



Rolex/USEF Show Jumping Ranking List Guidelines

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- I. **Rolex/USEF Show Jumping Ranking List** – The purpose of the Rolex/USEF Show Jumping Ranking List is to select teams and individuals for CSIOs and CSIs.

The United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (USEF) will generate and publish the Rolex/USEF Show Jumping Ranking List for each week in which a relevant class occurs (Section V, Classes to Count). The rider with the most points is ranked 1st, the rider with the second highest points is ranked 2nd, etc.

The points earned by a rider in a class are calculated by the following formula:

$$\text{Class Value} \times \text{Placing Points} = \text{Class Points}$$

- II. **Class Value Determination** – The Class Value is determined by a two-step process:

Step 1: The Primary Number is divided by the Perfect Class Number. This number is then multiplied by a factor of 10 and then any exceptions are added. The result is the Natural Multiplier.

$$\frac{\text{Primary Number}}{\text{Perfect Class Number}} \times 10 + \{ \text{Exceptions} \} = \text{The Natural Multiplier}$$

Step 2: The Natural Multiplier is then multiplied first by the Prize Money Coefficient, and then by the Technical Coefficient. The result is the Class Value.

$$\text{Natural Multiplier} \times \text{Prize Money Coefficient} \times \text{Technical Coefficient} = \text{Class Value}$$

Exceptions to Class Value: See Section IX. Special Rules.

The Rolex/USEF Show Jumping Ranking List is published with the riders' names, but it is the **global** horse/rider combinations, **determined through US ranking methodology**, that are used to determine a class' Class Value. The top 100 U.S. horse/rider combinations on the Rolex/USEF Show Jumping Ranking List are published weekly on the USEF website www.usef.org.

- A. **Primary Number** - The Primary Number is the sum total of all Primary Number Points from the previous week's ranking for **global** horse/rider combinations in a given competition.

Primary Number Points for each class are determined as follows: If the

- 1st ranked horse/rider combination competes, 300 points are added;
- 2nd ranked horse/rider combination competes, 299 points are added;
- 3rd ranked horse/rider combination competes, 298 points are added;
- 4th ranked horse/rider combination competes, 297 points are added; And so on to
- 296th ranked horse/rider combination, who, if they compete, add 5 points.
- All horse/rider combination ranked below 296th, if they compete, add 5 points;



All horse/rider combinations in the class are used to determine the Primary Number, e.g. if a rider competes with two horses, points for both horses will be included to determine the Primary Number.

B. Perfect Class Number – The Perfect Class Number is the Primary Number of a fictitious competition in which all of the top ranked horse/rider combinations compete. The number of horse/rider combinations used to calculate the "Perfect Class" will be the same as the average number of entries in all classes in the United States, Canada, and Europe ranked in the system held during the previous calendar year. *The Perfect Class Number for 2017 is 43.*

C. FEI Exceptions – ~~FEI Classes held globally in North America (CAN, MEX, and USA)~~ at CSIs, CSI-Ws, and CSIOs meeting the criteria under Classes to Count (Section V) will have the following values added to their Natural Multiplier:

- FEI 5* Level: 1.0
- FEI 4* Level: .75
- FEI 3* Level: .50
- FEI 2* Level: .25

For example, if the Natural Multiplier is 5.16 at a CSI3* according to the horse/rider combinations that competed, 5.66 will be used.

D. Selection Trial Exceptions – See Section IX.D and X.F, Special Rules.

E. Natural Multiplier – To determine the Natural Multiplier, the Primary Number for the class is divided by the Perfect Class Number, plus FEI Exceptions, if applicable.

$$\frac{\text{Primary Number}}{\text{Perfect Class Number}} \times 10 + \{\text{Exceptions}\} = \text{The Natural Multiplier}$$

F. Prize Money Coefficient – The Prize Money Coefficient is based on the prize money offered in a given class (See section V.B. for currency conversion requirements).

- For classes offering \$25,000 - ~~\$34,999~~ ~~\$49,999~~ in prize money, the Prize Money Coefficient is 1.00.
- **For classes offering \$35,000 - \$49,999 in prize money, the Prize Money Coefficient is 1.10.**
- For classes offering \$50,000 - \$99,999 in prize money, the Prize Money Coefficient is 1.20.
- For classes offering \$100,000 - \$199,999 in prize money, the Prize Money Coefficient is 1.30.
- For classes offering \$200,000 - \$299,999 in prize money, the Prize Money Coefficient is 1.40.
- For classes offering \$300,000 or over in prize money, the Prize Money Coefficient is 1.50.



