



JumpAlberta

YOUNG HORSE CLASS
RULES & REGULATIONS

2021



Jump Alberta Young Horse Classes Rules & Regulations

Objective:

The objective of the Jump Alberta Young Horse series is to provide a standardized series of competitions that will enable horse owners, breeders, and riders to develop their young horses to the best of their potential in sport. Throughout the year, the difficulty, technicality and height of courses for each age group will increase, in accordance with a horse that is developing early in its career.

Scoring:

Four- and five-year old horses will be judged 50% on their performance score of faults and time, and 50% based on style and way of going. The subjective style judging for four- and five-year olds will be done by a panel of two judges, and in accordance with the score sheets provided in Appendix 1.

The final score awarded to each horse will be the average score of the two judges. In the case of a tie score, the horse with the highest average score for 'Overall Impression' according to the score sheet in Appendix 1 will be placed highest.

Riders will be presented with their score sheets at the time of ribbon presentations, to allow owners, breeders, and riders to see their horses' strengths and weaknesses in order to make improvements throughout the series.

Horses aged six-years old and older will be judged solely on their performance score of faults and time.

Judges:

It is recommended that a panel of two judges will score the four- and five-year olds, when possible. One judge will be the competition ring's jumper judge, while the other judge will be a Grand Prix Rider or professional trainer present at the competition, who does not own, train, or ride a horse in the Young Horse classes at that specific competition, or have a student riding in the Young Horse classes at that specific competition. The second judge may be selected by show management at their discretion, whenever possible, and must meet the aforementioned criteria.

The judges will be encouraged to make notes and comments in each of the subjective scoring categories, and will make a clear tabulation of the scores for each category as well as the final score. The score sheets in Appendix 1 detail the categories of subjective scoring and how the categories will be scored. Every horse/ rider combination in the competition will receive their score sheet after prizes have been awarded.

The goal for judging is to include both an official judge's perspective on young horses as well as the perspective of the professionals who ride and train young horses regularly.



Specifications:

4 Year Old

Height specifications:

- Jumps up to 1.0m

Course requirements and limitations:

- Use of small Liverpool **optional** first half of year
- Use of small Liverpool **mandatory** second half of year
- Use of ground rail at every jumping obstacle **mandatory** for full year
- **No** combinations at all first half of year
- One double combination is **mandatory** in courses second half of year
- Time allowed not scored

Equipment restrictions

- No draw reins
- Only regulation front and/or back boots permitted (see Appendix 2)

5 Year Old

Height specifications:

- Jumps up to 1.10m

Course requirements and limitations:

- Use of small Liverpool **mandatory** all year
- One double combination **mandatory** first half of year
- One triple combination **mandatory** second half of year
- Standard time allowed all year

Equipment restrictions:

- No draw reins
- Only regulation front and/or back boots permitted (see Appendix 2)

6 Year Old

Height specifications:

- Jumps up to 1.20m

Course requirements and limitations:

- Use of small Liverpool **mandatory** all year
- One double combination **mandatory** all year
- One triple combination **mandatory** all year
- Standard time allowed all year
- Competition must be Table A with immediate jump-off

Equipment restrictions:

- No draw reins or standing martingales
- Only regulation front and/or back boots permitted (see Appendix 2)

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7 Year Old

Height specifications:

- Jumps up to 1.25m

Course requirements and limitations:

- Use of small Liverpool **mandatory** all year
- One double combination **mandatory** all year
- One triple combination **mandatory** all year
- Use of big Liverpool **or** open water obstacle **optional** all year
- Standard time allowed all year
- Competition must be Table A with immediate jump-off

Equipment restrictions:

- No draw reins or standing martingales
- Only regulation front and/or back boots permitted (see Appendix 2)

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Appendix 1: Score Sheet for Four- and Five-year olds



Appendix 2: Boot Regulations

General regulations:

- Total weight for boot, bell boots and rings (excluding shoes) for each leg must not exceed 500g – boots may be subject to weighing after each round
- Boot checks will be completed by Stewards, Judges or Tournament Officials
- Any and all requests for exceptions to these regulations must be approved by Tournament Officials prior to the start of the Young Horse Series events at each competition
- These regulations are based on the FEI Young Horse Jumping Rules Art. 257.2.4 (Jan. 1, 2019) and the FEI Jumping Stewards manual

Front boots:

- Inside of boots must be flat with no pressure points
- Polo bandages are permitted – they are subject to weight restriction including if wet from weather or footing
- Bell boots are permitted

Hind boots:

- Boots must have non-elastic velcro closures, no hooks or buckles as attachments, and boot straps must not have the capability of doubling back on themselves to affix
- Rounded or protective part of boot must be on the inside of the fetlock – no boots permitted where the protective part cups around the back of the fetlock
- Inside of boots must be flat with no pressure points
- Minimum outside height (i.e. height of closure): 5 cm
- Maximum inside height: 16 cm
- Fetlock rings are permitted
- No polo bandages permitted on hind legs unless exception for cuts/scrapes made by Tournament Officials