

Young Event Horse Qualifying Competitions

Jumping Portion

Purpose

The USEA Young Event Horse (YEH) competitions will have a short show jumping section, giving the horses the opportunity to show their carefulness and scope. This test will be immediately and directly followed by a cross-country section. This will give the horses a chance to showcase their braveness and demonstrate to the judges the horses' willingness to travel across the country. When galloping between the jumps, the horse should show purpose, balance and rideability consistent with the development of an upper level prospect. The intent of the jumping section of the YEH is to showcase a horse's current ability as well as potential for the future. The horse is not to be "tricked" or "tested", but should be given the opportunity to show its athletic ability and gallop, as well as skills in assessing and negotiating the course as a whole. It is the responsibility of the designer of these courses to provide adequate questions for the horses to demonstrate their ability, as well as ensure no horse will be disillusioned to the sport after participating in a YEH class.

Standards

The standards of the jumping courses will progress throughout the year, increasing in height and difficulty in order to prepare each horse to arrive prepared for the YEH Championships in late fall. Each course must include a show jumping section and a cross-country section comprising of water, changing terrain (up/down bank and/or "jump on mound") and a related combination. Jumps that allow the horse to display boldness are encouraged, such as ditches, trakehners, Welden's walls, etc. However, accuracy questions such as corners, chevrons and skinnies with jumpable faces of less than 8' should not be used. The course should always have a flow that allows for smooth riding. All cross-country fences should be inviting and ascending, and should in no way trick the horse, but give them confidence. The final fence of the cross-country section should be a jump of a steeplechase or ascending design which allows the riders to jump this fence out of stride. The total jumping efforts of the class should never exceed 15 efforts, including both the show jumping and cross country tests. All jumps used in the jumping test should meet the same safety standards as any USEA Recognized Event. The gallop strip at the end of the jumping course should be approximately 100m long, preferably flat or with an uphill grade. With no TD to inspect the jumping courses' safety, it is the responsibility of the organizer or their designated course designer to ensure the course meets all requirements. If a course designer is not used, the responsibility of safety falls on the organizer.

Horses may walk through the water complex and may walk up to and sniff any "spooky" looking jumps for 30 seconds before their test. The organizer may designate a time before the jumping phase begins (recommended 30-45 minute window) to allow all riders to walk their horses (mounted or un-mounted) around the course, through the water, and sniff any or all jumps. Horses are absolutely not allowed to jump the jumps on the course, but riders may show their horses the fences. An official must be present during this introduction period, to ensure all rules are followed and no fences are jumped.

*If a competitor jumps any fences on the YEH competition course before their allotted ride time, it is Elimination.

Jumping Standards for Qualifying Events

Age	Four Year Old	Five Year Old
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Time of year	January - July	July – November	January – July	July – November
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Test	Show Jumping	Cross Country	Show Jumping	Cross Country	Show jumping	Cross Country	Show Jumping	Cross Country
Height	2'3"- 2'11"	2'3"- 2'11"	2'7"- 3'3"	2'7" – 3'3"	2'7"- 3'3"	2'7" – 3'3"	3' – 3'6"	3'3- 3'6"
# of efforts	5	10	5	10	5	10	5	10
# of jumps at max Height	No more than 30%, but must have at least 1 at max height	No more than 30%, but must have at least 1 at max height	No more than 30%, but must have at least 1 at max height	No more than 30%, but must have at least 1 at max height	No more than 30%, but must have at least 1 at max height	No more than 30%, but must have at least 1 at max height	No more than 30%, but must have at least 1 at max height	No more than 30%, but must have at least 1 at max height
Combinations No less than	3 stride	4 stride	2 stride	3 stride	2 stride	3 stride	1 stride	2 stride
Approximate Speed	300mpm	350mpm	325mpm	375mpm	325mpm	400mpm	325mpm	450mpm

Championship Standards

Age	Four Year Old	Five Year Old
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Test	Show Jumping	Cross Country	Show Jumping	Cross Country
Height	2'7"-3'3"	2'7"-3'3"	3'-3'7"	3'3"-3'7"
Min-Max				
# of efforts	5	10	5	10
Min-Max				
# of jumps at max height	30%	30%	30%	30%
Combinations no less than:	2 stride	2 stride	1 stride	1 stride
Approximate Speed	325 mpm	375 mpm	325 mpm	450 mpm

*At Championships, there will be one show-jumping and one cross-country option fence.