- G. Technical Coefficient** – The Technical Coefficient is used to account for the technical difficulty of the class.

Technical Coefficients are:

- CSIO5* Nations Cups and Grand Prix: 1.5;
- CSIO4* Nations Cups and Grand Prix as well as Selection Trials for the Olympic Games and World Championships: 1.4.
- CSIO3* Nations Cups and Grand Prix: 1.3
- CSIO2* Nations Cups and Grand Prix: 1.2;
- Selection Trials for the Pan American Games: 1.2

- H. Class Value** - The Class Value is the Natural Multiplier, which is then multiplied by the Prize Money Coefficient, and then by the Technical Coefficient, if applicable. The result is the Class Value.

Natural Multiplier × Prize Money Coefficient × Technical Coefficient = Class Value

For classes taking place in the United States offering less than \$35,000 in prize money, see Section IX.I, Special Rules.

The ***minimum Class Value shall be 1.0 and the*** maximum Class Value shall be 9 for all classes except for classes at the Olympic, Pan American, World Equestrian Games and the World Cup Final (See Section IX.E and G, Special Rules).

- III. Earning Rider Ranking Points for the Rolex/USEF Show Jumping Ranking List** – In each class, a rider will be awarded Ranking Points from the Placing Points earned on the rider’s highest placed horse (Also see Section VII, Number of Events to Count per Week).

- A. Placing Points** - Using the following scale, all horses will earn Placing Points according to their placing:

1st – 200	2nd – 170	3rd – 150	4th – 130
5th – 120	6th – 110	7th – 100	8th – 90
9th – 80	10th – 70	11th – 60	12th – 50
13th – 45	14th – 40	15th – 35	16th – 30

- All horses are eligible to receive Placing Points; however, the rider will only be awarded the Placing Points on ***the highest placed horse he earns on his designated Rolex/USEF Show Jumping Ranking List horse.***
- Horse/rider combinations competing in the final jump-off will receive a minimum of 16th place points.
- Horse/rider combinations with first round scores of four faults or less will receive a minimum of 25 points.
- Horse/rider combinations finishing below 16th place and with more than four faults will receive no Placing Points.



- Horse/rider combinations finishing below 16th place in a Table C competition at Championships or World Cup Finals will receive no placing points.

In the case of a tie, Placing Points for these horse/rider combinations will be totaled and divided by the number of combinations involved in the tie, all receiving the same number of Placing Points. Placing Points will be rounded up if the fraction is 0.5 or higher, and rounded down if it is less than 0.5.

A rider's Class Points are determined by multiplying the Placing Points *they earned on their highest placed horse he earned on his designated Rolex/USEF Show Jumping Ranking List horse* in that class by the Class Value.

$$\text{Placing Points} \times \text{Class Value} = \text{Class Points}$$

- B. Weekly Points** – Weekly Points are the sum of Class Points earned at one (1) event in a given week.

$$\text{Class Points} + \text{Second Class Points} = \text{Weekly Points}$$

- C. Nations Cups** – In the case of Nations Cups, in which horse/rider combinations with the same number of jumping penalties remain tied, horse/rider combinations finishing in 16th place or higher will receive a minimum of 30 Placing Points, including ties.

In addition, all horse/rider combinations finishing with a total of 8 faults or less over both rounds will receive a minimum of 25 Placing Points.

If a horse/rider combination jumps only one round in a Nations Cup, for any reason, for the purposes of the Rolex/USEF Show Jumping Ranking List, their score from the round they did not jump will be the same as for the one they did.

If a horse/rider combination does not jump either round in a Nations Cup, for any reason, for the purposes of the Rolex/USEF Show Jumping Ranking List, for each round they will be given the average score of their teammates, i.e. the score given for the first round will be the average first round score of the other three horse/rider combinations, and the score given for the second round will be the average second round score of the other three horse/rider combinations.

