



2016 U25 CRITERIA

1. ELIGIBLE ATHLETES

- ✓ Athletes are eligible from the beginning of the year they reach the age of 16 to the end of the year they turn 25.
- ✓ If you have competed on any Senior Nation's Cup Team you are still eligible.

2. DECLARATION

- ✓ All athletes are required to declare as a horse/athlete combination.
- ✓ Deadline to declare is March 31st.
- ✓ You may declare more than one horse.
- ✓ Open to all horses.

3. SPECIFICATIONS FOR COMPETITIONS THAT QUALIFY FOR RANKING POINTS

- ✓ Jr/Am 1.40M or 1.45M Stake or Classic classes
- ✓ FEI classes equal to or greater than 1.40M in height
- ✓ Any Open Jumper class equal to or greater than 1.40M height
- ✓ Ranking points will only be allotted if the athlete finishes with 8 faults or less in first round.
- ✓ Rankings points will be calculated on a horse/athlete combination's best six results only.
- ✓ Rankings points are allotted to other U25 athletes competing in same class and point structure is provided below. A 3 point bonus (in addition to their obtained ranking points) will be given if an athlete is clear in first round.
- ✓ Ranking points are based on horse/athlete combinations and are non-transferable between horses.

4. SCORING OF QUALIFYING CLASSES

- ✓ Ranking points are applicable as of Jan 1, 2016.
- ✓ If a combined class is used for a result, the U25 athlete must have 8 faults or less in first round.
- ✓ Any stand-alone U25 class will use 1.45M point tabulation as per below chart.

Placing <i>(relative to other U25 athletes)</i>	1.40M	1.45M	1.50M
1	10	15	20
2	8	13	18
3	6	11	16
4	5	10	15
5	4	9	14
6	3	8	13
7	2	7	12
8	1	6	11



- ✓ Rankings will be updated and posted online monthly.
- ✓ Athletes are responsible for submitting their results within a week of their competition.
- ✓ Results portal will be posted on Equestrian Canada website.

5. SELECTION FOR U25 FINAL HELD AT THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL WINTER FAIR

A maximum of 20 horse/athlete combinations based on scores are invited to enter the Final as follows:

- ✓ 16 Canadian Athletes.
- ✓ Wild cards at the committee's discretion to fill class to maximum of 20.
- ✓ USA positions will be offered.
- ✓ Athletes are only eligible to ride one horse in the final.
- ✓ If an athlete qualifies on a particular horse and for whatever reason is unable to compete in the Final on that horse, the athlete may substitute, but that athlete & horse combination MUST have been registered in the U25 program and have a score in order to compete.
- ✓ Once accepted in the National U25 Final, all riders start with "0" points.
- ✓ All athletes are responsible for getting their entries into the RAWF by the competition given deadline.

6. SCORING OF THE U25 FINAL CLASSES AT THE RAWF

BOTH CLASSES WILL BE SCORED AS FOLLOWS:

- ✓ 1st place – 7 points
 - ✓ 2nd place – 5 points
 - ✓ 3rd place – 4 points
 - ✓ 4th place – 3 points
 - ✓ 5th place – 2 points
 - ✓ 6th place – 1 points
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- ✓ In the case of a tie in the class, each horse will be awarded equal points. Example: if three horses tied for second place, each would receive second place points. The next placed horse would receive fifth place points.
 - ✓ The horse/rider combination with the most points at the RAWF National Final is declared the U25 Champion.
 - ✓ If there is a tie for the National Final, the athlete with the highest place in the second class will be declared the winner.

7. AWARDS

- ✓ The overall winner of the Under 25 Final will be presented with a saddle very generously donated by Antares.