



# Frequently Asked Questions: AON/USHJA National Championships

## **Q. What are the AON/USHJA National Championships?**

**A.** The AON/USHJA National Championships are a new, exciting year-end championship event that brings together the best from all of the USHJA Zones to compete for national titles. The Championships feature National Hunter Championships for Amateur Owner, Junior, Pony, Green, Adult Amateur and Children's competitors. They will also include the USEF/USHJA National Jumper Championships with eight sections of Jumper competition from 1.10m to 1.40m for Junior, Amateur and Open Jumper competitors. The Championships will feature the first of its kind USHJA Affiliate Championships at fence heights of 2' and 2'6", and the Championships will offer the USHJA National Equitation Championships for riders 14 and under and those 15-17.

## **Q. When are the Championships?**

**A.** The inaugural AON/USHJA National Championships will be held Nov. 13-18, 2018, at the Las Vegas National, CSI4\*-W in Las Vegas, Nev.

## **What classes are offered?**

The following Championship sections are offered:

### USEF/USHJA National Jumper Championships

- \$12,000 USEF/USHJA Children's Jumper National Championship – 1.10m/1.15m
- \$12,000 USEF/USHJA Adult Amateur Jumper National Championship – 1.10m/1.15m
- \$12,000 USEF/USHJA Junior Jumper National Championship – 1.20m/1.25m
- \$12,000 USEF/USHJA Amateur Jumper National Championship – 1.20m/1.25m
- \$12,000 USEF/USHJA Junior Jumper National Championship – 1.30m/1.35m
- \$12,000 USEF/USHJA Amateur Jumper National Championship – 1.30m/1.35m
- \$12,000 USEF/USHJA Open Jumper National Championship – 1.20m
- \$12,000 USEF/USHJA Open Jumper National Championship – 1.30m
- \$12,000 USEF/USHJA Open Jumper National Championship – 1.40m

### USHJA Affiliates Championships

- USHJA Hunter 2'
- USHJA Hunter 2'6"

### USHJA National Equitation Championships

- Equitation 14 & Under (fence heights 3'3")
- Equitation 15-17 (fence heights 3'3")

## USHJA National Hunter Championships

- \$4,000 Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3" 18-35
- \$4,000 Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3" 36+
- \$4,000 Amateur Owner Hunter 3'6" 18-35
- \$4,000 Amateur Owner Hunter 3'6" 36+
- \$4,000 Small Junior Hunter 3'3"
- \$4,000 Large Junior Hunter 3'3"
- \$4,000 Small Junior Hunter 3'6"
- \$4,000 Large Junior Hunter 3'6"
- \$4,000 Small Pony Hunter
- \$4,000 Medium Pony Hunter
- \$4,000 Large Pony Hunter
- \$4,000 Green Hunter 3'
- \$4,000 Green Hunter 3'3"
- \$4,000 Green Hunter 3'6"
- \$4,000 Green Hunter 3'9"
- \$4,000 Adult Amateur Hunter 18-35
- \$4,000 Adult Amateur Hunter 36-50
- \$4,000 Adult Amateur Hunter 51+
- \$4,000 Children's Hunter Horse 14 & Under
- \$4,000 Children's Hunter Horse 15-17
- USHJA 2' Hunter (only if space permits after Affiliate Championship sections are filled)
- USHJA 2'6" Hunter (only if space permits after Affiliate Championship sections are filled)

### **What can we expect from the Championship classes?**

USHJA has developed unique formats to make the Championships both fun and challenging. The Jumpers offer a welcome, speed and \$10,000 grand prix class for all fence heights offered. The Hunter sections, with the exception of the Affiliate sections, will offer welcome, handy, and classic hunter over fences classes, as well as an under saddle class. The Age Group Equitation section will include an under saddle, over fences, and a 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal, which includes both an over fences and flat phase. The Affiliate sections will include three over fences and an under saddle.

### **How do I qualify?**

It's easy!

- 1) ENTER BY SEPT. 14! The most important step to qualifying is entering by Sept. 14 with your \$50 fee. [Click here to enter!](#)
- 2) YOUR POINTS ARE COUNTING! The points you've been earning from Dec. 1, 2017, to Sept. 9, 2018, at USEF competitions are used to determine qualified riders. However, only those who enter by Sept. 14 will be considered.
- 3) QUALIFIED? BOOK YOUR TRIP! After championship entries are due, you will hear back from Ryegate Show Services about where you stand on the qualifying list. If you're accepted, the next step is to follow their instructions which will tell you where to send your Entry Deposit and Stall Reservation payment.

Learn more about qualifications here: <https://bit.ly/2C2Vf58>. We hope to see you in Las Vegas!

**How do I enter?**

You can enter online or by mail. [Click here to enter online!](#) To complete your entry by mail, [click here to download](#) a PDF. Entries must be postmarked by Sept. 14 to be considered, and only those who enter are considered for qualifying.

**When will I be notified I qualified for the Championships?**

Ryegate Show Services will notify all qualified competitors as soon as possible after Sept. 14, but before the end of September. At that time, Ryegate will provide details, and qualified riders will submit their stall and 50 percent of their entries prior to the horse show entry closing date of Oct. 15.

**How do I know where I am on the qualifying list?**

Because qualifying is based only on those who enter, there's no qualifying list available until entries close. Ryegate Show Services will notify all entrants after the Sept. 14 deadline of where they stand on the qualifying lists. If you're interested in participating, we encourage you to enter the championships. The qualifying is designed to fill the sections to the desired number of participants with the best of the best competitors from each zone. (Remember, after Zone qualifying lists are exhausted for a section, national qualifying lists will be used, so if you're interested, enter.)

**How do I qualify for the Affiliates Championship?**

Each USHJA Affiliate has been invited to select their attendees through whatever process they think is best. You can reach out to your affiliate directly to find out more information.

**My state association is not an Affiliate or is not participating. How can I get into the Affiliate Championships?**

If your association is not participating, you can still enter the Championships at the 2' or 2'6" level and as space permits we will be accepting attendees to an open 2' or 2'6" championship.

**Are there any hotel discounts or codes we should know about?**

You can always check our discount travel platform through your [member account](#). As far as specific discounts for this competition, check [thelassvegasnational.com](http://thelassvegasnational.com) for information about room discounts at the South Point Hotel, Casino & Spa.

**I have questions about qualifying; whom can I contact?**

Ryegate Show Services is managing the qualifying lists and notification of riders. You may contact Annette Longnecker at [annettel@ryegate.com](mailto:annettel@ryegate.com).

**Whom should I contact about becoming a sponsor?**

For sponsorship opportunities, please contact Pat Boyle at [showsno1@aol.com](mailto:showsno1@aol.com) or call him directly at (847) 274-6834.