- D. Ranking Points** - The points a rider earns each week (Weekly Points) are the total number of Class Points at one event for the Rolex/USEF Show Jumping Ranking List classes he competed in at the one (1) event during the previous week on designated Rolex/USEF Show Jumping Ranking List horses plus Ranking Points from previous weeks minus any aged points (Also see Section VII, Number of Events to Count per Week).

$$\text{Weekly Points} + \text{Previous Ranking Points} - \text{Aged Points} = \text{Ranking Points}$$

- E. Aging of Points** – Points will age each week, whether or not a class eligible for inclusion on the Rolex/USEF Show Jumping Ranking List took place during that week.

Weeks 1 – 4	- Ranking Points remain at 100%
Week 5 – 8	- 10% (90%)



Week 9 – 12	- 10% (80%)
Week 13 – 16	- 15% (65%)
Week 17 – 20	- 15% (50%)
Week 21 – 24	- 20% (30%)
Week 25 – 28	- 20 % (10%)

Ranking Points will be retained at 10% until they are 39 rating weeks old, when they reach a value of 0. Ranking Points at year-end will be carried forward on a continuous basis.

IV. Licensing – Events must be licensed by USEF, and/or sanctioned by Equine Canada, and/or the FEI. Events taking place in the United States that wish the results of their class(es) to count for the Rolex/USEF Show Jumping Ranking List Classes must pay an annual fee to USEF. Events taking place outside the United States which have classes whose results are eligible to be included in the Rolex/USEF Show Jumping Ranking List are not required to pay an annual fee to USEF.

V. Classes to Count - In order to be counted in the Rolex/USEF Show Jumping Ranking List, classes must fulfill the following criteria:

A. Specifications:

1. USEF classes must be conducted using the National or High Performance Standard (JP121.4.c, JP121.4.e).
2. Classes held at CSIs and CSIOs at the 2*/3*/4* and 5* Level.

It should be noted that the results of Puissance, Six Bar, *Accumulator*, Derby classes *and classes on borrowed horses* will not be included in the Rolex/USEF Show Jumping Ranking List. In addition, the results of Table C classes outside of Championships and World Cup Finals will not be included in the Rolex/USEF Show Jumping Ranking List.

B. Prize Money – The following minimums in prize money will apply:

1. Classes in the United States – Offer US\$25,000 or more;
2. Classes in Europe – Offer 20,000 Euros or more;
3. Classes in Canada – Offer CAN\$25,000 or more; or
4. The equivalent according to the country in which the class takes place, including VIK, e.g. a car (values to be determined either according to information provided in the Definite Schedule or online search.).
5. There is no prize money minimum for classes at CSIOs and Selection Trials for the World Championships and Olympic and Pan American Games.

In addition, provided a class meets the other minimum specifications as outlined above, “bonus” money may be included in determining the Prize Money Coefficient.



In the case of classes held outside the United States which must have their currency converted to determine if the results are eligible to be included in the Rolex/USEF Show Jumping Ranking List, i.e. currency other than US or Canadian \$ or Euros, the currency rate for US\$ as of the first business day of the year will be used throughout the year. In other words, the currency rate of the first business day of 2010 will be used throughout 2010 to determine the minimum amount of prize money offered for classes held in Great Britain, which uses Pounds, not Euros, or Switzerland, which uses Swiss Francs.

VI. Number of Classes to Count per Event – Provided the classes meet the specifications for Classes to Count (Section V. Classes to Count, A. Specifications), the results of a maximum of two classes per event will be included in the Rolex/USEF Show Jumping Ranking List (See list of exceptions below.).

The two classes to count will be the two classes with the highest prize money. If there are three or more classes that meet the criteria for Classes to Count, the following additional criteria will be used to determine the classes to count:

1. If one class is a Grand Prix qualifier and one class is not, then the Grand Prix qualifier will be the class to count.
2. If both classes are Grand Prix qualifiers, then the Grand Prix qualifier that occurs first during the event will be the class to count.
3. If neither classes are Grand Prix qualifiers:
 - a. The class with the highest fence height will be the class to count.
 - b. If they are equal in height; the Jump Off class will be the class to count.
 - c. If both or neither classes are Jump Off classes; the class that occurs first during the event and meets the criteria to count will be the class to count.

