



2018 North American Junior & Young Rider Championships (“NAJYRC”)
Rebecca Farm, Kalispell, MT July 18-22, 2018

Area VI Selectors and Selection Procedure:

Area VI Coach: **Rebecca Braitling** Area VI Chef d’Equipe: **Lauren Billys**

Area VI Selection Committee:

Andrea Baxter, Chris Bearden, Auburn Excell-Brady, Shannon Lilley, Brian Sabo

The USEA Area VI NAJYRC Selection Committee shall name the 2018 Teams based on the procedures and criteria set forth in the United States Eventing Federation’s (“USEF”) [Selection Procedure for the 2018 North American Junior Championships \(Eventing\)](#) and the [Selection Procedure for the 2018 CICOY Nations Cup \(Eventing\)](#) which include the following:

- The overall performance and soundness of the athlete/horse combination in various Horse Trials and/or CCIs and/or CICs held within the Qualifying Period which began January 1, 2017 and ends June 21, 2018. Priority will be given to those designated as Selection Trials, with emphasis on dressage scores; current fitness; cross country and stadium jumping performance; jumping without faults and/or incurring time penalties, boldness, ride ability, and speed.
- The demonstrated ability of the athlete/horse combination to succeed in Eventing Competitions, having considered all the factors mentioned above.
- Willingness of the athlete to work within the confines of the accreditation allocation.

If all factors are equal between two athlete/horse combinations, the participation of the athlete in other Area VI Young Rider programs or activities (i.e. fundraising, securing of team sponsorship, etc.) may be considered, the details of which must be included in the Area VI Selection Procedure (see below).

* For the complete selection procedures for the 2018 **CICOY Nations Cup** [click here](#) and the for the **NAJC** [click here](#) .

Additional Area VI NAJYRC 2018 Selection Procedures:

Calendar

January 1, 2017 - June 21, 2018	Qualifying Period
January 1 - March 1, 2018	The Area VI NAJYRC Intent to Qualify & Questionnaire submitted to Area VI YR Coordinators
February 6, 2018	Approximate date that the USEF on-line applications for the 2018 NAJC & CICOY will be posted
March 1, 2018 (Note: NO Applications will be accepted after 12:00pm EDT)	FEI Area Declaration and Application deadline. Submit forms to USEF; Login to Authorized User Account/Dashboard at USEF.org to complete and submit forms and pay entry fees
March 9-10, 2018	YR Spring Camp at Twin Rivers Ranch, Paso Robles, CA. (NOT Mandatory)
March 30-April 01, 2018	First NAJYRC Mandatory Selection Trial... Galway Downs International H.T. (Temecula, CA) * *
April 12-15, 2018	Second NAJYRC Mandatory Selection Trial... Twin Rivers CCI, CIC & H.T. (Paso Robles, CA); YR Fundraising events * *
May 25-27, 2018	Third and FINAL NAJYRC Mandatory Selection Trial... The Spring Event at Woodside (Woodside, CA) * *
June 5, 2018	NAJYRC traveling rider candidates & grooms announced
June 15, 2018	Individual fundraising \$\$\$ (\$500/rider, \$250/groom) due to YR Coordinators
June 21 - June 24, 2018	YR Summer Camp at Twin Rivers Ranch, Paso Robles, CA. MANDATORY for all NAJYRC traveling rider candidates & grooms *
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* **Note:** Events appearing in blue denote Mandatory Selection Trials...Area VI Athletes looking to be considered for 2018 NAJYRC team selection (both the NAJC & CICOY teams) are required to attend (2) of the (3) Mandatory Selection trials referenced herein.

* **NOTE (in accordance with the Selection Procedure outlined by USEF):** An athlete/horse combination that is unable to attend a mandatory Selection Trial because of veterinary, medical, or family emergencies, or for logistical reasons, may request a waiver for selection by submitting a written request prior to the mandatory Selection Trial to the Area Selectors who will then approve or disapprove the request based on the relevant facts and circumstances.

1. **Age Requirements** - Age is determined from January 1st of year of birth.
 NAJC: Rider must be between the ages of 14 and 18 years.
 CICOY: Rider must be between the ages of 16 and 21 years.
2. Applicants are required to be active members, in good standing, of the **2018 Area VI Young Rider program** and actively participate in Area VI Young Rider program individual and group fundraising initiatives.
3. Complete and submit the **Area VI NAJYRC Intent to Qualify & Questionnaire** ("Questionnaire"), and all supporting documents, to Area VI YR Coordinators between **January 31 - March 1, 2018**. (Note: this is **NOT** the formal Area Declaration and Application which **MUST** be filed with USEF by 12:00pm EDT on **March 1, 2018**). The Questionnaire is meant to help the Coach, Chef and Selectors identify early in the 2018 NAJYRC qualification/selection process who has thoughts about qualifying and what their competition plan looks like). *Continued...*

4. **Complete the Area Declaration and Application (and pay required fee) for either the NAJC or CICOY online and file with USEF no later than 12:00pm EDT on March 1, 2018.** The Application can be accessed by logging in to your Authorized User Account/Dashboard at USEF.org.
5. Attend **Young Rider Spring Camp** (NOT mandatory) to be held **March 10 - 11, 2018** at Twin Rivers Ranch, Paso Robles, CA.
6. NAJYRC applicants are required to compete at **TWO** of the following Mandatory Selection Events in Spring 2018:

Mar 30-Apr 01	Galway Downs International H.T. (Temecula, CA)
Apr 12-15	Twin Rivers CCI, CIC & H.T. (Paso Robles, CA)
May 25-27	The Spring Event at Woodside (Woodside, CA)

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7. **Fundraising is critical** and ALL candidates and grooms are required to participate in fundraising activities. Every candidate is responsible for raising \$500 and every groom is responsible for raising \$250. These individual fundraising requirements are due by June 15, 2018 and shall be turned in to the Area VI Coordinators. In addition to these individual fundraising requirements, Area VI Young Riders, as a whole, will be putting on various fundraisers leading up to the NAJYRC and all candidates and grooms are required to participate in these group fundraising activities.

