

JUMPING PHASE: STANDARDS & COURSE DESIGN GUIDELINES

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 its 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’ must 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. On both show jumping and cross-country fences, there should be fillers and ground lines. 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 reasonability 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. The YEH Judge **must** give final approval of the course, and the YEH Judge may act as TD.

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 unmounted) 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.

Jump Course Guidelines for YEH QUALIFIERS

AGE:	<u>FOUR-YEAR-OLD</u>		<u>FIVE-YEAR-OLD</u>	
TIME OF YEAR:	January-June	July-October	January-June	July-October
HEIGHT:	2’3” – 2’7”	2’7” – 2’11”	2’7” – 2’11”	2’11” – 3’3”
APPROX. XC SPEED:	325 mpm	350 mpm	375 mpm	420 mpm

- Every fence is numbered separately, including water and each individual fence of a combination
- There must be exactly five (5) show jumps (#1-5) and ten (10) cross-country fences (#6-15)
- All combinations must be a minimum of two (2) strides

Jump Course Guidelines for YEH CHAMPIONSHIPS

AGE:	<u>FOUR-YEAR-OLD</u>	<u>FIVE-YEAR-OLD</u>
HEIGHT:	2’11” – 3’3”	3’3” – 3’7”
APPROX. XC SPEED:	375 mpm	450 mpm

- Each combination will be marked (A&B). Therefore, there will be more than 15 jumping efforts
- There may be two (2) option fences, one at 3’9” for SJ, and a more complex combination on XC, since some horses show their scope better over larger or more complex fences
- There must be five (5) numbered show jumps (#1-5) and ten (10) cross-country fences (#6-15)
- All combinations must be a minimum of two (2) strides