



Youth Show Jumping Foundation
de Nemethy Challenge Level 3

“An American Jumping Style of Riding Competition”

The Youth Show Jumping Foundation (YSJF) seeks to identify, highlight, and reward Junior athletes ages 17 and Under as well as Amateurs and emerging Professional athletes ages 18-25 who show both interest and promise to become serious show jumping athletes on a national and international stage.

The YSJF's de Nemethy Challenge invites athletes competing at 1.10 and 1.20 meters to compete in an American Jumping Style of Riding competition. The de Nemethy Challenge is made up by 3 phases. The first phase is the de Nemethy Prep, the second phase is a show jumping course conducted under Table II 2.(d), and the third phase is a ride-off consisting of the top 2 riders from the 1.10m height and top 2 riders from 1.20m height. Phase 3 is a show jumping course conducted under a Table II 2.(1) format.

Eligibility to Compete:

- The YSJF de Nemethy Challenge is open to Junior athletes ages 17 and Under as well as Amateurs and emerging Professional athletes ages 18-25 based on the USEF's age definition.
- Athletes may not have competed in an FEI 3*, 4*, or 5* competition above 1.40m.
- There is no qualifying required to participate in the Challenge.
- Athletes, trainers, and owners must be current active members in good standing with USEF and USHJA.
- Horses must be registered with the USHJA (see 2. JP100) and recorded with the USEF (see GR 1102).
- Athletes, trainers, and owners must be registered with the Youth Show Jumping Foundation (YSJF).
- All USEF General and Jumping rules will be in effect.
- YSJF waivers must be signed and submitted before participation.
- Additional information can be found on the **Youth Show Jumping Foundation** website at www.YouthShowJumpingFoundation.org
- **Refer to the competition's prize list for additional requirements to enter and compete.**



Competition Format:

- Phase I, the de Nemethy Prep (utilizing dressage and gymnastics elements), Phase II, Show Jumping, and Phase III, the Ride Off of the top two athletes from each height.
- The competition will be held over two days.
- Height sections:
 - 1.10m–1.15m
 - 1.20m–1.25m
- Each height section will have a Phase One (I) and Phase Two (II) with the top two riders from each height section invited to participate in the Phase Three (III) Ride Off.
- Any height section with fewer than six (6) riders will be combined with the next lower height and run at the lower of the two heights.

Phase I – de Nemethy Prep:

- Athletes will be asked to demonstrate various dressage movements within the gymnastics course to showcase rideability in order to prepare both horse and rider for the Table II 2.(d) competition in Phase II.
- The gymnastics course must include a bounce, one or two double combinations, long and short lines, and an equal amount of left and right leads.
- Dressage movements will include lengthening, collection, halt, and lateral movements.

Phase II – Show Jumping:

- Phase II is a show jumping course conducted under Table II 2.(d) set at 350m/m. Time allowed will be in effect for both phases of the course.
- A liverpool with water is required as part of the course.
- An 8' to 10' water jump with a rail is required. The water jump **is not** required to be dug in, but must be presented as if it were. The water jump must be presented as an option and riders will receive bonus points for jumping it. See below for details on the bonus points.
- To demonstrate rideability, a jump must follow the water option and the numbered fence.
- The course must include a wall, three double combinations or a double and a triple combination, and at least two unrelated distances between fences.
- The (d) portion of the course will be judged as a jump off. Rideability, strategy, and handiness will be judged.
- Judges will award up to three (3) points for successfully jumping the water option or deduct up to three (3) points for difficulties riding to and over the water option.
- Time Faults will be penalized with one (1) penalty for each commenced second by which the time allowed is exceeded in each phase of the course and subtracted from the score.
- Rails will be penalized with one (1) to four (4) penalties at the judges' discretion and subtracted from the score



Phase III - Ride Off Challenge:

- The top two scoring athletes from each height section will move forward to the Ride Off Challenge.
- Ties for a height section high score will be determined by the highest score in Phase II.
- Should ties still exist after comparing scores from Phase II, the highest score in Phase I will be used.
- Should ties still exist, after comparing scores from Phase II and Phase I, riders will remain tied and both will advance to the Ride Off.
- No water jump will be used in the Ride Off, however a liverpool with water is required in the Ride Off course.
- The course must consist of at least two double combinations.

