



# 2017 UNDER 25 PROGRAM 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 April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ 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, 2017.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ A 3 point bonus (in addition to their obtained ranking points) will be given if an athlete is clear in first round.
- ✓ An additional 10 point bonus will be added to ranking points attained from Canadian U25 classes.



Placing (relative to other U25 athletes)	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 the Equestrian Canada website under the Athlete Development Program page. [www.equestrian.ca/programs-services/athlete-development](http://www.equestrian.ca/programs-services/athlete-development)

## 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:**

- ✓ 1<sup>st</sup> place – 7 points
  - ✓ 2<sup>nd</sup> place – 5 points
  - ✓ 3<sup>rd</sup> place – 4 points
  - ✓ 4<sup>th</sup> place – 3 points
  - ✓ 5<sup>th</sup> place – 2 points
  - ✓ 6<sup>th</sup> place – 1 points
- ✓ 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.