

## 2007 Performance Speed Jumping<sup>SM</sup> Tournament Qualifier

**Description:** This is a two-round tournament with emphasis on speed. Each round will be conducted on a jumpers-style course that shall include a long jump (required beginning January 1, 2007) and an A-frame and weave poles, one of which shall be required to be performed twice. All obstacles are set according to Performance specifications. Top competitors as set forth below (see qualification and advancement) shall advance to Round 2 to compete for prizes or awards. This tournament is open to all competitors not entered in the Steeplechase qualifier at the same event regardless of titles earned.

**Scoring:** The tournament shall be conducted pursuant to *USDAA* Championship Program Starters level rules, except that scoring in each round shall be on a time plus faults basis, with a five-point penalty added to a competitor's performance time for each occurrence of a fallen hurdle or missed contact; running the wrong course shall be scored as an elimination as defined under Masters rules.

### **Qualification & Advancement at Local Qualifiers:**

**(For the purposes of this explanation, a score is anything other than elimination.)**

Qualification shall be determined based upon the Round 1 scores of the top three dogs in each jump height provided there are at least 5 scores in the 8" or 12" height classes or 7 scores in the 16" and 22" height classes. The top three scores shall be averaged and multiplied by a factor of 1.25 to determine the maximum qualifying score for each jump height. Only competitors with scores equal to or less than the maximum qualifying score qualify.

Further, in the event that fewer than five competitors in any height class receive a score, the top three scores must be determined from the combined height division for small dogs (8" and 12") or large dogs (16" and 22") to determine the maximum qualifying score for all dogs competing in that division in the manner described above.

However, if there are fewer than five scores in a division, the top score from the division shall be used to calculate the maximum qualifying score. In this case, the top score shall be multiplied by a factor of 1.25 to determine the maximum qualifying score.

Qualifiers and placement winners (minimum of four, there is no maximum) in the height class are eligible to advance to Round 2 at a local qualifying event in order to compete for prizes and awards, provided they have finished the round with a score. Non-qualifying competitors running in Round 2 shall not be credited with a qualifying score regardless of their final standing. A finalist slot vacated by a competitor who has earned the right to compete in the final round shall be forfeited and no substitutions are allowed.

Program eligibility in Regional and National/World Championships shall be determined as follows: Where a competitor has qualifying scores in Championship Program tournaments and Performance Program tournaments, a competitor must enter all Championship Program tournaments unless the total number of qualifications earned in all Performance Program tournaments is greater.

### **Eligibility for Entry into the Championships:**

Two qualifying scores as defined herein are required to enter the semifinals at the Performance Speed Jumping<sup>SM</sup> Championships to be held in autumn of 2007.

### **Awards:**

**Local Qualifier:** Prizes or awards shall be provided at the club's discretion.

**Local Qualifier held in conjunction with a Regional Championship:** Prizes or awards shall be awarded to first through third places in each jump height. Should prize money be awarded, the following table shall be utilized:

Height Class	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Total*
8"	12%	8%	5%	25%
12"	12%	8%	5%	25%
16"	12%	8%	5%	25%
22"	12%	8%	5%	25%
Totals	48%	32%	20%	100%

\*Allocable prize money to Round 2 positions that are not filled for any reason shall be forfeited.