Phase III Format:

- A liverpool will be available to use for schooling.
- Athletes will jump a modified Table II 2.(1) course set at 1.10m – 1.15m with no jump off.
- Order of Go: The lowest scoring athlete from the three will compete first to the highest scoring athlete competing last.
- Scores from Phase I and Phase II will be added to the scores from Phase III with total scores for each athlete announced before the next athlete enters the ring.
- Phase III time faults and rail penalties will be calculated the same as Phase II.

Awards:

- For Phase I and Phase II, ribbons will be given to the overall placings 1st through 8th in each height section.
- For Phase III, ribbons, and sashes will be awarded to the top 3 athlete/horse combinations.

Attire:

- Formal attire is required for all phases with athletes wearing white breeches only. (JP111.9a)
- Athletes and/or designated representatives must be appropriately dressed during the horse course walk. Athletes must wear boots and breeches.

Tack:

- USEF approved Jumper tack is allowed (see JP111 for details) except:
 - No Standing Martingales
 - No German Martingales
 - Draw Reins may be used only for prize giving ceremonies.

**Rider Meeting:**

- A mandatory rider meeting will be held before Phase I. If the athlete cannot attend the meeting, a designated representative must check in on behalf of the athlete.
- The location, date, and time of the rider meeting will be provided by show management.
- Athletes, parents, and trainers will be provided with information regarding the class and the YSJF.
- The YSJF reserves the right to hold additional meeting(s) at any point during the competition.

Horse Substitution:

- If during the de Nemethy Challenge the official show vet declares a horse ill, unsound, or not fit to continue, the rider may petition to substitute a horse. The Official Competition Veterinarian, the YSJF Representative, the TD, and a senior Competition Management representative will meet and confer regarding the substitution request.

Judging:

- The de Nemethy Challenge is judged on effective American Jumping Style of Riding.
- Two judges will officiate and provide one score for each phase of the competition.
- Phase I is judged based on the execution of dressage movements along with athlete's ability to optimize the gymnastic exercises.
- Phase II is judged on effective riding, time, handiness and strategy over a Table II 2(d) course with time allowed in effect for both phases of the course.
- Judges must walk all courses in Phases I, Phase II, and Phase III.
- Please see scoring details for rails and time penalties in Phase II above.

Technical Delegate:

- The competition organizer must provide a Technical Delegate, who must be approved by the YSJF. The TD is responsible for the overall conduct of the de Nemethy Challenge and serves as an interface and facilitator for everyone involved in the de Nemethy Challenge.
- In case of a dispute, a rule or specification interpretation, or a violation, a committee made up of a senior person representing competition management, the TD, and a YSJF Board Member will convene to address the issue(s). Decisions from this group will be final and unappealable. YSJF representatives will review the matter after the event to discuss whether any changes or clarifications need to be made to the de Nemethy Challenge.
- The guiding principles for any dispute will be fair competition, sportsmanship, horse and athlete welfare, and a level playing field.



- The appointed TD must attend the rider meeting and be familiar with all rules and scoring methods.
- The TD is responsible for obtaining copies of results from all phases, copies of judging cards, and copies of all courses. These materials need to be provided to the YSJF representative at the event or sent to the YSJF office within ten days of the conclusion of the competition.
- The TD must remain at the ring throughout all phases of the competition, and is responsible for participating in all course walks.

The YSJF de Nemethy Challenge and the related format and specifications are the sole properties of the YSJF and may only be held, conducted, or used upon the terms and conditions specified by the YSJF. The YSJF reserves the right to change language in documents related to the conduct of the de Nemethy Challenge as necessary for the purposes of consistency and clarity. Any deviations from the class specifications for the YSJF de Nemethy Challenge are not permitted without the express written permission from YSJF prior to the printing of the prize list.