



UNITED STATES  
HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION™

**USHJA JUMPER CLASSIC SERIES**  
**2024 SPECIFICATIONS**

Effective for competitions starting December 1, 2023 - November 30, 2024

**I. MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- A. Eligible athletes, owners, and trainers must be a current active USEF and USHJA member in good standing (see GR202) to participate.
- B. The horse/pony must be in good standing and recorded with USEF and USHJA. Exception: Foreign residents and horses in good standing with their National Federation are eligible to compete in this class
- C. USHJA Zone HOTY bonus points will only be awarded if the owner is a current active USEF and USHJA member and the horse is recorded with USEF and registered with USHJA.
- D. Money won will only count toward any USHJA Jumper Classic Series standings or awards if the rider, owner, and trainer are current Active members of USEF and USHJA, and the horse is registered with USHJA.
- E. The number of horses a rider may compete in a Jumper Classic Series class may be limited if specified in the prize list.
- F. The prize list may specify that to be eligible to compete in a Jumper Classic Series class a horse must compete in one class at the same competition.
- G. The burden of proof of eligibility to compete will rest with and be the sole responsibility of the owner or athlete, and not of the USHJA. USHJA staff is not available to determine each horse's or athlete's eligibility.

**II. CLASS SPECIFICATIONS**

- A. Licensed competitions choosing to offer the USHJA Jumper Classics are encouraged to offer all four levels but may choose to offer whichever level(s) will best compliment their competition.
  - Level 1 – 1.10m -1.15m
  - Level 2 – 1.20m – 1.25m
  - Level 3 – 1.30m – 1.35m
  - Level 4 – 1.40m – 1.45m
- B. Each level is open to all horses and riders; however, the same horse may not compete in more than one level at the same competition.
  1. The USHJA Jumper Classics must be held in the main jumper ring at the competition. Exception: If all classes at a particular horse show at 1.10m and/or 1.20m are held in a secondary jumper ring the USHJA Level 1 and/or Level 2 Classics may be held in that same ring.
  2. The USHJA Jumper Classic may be held as an overlay with another class. If used, the prize list must indicate that the USHJA Jumper Classic will be an overlay class with a break down for the entry fee and prize money distribution for both the regular class and the overlay. For example:
    - Class # 300 is a \$1,000 Junior/Amateur 1.10m Table II, Sec.2.b Jumper Class with an entry fee of \$100 and how that \$1,000 prize money will be paid out.
    - Class #300.1 is the \$500 USHJA Jumper Classic Level 1 overlay with an entry fee of \$50 and payouts as follows: 30%, 25%, 20%, 15%, 10% (from specifications).

- The specifications in the prize list for the USHJA Jumper Classic overlay must be in compliance with the published USHJA Jumper Classics specifications and compatible with the regular class with which it will be run. Using the example above, the Junior/Amateur Jumper Class height and table both fit within the Zone Specifications and the Level 1 Specifications.
- C. The USHJA Jumper Classics must be conducted under the following scoring format:
- Level 1 – Table II.2a, Table II.2b, or Table II.2d
  - Level 2 - Table II.2a, Table II.2b, or Table II.2d
  - Level 3 – Table II.2a
  - Level 4 – Table II.2a
- D. Tack and Attire: refer to JP111 in the USEF Rule Book for current specifications.
- E. USHJA Jumper Classic levels may be combined if there are less than eight in a level (JP122.1.c).
- F. Competition management may choose to offer a level as two sections, one section restricted to professionals, and one section restricted to juniors and amateurs.
- G. If the level is offered as two sections (as above) the classes may run concurrently, and each class must offer at least the minimum prize money required.
- H. The entry fee of the USHJA Jumper Classic is not to exceed 10% of the prize money offered.

### **III. COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS**

- A. Competitions choosing to offer the USHJA Jumper Classics must be USEF licensed competitions or competitions with Special Competition status.
- B. Competition management will remit to USHJA \$15 per horse entrant fee for Jumper Rating 3 and above and \$10 per horse entrant fee for Jumper Rating 1 and 2.
- C. In addition to being held in the main jumper ring (see exception in II.c), the USHJA Jumper Classics should be featured classes at the competition and must be presented as such with regard to arena size and location, jump quality, decorations, footing, ring preparation, lighting, etc. The ring must have spectator seating and a quality sound system.

### **IV. PRIZE MONEY**

- A. The minimum amount of prize money at Jumper Rating 4 and higher licensed competitions must be offered as follows:
- Level 1 - \$500
  - Level 2 - \$1,000
  - Level 3 - \$2,000
  - Level 4 - \$2,500
- B. The minimum amount of prize money at Jumper Rating 1, 2, and 3 licensed competitions must be offered as follows:
- Level 1 - \$250
  - Level 2 - \$350
  - Level 3 - \$500
  - Level 4 - \$1,000
- C. Add-back prize money may be offered in addition to the required minimum prize money.
- D. USHJA Jumper Classics offering prize money of \$1,000 or less will be paid through 5<sup>th</sup> as follows: 30%, 25%, 20%, 15%, 10%.
- E. USHJA Jumper Classics offering prize money over \$1,000 will be paid through 8<sup>th</sup> as follows: 30%, 22%, 15%, 10%, 7%, 6%, 5%, 5%.

## V. AWARDS

- A. In USHJA Jumper Classics offering prize money of \$1,000 or less, ribbons will be awarded to the top eight competitors in the class. Prize money will be paid through 5th.
- B. In USHJA Jumper Classics offering prize money over \$1,000 ribbons and prize money will be awarded to the top eight.
- C. The winner of each class will be awarded with a certificate (provided by USHJA) for an embroidered USHJA Jumper Classic Series saddle pad.
- D. The top nationally ranked junior and amateur rider at each height level of the USHJA Jumper Classic Series will be awarded entry into a USHJA Gold Star Clinic at the height in which they qualify.
- E. The top nationally ranked professional rider at each height level will receive an embroidered coolerette.

## VI. ZONE HOTY BONUS POINTS AND SERIES AWARDS

- A. In order for the USHJA Jumper Classic Series Zone HOTY bonus points to be awarded, riders must complete a USHJA declaration form with the horse show office prior to the conclusion of the competition.
- B. Points will be awarded in the 1.10/1.15 Junior, 1.10/1.15 Amateur sections to the applicable Junior Jumper, Pony Jumper, Amateur Jumper, Amateur Owner Jumper.
- C. Points will be awarded in the Junior, Amateur, and Pony Jumper sections as follows:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> 60 points
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> 50 points
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> 40 points
  - 4<sup>th</sup> 30 points
  - 5<sup>th</sup> 20 points
  - 6<sup>th</sup> 10 points

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