



# USHJA National Championships 2024 Declaration of Intent



The **Marshall & Sterling Insurance/USHJA National Championships** are returning to Las Vegas at the Southpoint Hotel & Casino, Nov. 11-17, 2024.

The Championships will feature the USHJA Affiliate Championships for Junior and Adult Amateur riders in 3 disciplines and 16 sections, along with many other National Hunter and Jumper Championships. Affiliate sections offered this year are:

- Hunters 2', Children's and Adult, and Hunters 2'6", Children's and Adult
- Equitation 17 & Under 2', Equitation 17 & Under 2'6", Equitation 18 & Over 2'0" and Equitation 18 & Over 2'6"
- Children's and Adult Jumpers at 0.70m, 0.80m, 0.90m and 1.0m

Horse and rider combinations may not compete in both the 2' and 2'6" Hunter sections. A horse and rider combination may be nominated for and compete in a maximum of two (2) divisions (Hunter, Equitation or Jumper). Horse and rider combinations may compete in a maximum of two (2) consecutive Jumper heights, but may be asked to compete in one USHJA Affiliate Jumper Section height lower or higher than the one qualified to compete. Affiliate riders may not cross-enter into any rated sections, even on another horse.

As a USHJA Affiliate Organization, SNHSA is invited to select three riders for each Nationals Affiliate division, order of preference, with the #1 rider guaranteed a competition spot. Riders #2 and #3 are on contingency, as USHJA allows only 30 entries per class. The SNHSA Board of Directors (BoD) will choose the most qualified horse/rider combinations for each division from the list of nominees. **Please note that each horse/rider combination (or horse substitution) is required to have shown in a SNHSA show during the current season and a Board-approved equine professional who will oversee the pair at Nationals must be listed on the Declaration of Intent to be considered a nominee.** The BoD has the final decision on the slate of nominees to be forwarded to USHJA and any horse or trainer substitution requires Board approval. Remember, if you are selected by SNHSA, you represent SNHSA.

SNHSA may offer sponsorships. If available, more information will be forthcoming.

### Hunter

- \$2,000 USHJA Affiliate Children's Hunter 2' section
- \$2,000 USHJA Affiliate Children's Hunter 2'6" section
- \$2,000 USHJA Affiliate Adult Hunter 2' section
- \$2,000 USHJA Affiliate Adult Hunter 2'6" section

### Children's Jumper

- \$1500 USHJA Affiliate Children's .70m section
- \$1500 USHJA Affiliate Children's .80m section
- \$1500 USHJA Affiliate Children's .90m section
- \$1500 USHJA Affiliate Children's 1.0m section

### Equitation

- USHJA Affiliate Equitation 17 & Under 2' section
- USHJA Affiliate Equitation 17 & Under 2'6" section
- USHJA Affiliate Equitation 18 & Over 2' section
- USHJA Affiliate Equitation 18 & Over 2'6" section

### Adult Jumper

- \$1500 USHJA Affiliate Adult .70m section
- \$1500 USHJA Affiliate Adult .80m section
- \$1500 USHJA Affiliate Adult .90m section
- \$1500 USHJA Affiliate Adult 1.0m section

The following horse/rider combination, their parent/guardian (if rider is under 18 years of age) and trainer would like to be considered as a SNHSA nominee for the USHJA Affiliate Championships. Signatures and e-mail addresses are required. **A fee of \$50 with the completed form must be in BoD hands by NOON on JULY 10 to secure the horse/rider combination's declaration of intent.**

- **Best method:** Email this application to [susanhhowe@gmail.com](mailto:susanhhowe@gmail.com) and send the \$50 payment through Zelle with no extra fees using: [@snhsa.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:snhsa.treasurer@gmail.com).
- An online form is available at [2024 SNHSA Nationals Declaration of Intent Form – Sierra Nevada Horse Show Association](#), with payment through PayPal that includes a 4% convenience fee.
- Submit form with \$50 check or cash payment to a SNHSA BoD member.
- Mail form and a \$50 check to SNHSA, P.O. Box 19322, Reno, NV, 89511. **Must be postmarked in time to arrive by JULY 10.**

