

2021 SHOW JUMPING RULEBOOK

The 2021 rulebook is now available online and through Shop Pony Club. Minor edits (shown in red font) were made since 2020, and replacement pages are available on the rulebooks page of the website. The key changes are listed below:

- *Article 6* – Changes made to the Member in Good Standing Policy.
- *Article 21 & 75* – Specifics about assigning and scoring Yellow (Warning) Cards received updates and changes. Rally discipline ground juries now have the ability to assign a Yellow (Warning) Card and potential penalties to competitors who commit disqualifiable offenses. This allows it to become a teachable moment for competitors instead of expulsion from the competition.
- *Article 27 & Appendix III* – Chaperones and Emergency Contact information was updated.
- *Article 36* – Competitor Attire wording received some clarifications and minor corrections.
- *Article 39* – Clarification about the maximum number of rounds per day of competition.
- *Appendix VI* – The Coaching Form received updates.

USPC SHOW JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS

USPC is pleased to host Festival Show Jumping Championships 2021 at the Kentucky Horse Park, July 19-23. Cross-entering not permitted. Please remember there is a new registration process which requires the member to register themselves. More details about the competition and registration process will be included in the Guidebook to Championships and posted on the Championships Competition Information page of the USPC website.

ROUNDS AT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Championships

Advanced and Developing Horse/Rider Divisions
Competitors in standard Championships will ride five rounds. Four of the five rounds will be knockdown rounds, one of which will also be scored as an Equitation round and one of which will be followed by a Jump off for all competitors who meet the Jump off criteria. The fifth round will be a Two Phase (aka Power and Speed) round, see below for a description of the Two Phase round.

Introductory Divisions
Competitors in standard Championships will ride five knockdown rounds, one of which will also be judged as an Equitation round. Two rounds will be designated as Optimum Time rounds, and competitors can receive bonus points as shown below.

Modified Championships

Developing Horse/Rider Divisions
Competitors in modified Championships will ride three rounds. Two of the three rounds will be knockdown rounds, one of which will also be scored as an Equitation round and one of which will be followed by a Jumpoff for all competitors who meet the Jump off criteria. One round will be designated an Optimum Time round, and competitors can receive bonus points as shown below.

ROUNDS AT CHAMPIONSHIPS CONT.

Introductory Divisions
Competitors in modified Championships will ride three knockdown rounds, one of which will also be judged as an Equitation round. Two rounds will be designated as Optimum Time rounds, and competitors can receive bonus points as shown below.

OPTIMUM TIME ROUNDS DETAILS AND SCORING AT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Optimum Time

These courses are judged as a knockdown round using the Table of Penalties, with time to count and to be recorded. The Optimum Time (defined as 4 seconds less than the Time Allowed for the course) will be posted on the course plan. Bonus points will be awarded based on penalties and difference between the riders time and the optimum time.

Scoring the Optimum Time Round

- The round is first scored as a knock down round, with the rider receiving jumping and time faults.
- Bonus (positive) points are awarded to increase the emphasis on pace. Equality of jumping faults at each level are sorted by the difference between the time taken to complete the course and the Optimum time.
- Riders eliminated will not receive bonus points.
- Each competitor receives bonus points based on their faults/ time delta, as follows:

1st = 1.00	6th = 0.70
2nd = 0.90	7th = 0.65
3rd = 0.85	8th = 0.60
4th = 0.80	9th = 0.55
5th = 0.75	10th = 0.50
- The bonus points from each rider are then subtracted from the cumulative team score.
- In the case of ties with equal times, the ties will not be broken. The same points will be awarded to all tied riders.

Example - 78 second Optimum Time

	Faults	Time Faults	Time	Bonus
Rider 1	4	1	83	0.80
Rider 2	0	0	72	0.90
Rider 3	4	0	72	0.85
Rider 4	0	0	76	1.00

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TWO PHASE ROUND DETAILS AND SCORING AT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Two Phase Round (Power and Speed)

The first phase consists of 8-10 jumping efforts and the second phase of 5-7 jumping efforts, not to be more than 14 total jumping efforts. Scores are decided by adding together the faults incurred in the first phase, any penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed, minus bonus points for those that complete the second round. If a rider is clear in the first phase, he/she will, upon crossing the finish line, commence the second phase course. Time starts as the horse crosses the finish line for the initial course. The use of Time Allowed is optional in the first phase.

