



2024 USHJA ZONE 2 EQUITATION CHAMPIONSHIP
CLASS SPECIFICATIONS

I. Qualifying

- A. The USHJA Zone 2 Equitation Championship is open to any rider that is an Active USHJA junior *or amateur* member, at the time of the competition, and has placed first or second place in a *qualifying Medal class as outlined below* USEF Hunter Seat Medal class since the last day to qualify for the Zone Championship the previous year.
- B. Once a rider has won the USHJA Zone 2 Equitation Championship *three times*, he will not be allowed to compete *in the respective section* again and will be invited to present awards for the following year.
- C. *The USHJA Zone 2 Equitation Championship will be held in 5 sections as follows:*
1. *Junior Low Child Equitation Championship 2'6"*
 - a. *Junior Riders qualify by placing first in a 2'6" low childrens medal. The medal may be from an USHJA Outreach Horse show or an Affiliated local, regional, or National 2'6" medal at a USEF licensed competition.*
 - b. *Rider may not cross enter a USEF Pony Medal, USEF Junior 3'6" Medal, or WIHS Medal at the same show.*
 2. *Low Adult Equitation Championship 2'6"*
 - a. *Adult riders qualify by placing first in a 2'6- medal. The medal may be from an USHJA Outreach Horse show or an Affiliated local, regional, or National 2'6" Adult medal at a USEF licensed competition.*
 - b. *Rider may not cross enter a 3' or higher medal at the same show.*
 3. *Junior 3' Equitation Championship*
 - a. *Junior riders qualify by placing first in a 3' medal. The medal may be from an USHJA Outreach Horse show or an Affiliated regional or National Medal program at 3' at a USEF licensed competition.*
 4. *Adult 3' Equitation Championship*
 - a. *Adult riders qualify by placing first in a 3' medal. The medal may be from an USHJA Outreach Horse show, or an Affiliated regional or National Adult Medal program at 3' at a USEF licensed competition.*
 5. *Childrens Pony Equitation Championship*
 - a. *2' for Small/Medium ponies; 2'6" for Large ponies*
 - b. *Junior riders qualify by placing first in a USHJA Outreach Medal or an Affiliated local, regional, or National pony Medal at the respective heights at a USEF licensed competition.*
 - c. *Rider may not cross enter into the USEF Pony Medal or WIHS Pony or Childrens Medal at the same show.*
- D. *Competitions will be responsible for submitting a copy of their results electronically within 14 days of the conclusion of the competition to results@ushja.org.*

1. **The competitor is directly responsible for ensuring the accuracy of appearance on the qualifying list. It is the responsibility of the competitor to reach out to the competition regarding submission of results.**

II. Competition Format

- A. Round 1- Equitation Round
 1. To be shown over a course of not fewer than eight obstacles at 3'6" with spreads to 4'0" (Exception: triple bar type obstacles, maximum spread of 5'0")
- B. Round 2 – Top 15
 1. Based on the scores from Round 1, the top 15 riders will be called back in reverse order for another equitation style round. The course will consist of a minimum of 8 jumps. The course must include one combination with an oxer and two changes of direction after the first obstacle.
- C. Round 3 – Test
 1. Based on the combined scores from Rounds 1 and 2, the final work off will consist of a minimum of the top 4 riders. Tests ~~1-19~~ **1-15**. The riders will jump a third course designated by the judges using components of the Round 1 and/or Round 2 courses up to a maximum of 8 jumps. The Round 3 course will be announced with final competitors in the ring. **At the judges discretion, riders may be asked to remain in the ring or be excused to a secure schooling area during the testing phase.** Riders will work off from lowest to highest combined scores. No trainer assistance will be allowed once the top finalists have been announced. ~~The Round 3 scores will not be announced until the awards ceremony.~~

III. Schooling

- A. Commencing at midnight the day before the start of the competition and continuing until finished competing, only the competition rider may ride his entry. These riders must wear their competition number at all times anywhere on the grounds whenever mounted. Riders changing horses for the Zone 2 Equitation Championship may do so only in the case of illness or injury to the declared horse and must obtain approval from the show committee.

IV. Judges

- A. The judging panel must consist of at least one 'r' Licensed judge and one 'R' Licensed judge.
- B. The panel will sit together for the duration of the class.
- C. The judges are encouraged to assist in designing the course with the licensed course designer.

V. Judging System

A. The scores will be cumulative, combined from all three rounds to determine the winner.

VI. Awards

- A. The previous year's winner, if available, will assist in the presentation of the Top 10 ribbons.
- B. Ribbons will be awarded 1st-10th place with the presentation of awards to be given in reverse order.
- C. The Overall Champion will be presented with a Championship cooler, rider sash, and commemorative frame. The 2nd place winner will be presented a rider sash, and commemorative frame.
- D. ~~The riders that place first and second in the Zone 2 Equitation Championship, if not already qualified prior to the start of this class, shall automatically be qualified to compete at the USEF Hunter Seat Medal Finals in accordance with EQ 111.~~

The USHJA Zone 2 Equitation Championship and the related format and specifications are the sole properties of the USHJA and may only be held, conducted or used upon the terms and conditions specified by the USHJA. USHJA reserves the right to change language in documents related to the conduct of the USHJA Zone 2 Equitation Championship as necessary for the purposes of consistency and clarity. Any deviations from the class specifications for the USHJA Zone 2 Equitation Championship are not permitted without the express written permission from USHJA prior to the printing of the prize list.

For any rules not specified above, please refer to the current USEF Rule Book.