Please check each Affiliate division (**up to THREE**) to be considered for the USHJA National Affiliates Championships:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 2'0" Children's Hunter     | <input type="checkbox"/> 2'6" Children's Hunter     | <input type="checkbox"/> 2'0" Adult Hunter         | <input type="checkbox"/> 2'6" Adult Hunter         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2'0" Equitation 17 & under | <input type="checkbox"/> 2'6" Equitation 17 & Under | <input type="checkbox"/> 2'0" Equitation 18 & Over | <input type="checkbox"/> 2'6" Equitation 18 & Over |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 70m Children's Jumper      | <input type="checkbox"/> .80m Children's Jumper     | <input type="checkbox"/> .90m Children's Jumper    | <input type="checkbox"/> 1.0m Children's Jumper    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> .70m Adult Jumper          | <input type="checkbox"/> .80m Adult Jumper          | <input type="checkbox"/> .90m Adult Jumper         | <input type="checkbox"/> 1.0m Adult Jumper         |

**Please print legibly, with one form and payment per horse/rider combination:**

Horse Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rider e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Jacket size: \_\_\_\_\_

Rider Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rider Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Rider Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian (if rider is under 18 years of age) Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Trainer Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Trainer e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Trainer Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Trainer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### **The SNHSA Affiliate organization's nomination process:**

- Because USHJA announced a much earlier deadline than in past years, it has caused the SNHSA BoD to revise their schedule to allow time to adequately review the submitted declarations. Therefore, the **revised deadline is now NOON JULY 10.**
- It is still highly recommended that declared horse & rider combinations compete at the only two remaining shows, Friday, July 12, and Saturday, July 13, to showcase their skills in the classes pertaining to their nomination division, as well as the derbies. If able to show, the SNHSA Board will observe and review the applicants. Using their observations from previous and most recent shows, the BoD will meet July 13 to discuss, vote and allocate 1st, 2nd and 3rd place to nominees in each of the sections available to Affiliates.
- Before the deadline, Susan Howe will notify USHJA of the top three nominees in each section/division, and will email all of the nominees, listing the 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> placings with instructions for the next steps.
- **After the Aug. 1 deadline, USHJA** will determine the accepted nominees (to reach the limit of 30 per section), email acceptance letters and post the accepted lists online. Accepted Nominees will need to complete the pre-entry application and payment by **Aug. 27.**
- The process will be done in a couple of "waves." Be on the lookout for emails from Susan as she will be forwarding the notification emails as she receives them. USHJA will notify SNHSA on each of the next steps that riders need to take for entry into their section/divisions.
- *If you submit a Declaration of Intent form and learn that you cannot attend Nationals, it is imperative that you notify us as soon as you know, so that we can adjust the nominees list. (The Declaration payment is non-refundable.)*
- Accepted nominees will finalize stall counts and class entries in September.
- Hotel group codes will then be provided to accepted nominees who have completed their entries and stabling. Don't panic – there will be enough rooms for all at the group discounted rate!

### **What to expect at Nationals**

- The Prize List and schedule and all venue information will be found online here soon:  
[National Championship :: USHJA](#)  
[What To Expect & Schedule :: USHJA](#)  
<https://www.ushja.org/competition/national-championship>
- It is a World Cup Qualifier as well as a USEF rated show that includes the Affiliate divisions. As such, be prepared to see and be part of a HIGH level of competition!
- There are some special events, as well as additional educational and VIP opportunities. Look for this information upon arrival or on the USHJA Nationals website. For full details please visit the links provided above.
- Since the show is held at the South Point Arena & Equestrian Center in Las Vegas, stalls, arenas, hotel rooms, and the resort/casino are all under the same roof. No RV, camping, dogs (service animals are allowed) or golf carts on grounds. Be prepared to walk...a lot.
- Schooling opportunities are limited and will vary based on the show schedule. Take the time to enter (or have your trainer enter) the arenas on Monday. Many horses do not like the indoor venue. Be prepared for a few spooks and/or looky-loos.
- The USHJA Nationals is expensive. Stalls are over \$700 each (includes bedding), division fees are \$350-500, lodging is \$150-250/night. Be prepared to also cover typical show fees such as hauling, trainer, groom, braider, food and, of course, entertainment! If Nationals is on your bucket list, start saving NOW. It's worth it! Be prepared to have an epic experience!