8. **Volunteer hours** are required and must be documented. Each candidate and groom is required to perform a minimum of five (5) volunteer hours during the period beginning January 1, 2018 - June 15, 2018 (these hours are in addition to the ten (10) hours logged under the Area VI Young Rider general program). Hours can be worked in any increment - (1) hour at a time or all (5) at once. Suggested ways to satisfy volunteer hour requirements:

- jump judging at horse trials or 3 day events
- dressage scribing at horse trials or 3 day events
- score running at horse trials or 3 day events
- staffing Young Rider fundraisers or events

To receive credit for volunteer hours worked, you must fill out a "Volunteer Hours Form" (found on the Area VI Young Rider website) and have it signed by the appropriate person (show secretary, volunteer coordinator, etc.). The form must then be submitted to the Young Rider Volunteer Coordinator within (2) weeks from when the service(s) was performed. Hours can be worked by the candidate or groom, a family member or a trainer. While it is preferable that the candidate or groom log the majority of the volunteer hours, it is understood that show schedules do not always permit additional, available time. If a parent or guardian, responsible sibling, or trainer would like to volunteer instead, those hours can be credited to a candidate or groom account. **If you are using volunteer hours to earn Young Rider credit, you MUST not accept any other form of compensation...no schooling certificates, no entry deductions.**

9. Attend Mandatory **Young Rider Summer Camp** to be held **June 21 - 24, 2018** at Twin Rivers Ranch, Paso Robles, CA.

10. Membership/Registration Requirements:

FEI Registration for Horse and Rider
USEF, USEA and Area VI Young Rider
Horse owner required to be USEF member
Horse must be USEF recorded and fully registered with USEA

11. Additional Paperwork/Health Requirements:

FEI Passport
Horse Microchip
FEI Vaccination Requirements
USEF Vaccination Requirements

12. Meet **USEF/FEI Competition Requirements** as outlined below (**Deadline: June 21, 2018**):

Competition Requirements for NAJYRC: NAJC

- **Earn (1) MER at CCI* within Qualifying Period (January 1, 2017 – June 21, 2018)**
 - o Not more than 45 penalties in dressage
 - o A clear round xc at obstacles (1st activation of a frangible device (11 points) will still allow an MER)
 - o Not more than 75 seconds exceeding optimum time XC
 - o Not more than 16 jump penalties in show jumping

Competition Requirements for NAJYRC: CICOY**

- **Earn (1) MER at CIC** within Qualifying Period (January 1, 2017 – June 21, 2018)**
 - o Not more than 45 penalties in dressage
 - o A clear round xc at obstacles (1st activation of a frangible device (11 points) will still allow a MER)
 - o Not more than 75 seconds exceeding optimum time
 - o Not more than 16 jump penalties in show jumping

13. Area VI reserves the right to not send any qualified candidate(s) if any/all of the above additional requirements have not been met.

Definitions:

Minimum Eligibility Requirement (MER) A Minimum Eligibility Requirement is achieved by completing a Competition within minimum parameters of all round performance as follows: a) Dressage Test: not more than 45 penalty points. b) Cross Country Test: A clear round (0 penalties) at obstacles (**see Art. 520 for exception: activating a maximum of one frangible device will maintain the MER result on Cross Country**). Not more than 75 seconds exceeding the optimum time in the Cross Country Test for one, two and three star level Competitions and 100 seconds in the case of four star level Competitions. c) Jumping Test: not more than 16 penalties at obstacles. NOTE 1: All MERs obtained in previous years will be counted according to the rules in place at that time. **(2018 Eventing Rules, updated 01 December 2017)**

BOLDNESS - whether the athlete/horse combination moves forward with confidence, aggression, and vigor demonstrating a positive attitude. When presented with a question (any situation that the athlete/horse must answer to successfully negotiate the test, i.e. an obstacle, change of terrain, handling crowds, jumping into water, etc.) does the athlete/horse combination answer the question with the same positive attitude?

RIDEABILITY - whether the horse in all three tests (dressage, cross country and stadium jumping) responds readily to the aids (directions) of the athlete/rider as a result of his/her training; whether he/she moves forward, slows down, turns, and jumps any obstacle with composure, obedience, and confidence.

SPEED - evidence that the athlete/horse combination shows the ability to complete the 2018 NAJC/CICOY distances at the speed demanded.

FITNESS - whether the horse demonstrates a preparedness to handle the physical rigors of the event for which selection is being made.

Nominated Entries:

In accordance with the USEF Selection Procedure, Area VI shall submit a list of athlete/horse combinations up to (18) athletes and horses (the "Nominated Entry") to USEF by no later than: **TBD**

Definite Entries:

In accordance with the USEF Selection Procedure, Area VI Selectors will meet after the last designated Mandatory Selection Trial but no later than the date (**TBD**) for submission of definite entries to evaluate applicants and name up to the maximum number of athlete/horse combinations to be entered under the Definite Schedule for the 2018 NAJYRC (the "Squad"). The Squad must be chosen by a majority vote of the selectors.

Declaration of Starters:

Once at the 2018 NAJYRC venue, and after the first horse inspection and cross-country inspection, the Chef d'Equipe will declare the team of four athlete/horse combinations and the two individual athlete/horse combinations for the Championships.