A ranking week is defined as Tuesday - Monday. All classes from a single event will be considered in the ranking week as of the last day of the show, i.e. if a show begins on a Thursday and finishes on a Monday, the results of all classes will be entered as if they were held in the week of the final day of the event (Section X, Deadline for Receiving Results).

Exceptions:

- Show Jumping World Cup Finals, Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, and Selection Trials for the Olympic Games, Pan American Games, and World Championships, where all classes meeting the criteria will count, regardless of prize money offered.
- Nations Cup Finals
 - › In the case of a Nations Cup Final, riders will earn points from three (3) classes.
 - › If a rider competes in two (2) rounds of the Nations Cup Final (First Competition and either Second Competition or Third Competition) they will earn points from the following three (3) classes:
 - Two (2) rounds of the Nations Cup Final; and



- One (1) class which meets the criteria in Classes to Count (see Section V) from which a rider would earn the most points.
- › If a rider competes in one (1) round of the Nations Cup Final (First Competition, Second Competition or Third Competition) they will earn points from the following three (3) classes:
 - One (1) round of the Nations Cup Final; and
 - Two (2) classes which meet the criteria in Classes to Count (see Section V) from which a rider would earn the most points.
- › The Class Values:
 - The Class Value for each of the three (3) Nations Cup rounds will be the actual Class Value;
 - The Class Value for the Grand Prix will be 75% of the First Competition of the Nations Cup Final;
 - The Class Value for all other classes will be 50% of the First Competition of the Nations Cup Final
- CSIOs
 - › In the case of CSIOs, the Nation's Cup and the Grand Prix are the two classes that will be included.
 - › In addition, a "third class" may be included at CSIOs, with the requirement that Nation's Cup riders will be excluded from earning any Class Points for the Rolex/USEF Show Jumping Ranking List for this class, though their participation would be included to determine the Primary Number.
 - › This class is defined as that class which, after the Nations Cup and Grand Prix, offers the most prize money and meets the specifications for Classes to Count.
 - › For CSIOs for which the invitation for the team is for five riders, the value of the "third class" for U.S. team riders who did not compete in the Nations Cup will be 75% of the Class Value of the Grand Prix, unless the actual Class Value of the "third class" would be higher than 75% of the Grand Prix, in which case the "third class" will receive its actual Class Value. For all other riders, the value of the "third class" will be the Class Value.
 - › For CSIOs for which the invitation for the team is for four riders, the value of the "third class" for all riders will be the Class Value.
 - › For CSIOs where U.S. riders compete as Individuals, the Class Value of the "third class" for U.S. Individual riders will be 75% of the Class Value of the Grand Prix, unless the actual Class Value of the "third class" would be higher than 75% of the Grand Prix, in which case the "third class" will receive its actual Class Value.
 - › No rider, therefore, will be able to gain the advantage of having three classes from a CSIO count for the Rolex/USEF Show Jumping Ranking List.



VII. Number of Events to Count per Week - In the case of two events taking place during the same week (a ranking week defined as Tuesday – Monday), where riders could compete in both events whether at the same or different venue, riders will earn Class Points from one event or the other, but not both. All horses, however, are eligible to earn placing points at both events.

- If one of the events is a CSIO, riders participating in the CSIO will earn Class Points only from the CSIO classes, not from CSI or national classes held during the same time period.
- If one of the events is a CSI, riders participating in the CSI will earn Class Points only from the CSI classes, not from national classes held during the same time period.
- If both events are CSIs, riders will earn Class Points in the CSI from which they would earn the most points.
- If both events are national events, e.g. both events are licensed by USEF, riders will earn Class Points in the national event from which they would earn the most points.

VIII. “Series” Classes - In the case of a class that consists of a series of one or more classes for which overall prize money is distributed based on overall ranking at the conclusion of the series, the following will apply:

The Prize Money Coefficient will be determined according to the total amount of prize money offered in the series.

Class Points for horse/rider combinations will be awarded based on the results of the series, which will count as two classes on the Rolex/USEF Show Jumping Ranking List;

The Primary Number of the series will be determined according to overall ranking at the conclusion of the series using the rider’s highest ranked horse used in the series; and

The total number of horse/rider combinations participating in the Series.

