

# Young Jumper Futurity

*formerly the International Jumper Futurity*

## Format for 2016 YJF 4-Year-Old Regionals

Classes are open only to 4-year-old horses that have been nominated to the Young Jumper Futurity (formerly the International Jumper Futurity).

**COURSES:** All courses for YJF competitions will be made as inviting as possible for green horses with limited or no experience in a show ring situation. Very simple tracks will be used utilizing hunter-type tracks, with jumper-type fences. The course will be designed to aid the horses in showing their natural talent in the very early stages of their training. Judges will be considering the potential of these young horses for a future in the jumper/grand prix rings. A rail down or refusal will not automatically eliminate a horse from placing well in the competition if, in the judges' opinions, the fault occurred due to rider error or a "green" mistake.

**ROUND 1:** Each horse will perform an individual short flat phase with trot and canter work in both directions, demonstrating lengthening and shortening of stride. The horse will remain in the ring and, upon the sounding of the tone, will jump a course of fences with simple distances. A trot fence may be included in this round. Fences in Round 1 will be 0.90-0.95 M in height with spreads up to 1.05 M, giving the judges and course designers the opportunity to evaluate the quality and experience of the horses at that particular event. Horses may be shown in running or standing martingales, but draw reins are not allowed.

**ROUND 2:** All horses will return (the following day) to be shown over a course of fences up to 1.00 M in height and 1.10 M in width. Simple double combinations may be included. At the Course Designers and Judges discretion options may be included at a maximum of two of the fences. These options may not exceed 1.15 M in height and will allow riders to show their horses to their own best advantage. Judges will not reward or penalize solely on the basis of which option is chosen. Horses may be shown in running or standing martingales, but draw reins are not allowed.

### PRIZE MONEY DISTRIBUTION:

Horses completing all three phases \$250. Stallion nominator (per offspring completing courses) \$200 Young horse nominator (per horse completing courses) \$100

### AWARDS:

**OVERALL YJF CHAMPION:** Awards to the top 8 horses based on the total scores from both days of judging. See the Score Sheet to be used by the Judges.

Champion \$1,000, Reserve Champion \$500, 3rd \$300, 4th \$250, 5th \$250, 6th through 8th \$150 each

### SPECIAL CATEGORY AWARDS:

**JUMPING SCOPE / TECHNIQUE:** Awarded to the horse that best displays the scope and technique consistent with a future grand prix jumper. Champion: \$500 Reserve: \$250 Honorable Mention: \$125

**BEST TYPE / MOVEMENT:** Awarded to the horse that demonstrates superior conformation, athletic way of moving, attitude and natural balance. Champion \$500 Reserve: \$250 Honorable Mention: \$125

**ENTRIES:** Entry blanks are mailed annually to the owner of record for all eligible 4-year-olds. Be sure to keep transfers of ownership and address information up to date. Class entries are made directly to the Young Jumper Futurity. **STABLING AND DRUG FEES:** must be paid directly to the horse show.