

2025 Course Requirements for Classes Restricted to Age of Horse

	General (for all ages)	Obstacles	Height & Speed	Tables	Combinations & Related Distances	Liverpools	Water Jumps
5-year-olds	<p>Before July 1, all courses must be set in ascending height and the first jump, and the first element of a combination must be set 5cm lower than lowest permissible height.</p> <p>At least two changes of direction, preferably more.</p>	<p>All courses must be basic and straightforward.</p> <p>Before July 1, all courses must be set in ascending height and the maximum height cannot be used in the first 30% of the course.</p> <p>All obstacles must be inviting.</p> <p>Flower boxes or ground rails can be used in front of verticals to encourage a visual aid.</p> <p>Indoor arenas: Whenever possible, obstacles should not be placed directly on the wall.</p>	<p>Before July 1: 1.00-1.15m</p> <p>After July 1: 1.15-1.20m</p> <p>Speed – 325m/m</p>	<p>Before July, Table II (all clears equal)</p> <p>After July 1, may be scored under Table II, Section 2a, b, or d.</p>	<p>No combinations before fence number four.</p> <p>No Liverpools in a combination.</p> <p>Before July 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No triple combinations. ○ Only 1 spread obstacle in any combination. <p>The First Fence and the first element of any combination must be 5cm lower than the specified height.</p> <p>Fill must be consistent in each element of the combination, cannot be solid or a visual distraction.</p> <p>Before July 1: No three stride lines.</p>	<p>Must be used as an option.</p> <p>With a vertical, rails must be centered.</p> <p>With an oxer, the front edge of the Liverpool must be in line with the front element of the oxer.</p> <p>Cannot be used in a combination.</p>	
6-year-olds	<p>The first obstacle should be inviting, not difficult (i.e. no blind corners)</p>	<p>Before July 1, all courses must be set in ascending height and the maximum height cannot be used in the first 30% of the course.</p>	<p>Before July 1: 1.20-1.25m</p> <p>After July 1: 1.25-1.30m</p> <p>Speed – 350 m/m</p>	<p>Table II (all clears equal)</p> <p>Table II, Section 1</p> <p>Table II, Section 2a, b, or d.</p>	<p>No Liverpools in a combination.</p> <p>Before July 1: only one spread obstacle in a triple combination.</p>	<p>Cannot be used in a combination.</p>	<p>Another obstacle must be offered as an option.</p> <p>Cannot exceed 11' (3.30m)</p> <p>Must use rail over the water with a lath on the landing side.</p> <p>Should be in the second half of the course.</p> <p>The rail must be judged and if the lath is also judged, it must be marked on the course.</p>
7-year-olds			<p>All year: 1.30-1.35m</p> <p>Speed – 350 m/m</p>	<p>Table II, Section 1</p> <p>Table II, Section 2a, b, or d.</p>	<p>If a Liverpool is used in a combination, it may only be used as the first element and not before July 1.</p>	<p>If a Liverpool is used in a combination, it may only be used as the first element and not before July 1.</p>	<p>Another obstacle must be offered as an option. Cannot exceed 12' (3.60m)</p> <p>Must use a rail over the water with a lath on the landing side.</p>

Classes for age groups may be combined and run as one class when there are less than 4 in a given age category. When classes are combined, each age category must jump the height specified for that age category. Course guidelines, class specifications, and scoring must conform to those specified for the youngest age jumping in the combined class.

If classes restricted to age of horse are combined with an open jumper class held at the same height, courses must conform to the requirements of the youngest age category jumping in the combined class.

For further details, please refer to USEF Rulebook JP117.3 Course Requirements.