IX. Special Rules – The following are classes for which special rules apply:

- A. Value of “Second Class”** - If more than one class at an event meets the criteria to be included on the Rolex/USEF Show Jumping Ranking List, the class with the lesser prize money will count for 75% of the value of the Grand Prix. See exceptions below.
- B. Grand Prix at the World Cup Final** - The actual Class Value will be used for the Grand Prix at the World Cup Final.
- C. Nations Cups and Grand Prix at CSIOs** - Nations Cups will automatically be scored with a Class Value equal to the Grand Prix, unless the value of the Nations Cup would be higher, in which case it will receive that Class Value.



- D. Olympic Games and World Championship Selection Trials** – All classes being used as Selection Trials for the Olympic and World Equestrian Games will be automatically included with a minimum Class Value of 6, unless the Class Value is greater using the following system: The class' Natural Multiplier will be determined first (if a Trial is not being held at a CSI or CSIO, 1 will be added when calculating the Natural Multiplier), the Prize Money Co-Efficient will be applied next. This figure will then be multiplied by the Technical Co-Efficient of 1.4 to determine the Class Value. This value will be used regardless of the amount of prize money offered.

If applicable, cumulative scores determining final placings in Selection Trials for the Olympic and World Equestrian Games will not count in addition to individual classes in these events.

- E. Olympic Games, World Cup Final, and World Championship Events** – All classes at the Olympic Games, World Cup Final, and the World Championships shall have an Assigned Class Value of 10, regardless, if applicable, of the amount of prize money offered.

Cumulative scores determining final placings in Olympic Games, World Cup Final, and the World Championships will not count in addition to individual classes in these events.

- F. Pan American Games Selection Trials** – All classes being used as Selection Trials for the Pan American Games will be automatically included with a minimum class value of 4, unless the class value is greater using the following system: The class' Natural Multiplier will be determined first, (if a Trial is not being held at a CSI or CSIO, 1 will be added when calculating the Natural Multiplier), the Prize Money Co-Efficient will be applied next. This figure will then be multiplied by the Technical Co-Efficient of 1.2 to determine the class value. This value will be used regardless of the amount of prize money offered.

If applicable, cumulative scores determining final placings in Selection Trials for the Pan American Games will not count in addition to individual classes in these events.

- G. Pan American Games** – All classes at the Pan American Games shall have an Assigned Class Value of 8. Cumulative scores determining final placings in the Pan American Games will not count in addition to individual classes.

- H. World Cup Qualifiers** - The actual Class Value will be used for all World Cup Qualifiers including North America.



- I. Classes Taking Place in the United States with less than \$35,000 in Prize Money –** Classes taking place in the United States offering less than \$35,000 in prize money will have a maximum Class Value of 2.5, with the exception of classes being used as qualifiers for a Grand Prix; World Cup Qualifiers; Olympic, Pan American, and World Equestrian Games Selection Trials; and classes at the Olympic, Pan American, and World Equestrian Games (if applicable), which will have a Class Value as noted in Section IX, Special Rules.

X. Deadline for Receiving Results

Ryegate Show Services will be responsible for the collection of all data from any events that meet the criteria described above. All results must be received by 12 noon Thursday following the ranking week (defined as Tuesday through Monday) in which an event is held in order to be included in the Rolex/USEF Show Jumping Ranking List for that week. If results are not received by this deadline, they will be entered as if they had been received on time.

Results will be subject to protest for the purpose of ranking for up to 10 days following the event, except when a Rolex/USEF Show Jumping Ranking List is being used for selection purposes *in which case when* the protest period will be 48 hours following *the publishing of the list* ~~completion of the event, results will be subject to protest for the purposes of ranking for up to 10 days following the event.~~ It is the responsibility of each rider to check the Rolex/USEF Show Jumping Ranking List themselves about his/her placing in a particular class and to communicate directly with the Organizer in this regard.

Decisions made by USEF will be final. Once points have been entered into the system, there will be no changes, except as follows:

1. Correction of errors (i.e. wrong name, spelling, number of horse or rider, incorrect ranking value, etc.)
2. Disqualification under applicable rules due to positive drug test or other rule violation.

In the case of #1 or #2 above, points earned for that class only will be deducted from totals for the rider in question. Riders are reminded that in order for points to be credited accurately, horses must be entered correctly, i.e.

