



2018 North American Junior & Young Rider Championships (“NAJYRC”)

Area VI Announcement

[Welcome to all prospective NAJYRC 2018 Candidates & Families!](#)

...and thank you for your interest in the NAJYRC branch of our Area VI Young Rider program.

As this year’s competition season draws to a close, we would like to first offer our sincerest appreciation and gratitude to everyone that supported, financial or otherwise, our Young Riders in 2017. Riders, grooms, families, friends, coaches, organizers, coordinators, volunteers, sponsors...all worked diligently to help our NAJYRC teams experience the challenge, pressure and excitement of international team competition. Your efforts and contributions helped make dreams come true...

- our CH-J* girls (Mallory Hogan, Delaney Vaden, Isabella Downen & Kaley Sapper) won Team **GOLD**;
- Mallory Hogan won an **Individual Bronze** medal in the CH-J*; and
- Madison Temkin won the inaugural **Connecting Coasts Award** for top placing CICOY** West Coast Young Rider at NAJYRC, offered by Jennie Branigan.

Now it is time to start planning for next year’s Championships!

Once again, NAJYRC 2018 will be held concurrently with The Event at Rebecca Farm in Kalispell, Montana, July 20-22, 2018. We are thrilled to announce that both Rebecca Braitling & Lauren Billys will be returning in their roles as Team Coach and Chef d'Equipe, respectively. Bec and Lauren delivered a dynamic coaching/training experience to all of our Young Riders throughout the 2017 season at both camps and clinics. They worked closely with our NAJYRC team selectors and saw to it that all of our candidates were well-prepared for the challenge of team competition at Championships. Bec & Lauren look forward to building on past successes and strengthening those areas which proved most challenging.

As the new Young Rider Coordinators for the 2018 season, we look forward to working with and getting to know all of the prospective riders and their families. We both have gone through the process of sending daughters to Championships so we hope to provide you with informative and effective communication as well as a certain transparency when it comes to NAJYRC 2018 finances. With that being said, please know that fundraising (both group and individual) will continue to be a **HUGE** factor in our program. In 2017, our fundraising achievements helped offset many expenses such as team accommodations, meals, and entry fees. We want to make sure that happens again so we need your help at every level...volunteering, supporting fellow young riders and **fundraising**. Make no mistake, getting our Young Riders to Championships in Montana is going to be expensive and while our current fundraising model has yet to generate enough funds to cover 100% of the cost of attending Championships it has, in the past, greatly reduced the per rider obligation for families if fundraising targets are met. At the time prospective candidates fill out their Area VI NAJYRC 2018 Application & Questionnaire, parents will be provided with an overview of anticipated expenses and what it may cost based on previous years' outings. Also this year, candidate's parents/guardians will be required to sit on, and actively participate in, the **Young Rider Fundraising Committee** so, that by the time we are ready to head to Championships, everyone involved will have a clear understanding of what is to be expected.

The NAJYRC is often regarded as the pinnacle of a young rider's achievement and, from very early on, many young riders see this as a potential goal for themselves as they progress through the levels of competition. We look forward to sharing this extraordinary experience with you!

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have.

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**IMPORTANT NOTE: ALL AREA VI NAJYRC 2018 APPLICATIONS FOR BOTH RIDERS AND GROOMS MUST BE SUBMITTED PRIOR TO JANUARY 31, 2018...NO EXCEPTIONS!!
LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**