Bonus points will be awarded to all riders that complete both phases without elimination. Equality of jumping faults at each level are placed by the time taken for the second phase to separate those with equal faults, with the fastest with that number of faults ahead of the next slowest, etc. Each competitor receives bonus points based on his/her faults/placing as follows:

1st = 1.00	6th = 0.70
2nd = 0.9	7th = 0.65
3rd = 0.85	8th = 0.6
4th = 0.8	9th = 0.55
5th = 0.75	10th = 0.5

All other riders receive 0.30 points. In the case of ties with equal times, the ties will not be broken. The same points will be awarded to all tied riders.

Example

	1st Phase Faults	2nd Phase Faults	2nd Phase Time	Bonus	Score
Rider 1	0	4	38 sec	-0.9	-0.9
Rider 2	0	0	45 sec	-1	-1
Rider 3	0	4	40 sec	-0.85	-0.85
Rider 4	2				2
Rider 5	E				28

CHAMPIONSHIPS ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Due to the postponement of Festival 2020, the eligibility period for Championships was extended to June 1, 2019— June 27, 2021. Recognizing the difficulty of currently hosting rallies, members without access to a rally are encouraged to apply for exceptions. No exceptions will be granted for age or certification.

A reminder that C-3/B/A Eventing/Show Jumping certified members are not required to participate at a regional Show Jumping rally in order to attend Championships. To enter they must have the permission of their RS.

Championships Divisions

Riders must complete 3 rounds at the competition level with 12 or fewer jumping faults and no elimination in the designated rounds. One round must be scored as both an equitation round and as a jumper round.

CHAMPIONSHIPS ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION CONT.

If no standard rally is available in discipline. Submit judges' cards from three rounds at the USPC competition level height and meet the current fault parameters by divisions. Also participate in a mounted standard regional rally as a rider at the minimum HM certification the level.

Modified Championships Divisions

Rider must participate in a standard or modified regional Show Jumping rally and complete a minimum of two rounds at the competition level with 24 fewer jumping faults and not be eliminated in either round.

If no standard or modified rally is available in discipline. Submit judges' cards from three rounds at the USPC competition level height and meet the current fault parameters by divisions. Also participate in a mounted standard regional rally as a rider at the minimum HM certification the level.

Exceptions

Competition eligibility exception requests will be handled on a case-by-case basis. There are no exceptions to the age or certification requirements. All competition exception requests must be submitted by the regional supervisor using the online system, www.ponyclub.org/Events/Championships/CompetitorInformation.aspx.

Mount Substitutions

Mount substitution requests will be handled on a case-by-case basis. All mount substitution requests must be submitted by the regional supervisor using the online system, www.ponyclub.org/Events/Championships/CompetitorInformation.aspx.

2021 USPC USEF PONY JUMPER TEAM

Since 2002, the USPC Show Jumping Committee has supported a team that represents USPC at the National Pony Jumper Championships at the USEF Pony Finals, held at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington KY. There are three nights of competition – the Individual Phase 1 takes place on the first night – on the second night team members ride two rounds for the Team competition and finish with the Individual Finals on the last night.

Any members interested in representing USPC at the 2021 Pony finals please contact Richard Lamb (Coach/Chef d'Equipe), Richard.b.lamb9@gmail.com, 828-817-1163. More information about the competition and the declaration are available here www.ponyclub.org/Members/Disciplines/ShowJumping/Opportunities.aspx.

INTERESTED MEMBERS MUST DECLARE FOR THE USPC TEAM BY MARCH 10, 2021

SHOW JUMPING RALLY SUPPORT

Rally Amid COVID-19

Rally organizers must consult and follow the guidelines outlined in the USPC Requirements and Recommendations for Mounted Rallies During COVID. The current guidelines are available on the Rally Resources & Materials page of the USPC website.

Rally Resources & Materials Web Page

The Rally Resources & Materials page of the USPC website received a significant overhaul. You must be logged into the Pony Club website to access the page. Rally organizers are encouraged to check out the new resources in addition to the current USPC Requirements and Recommendations for rallies. The new Rally Organizer's Guide is available for download from the website, or for purchase from Shop Pony Club. Suggestions for the page? Please email them to Activities@ponyclub.org.

Rally Steward Reports

Regional rally organizers are reminded that Steward Reports are REQUIRED for standard rallies and requested for all rallies because they aid the discipline committees in monitoring the number of Pony Club competitors participating in the discipline across the U.S. Electronic versions of the Steward's report are always preferred, but hardcopy versions are also acceptable. Please make sure that your Steward is submitting the reports to the National Office.

Rally Support Contacts

Questions about organizing a SJ rally? Contact Ada Holley or Sandy Wright, information listed below. Questions about SJ rally scoring? Contact Sandy Wright, swpcstuff@gmail.com, 704-219-9249.

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