

2018 North American Junior & Young Rider Championships (“NAJYRC”)
Rebecca Farm, Kalispell, MT July 20-22, 2018



Area VI Selectors and Selection Procedure:

Area VI Coach:	Rebecca Braitting
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)**. Final selection criteria will be provided by Area VI to all candidates upon receipt of same from USEF. Candidates may use the 2017 USEF criteria as a guide to anticipated 2018 requirements (some changes in the 2018 criteria are anticipated). The 2017 criteria included the following:

- The overall performance and soundness of the athlete/horse combination in various Horse Trials and/or CCI's and/or CICs held within the Qualifying Period. Priority will be given to those designated as "Mandatory 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 Selection Procedure

* **The complete selection procedure for the CICOY Nations Cup and the NAJC can be found (TBD).**

Additional Area VI NAJYRC 2018 Selection Procedures:

1. Attendance at two (2) of the three (3) **mandatory Selection Trials:**
 - **Galway Downs International H.T.** (Temecula, CA), March 30-April 01, 2018
 - **Twin Rivers CCI, CIC & H.T.** (Paso Robles, CA), April 12-15, 2018
 - **The Spring Event at Woodside** (Woodside, CA) May 25-27, 2018

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.

2. **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.

3. **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.**

4.. 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:

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 NAJYRC 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.