- Correct spelling of name, correct owner, correct recording number, etc.
- Riders are encouraged to Life Record their horses with USEF to avoid possible loss of points due to failure to renew annually.
- Ryegate Show Services and USEF will use *reasonable their best* effort to insure that points are entered promptly and correctly, and shall also make every effort to insure the accuracy of the Rolex/USEF Show Jumping Ranking List, but cannot be responsible for errors.
- Riders are encouraged to check the Rolex/USEF Show Jumping Ranking List weekly concerning their status on and to call attention promptly to any errors by contacting the USEF Show Jumping High Performance Director.



The Rolex/USEF Show Jumping Ranking List is subject to refinement and change from time to time by USEF. Riders will be notified of any subsequent refinements or changes.

USEF recognizes that anomalies to this Procedure will occur from time to time, e.g. an event will offer a unique type of class the specifications of which are not covered in this Procedure, but the results of which, in principle, should be included in the Rolex/USEF Show Jumping Ranking List. For this reason, and because of the importance of making a timely decision, the Ranking List Task Force is charged with interpreting the Procedure and ruling on how results for such a class should be handled. The Task Force will report their decision to the Show Jumping High Performance Committee.

Any future changes, before being implemented, will be discussed by the Ranking List Task Force, *USEF Jumping Committee, and International Discipline Council* with recommendations made to the *Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Group approved by the Board of Directors Show Jumping High Performance Committee* for approval.

The Rolex/USEF Show Jumping Ranking List is published by Ryegate Show Services. It is available on the USEF's website www.usef.org under High Performance/Show Jumping. Fax or first class mail subscriptions to Show Jumping Weekly can be obtained by contacting Ryegate Show Services, 1298 Royal Road, Annville, PA 17003-2226. A fee will be charged for this subscription service. Upcoming events offering a class of \$25,000 or more in prize money will also be supplied upon request with a copy of the most current list for them to make use of during the event itself.



GLOSSARY

Aged Points – The points deducted from a rider's Ranking Points due to the age of the points.

Class Points – Class Points are Placing Points x Class Value.

Class Value – The Class Value is the Natural Multiplier (including Exceptions), which is then multiplied by the Prize Money Coefficient if applicable, and then multiplied by the Technical Coefficient, if applicable. This is the final multiplier used to determine a rider's Class Points and the number published with the results of each class.

Grand Prix - The Grand Prix is defined as the class at the event which offers the largest amount of prize money.

Natural Multiplier – The Natural Multiplier is the Primary Number for the class divided by the Perfect Class Number.

Exception: *FEI* Classes ~~held globally in North America (CAN, MEX, and USA)~~ at CSI's, CSI-W's, and CSIO's meeting the criteria under Classes to Count will have a value corresponding to their star level added to their Natural Multiplier. These values are 1.0 for FEI 5* level, 0.75 for FEI 4* level, 0.5 for FEI 3* level and 0.25 for FEI 2* level, i.e. if the Natural Multiplier is 5.16 at a CSI3*, 5.66 will be used, to a maximum value of 9.00.

Perfect Class Number - The Perfect Class Number is the Primary Number of a fictitious competition in which all of the top ranked combinations compete.

Placing Points – The points assigned to the placings in all classes; 1st place 200, 2nd place 170, 3rd place 150, and so on through 16th place or greater, if applicable.

Previous Ranking Points – The points a rider has from the most recent list prior to the one being calculated.

Primary Number – The Primary Number is the sum total of all Primary Number Points as of the previous week's ranking for horse/rider combinations in a given class.

Primary Number Points – Primary Number Points are the points which are totaled to determine the Primary Number. Primary Number Points for each class are determined as follows: If the

- 1st ranked horse/rider combination competes, 300 points are added;
- 2nd ranked horse/rider combination competes, 299 points are added;
- 3rd ranked horse/rider combination competes, 298 points are added;
- 4th ranked horse/rider combination competes, 297 points are added; And so on to
- 296th ranked horse/rider combination, who, if they compete, add 5 points.
- All horse/rider combination ranked below 296th, if they compete, add 5 points;

Ranking Points – A rider's Ranking Points are their Weekly Points + Previous Ranking Points - Aged points.

Weekly Points – Weekly Points are the sum of Class Points earned at one (1) event in a given week.