility for each category is as follows:

- Children's Championship: athletes FEI ages 12-14
- Pre-Junior Championship: athletes FEI ages 14-16
- Junior Championship: athletes FEI ages 14-18
- Young Rider Championship: athletes FEI ages 16-21

FEI Clean Sport

Human Anti-Doping: Please be reminded that athletes are subject to in-competition drug testing while competing under FEI rules. In addition, athletes in the out-of-competition testing pool are subject to out-of-competition testing. Please refer to Global DR - www.globaldro.com - if you have questions about medication including over the counter medications. It is your responsibility to know if you are taking any medications on the Prohibited Substance List.

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Equine Anti-Doping: Please be reminded all horses that are registered with the FEI or USEF shall be subject to in-competition testing. The FEI Prohibited Substance database can be accessed [HERE](#).

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Erin Keating, US Equestrian Director, Jumping Development Programs at 859.225.2036 or ekeating@usef.org