



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*;
- 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.



2018 North American Junior & Young Rider Championships CH-J* & CICOY**

Rebecca Farm, Kalispell, MT July 20-22, 2018

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

USEA Area VI NAJYRC 2018 Application & Questionnaire

If you are planning to qualify for a place on the USEA Area VI 2018 North American Junior & Young Rider Championships ("NAJYRC") Eventing Teams (CH-J* & CICOY**) please fill out this [Area VI NAJYRC Application & Questionnaire](#) (the "Application"). **This is NOT the formal FEI "Intent to Qualify" and "Area Declaration" form which will need to be filed with the United States Equestrian Federation ("USEF") prior to (TBD).** This Application is submitted in order to assist the Team Coach, Chef and Selectors in identifying, early in the 2018 NAJYRC qualification/selection process, who has thoughts about qualifying and what their overall training, competition plan looks like. The completed Application, together with all required supporting documents, must be submitted via email to: **Kristin Hogan, Area VI Young Rider Coordinator khogan@sonic.net on or before January 31, 2018 in order for a rider to be considered for 2018 team selection. Applications that are late or incomplete will NOT be accepted.**

Looking forward, there will be a formal FEI application, which will need to be filed with USEF prior to (TBD), as well as other deadlines which, as of now, have not been made available to us from the FEI/USEF. As that information becomes available to us we will be updating forms and other documentation on the Area VI Young Rider website (<http://areavi.org/programs/area-vi-young-riders/>) **so be sure to check our page frequently.**

Also, be sure to check the [Area VI Team Calendar, Requirements & Resources](#) and the [Area VI Selectors and Selection Procedure](#) both of which are located on our website, for a comprehensive overview of NAJYRC Team selection processes and requirements. Start getting your information together and organized EARLY making sure all documentation is COMPLETE and UP-TO-DATE...

- **Rider:** USEA membership, USEF membership, FEI registration, USEA Area VI membership;
- **Horse:** FEI passport, USEA registration, USEF life recording, FEI/USEF vaccinations (FEI & Montana).

Submission deadlines come up fast and you don't want to be caught unprepared!

RIDER INFORMATION:

Rider Name: _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Shirt Size _____ Helmet Brand: _____ Helmet Size _____

Level applying for: _____ CH-J* _____ CICOY** Area Declaration *: _____

** A competitor's area is determined by their address as listed with the USEA and USEF membership files. (If outside of Area VI, please attach explanation)*

Previous NAJYRC Experience (rider/groom): _____

RIDER INFORMATION (continued):

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address (if different from above):

Parent/Guardian: Cell Phone # _____ Email _____

HIGHEST level Rider has competed: _____

Current competition level: _____

USEF# _____

USEA# _____

FEI# _____

Trainer Name _____

Trainer Cell Phone # _____ Email _____

* NOTE: There will be many communications that both Rider and Parent/Guardian are going to be responsible for reading and taking action on leading up to NAJYRC 2018. Our commitment to you is to communicate clearly and with advance notice to the best of our ability. The responsibility of each of the Rider and Parent/Guardian will be to read and respond in the time frame indicated. Failure to complete a required piece of documentation or respond to us in a timely manner because you did not know is not a valid excuse. In order for us all to be successful in communicating please let us know what is the best way to contact and/or correspond with each of the Rider and Parent/Guardian:

Rider (call, text, or email...best time of day: AM or PM) _____

Parent/Guardian (call, text, or email...best time of day: AM or PM) _____

HORSE INFORMATION: List ALL horses you wish to be considered. (Attach additional sheets if necessary):

Name: _____

Breed: _____

Age: _____ Color: _____ Height: _____ Gender: _____

HIGHEST level Horse has competed: _____

Current competition level: _____

USEF# _____

USEA# _____

FEI Passport # _____

HORSE OWNER (of record) INFORMATION (if different from Rider):

Name: _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone #: _____ Email: _____

USEF #: _____ USEA #: _____

*** Drug testing has become a point of focus in equestrian sport, especially at the FEI level of competition, and it will be happening with greater frequency. ANY rider and/or horse competing at the FEI levels is subject to random drug testing at any given show. To help you become informed with what substances are illegal for competitors we urge you to visit Global DRO and download their app for your mobile device. You can enter any medications (prescriptions and/or over-the-counter) you are taking to see if they are on the banned list of substances. Among other commonly used drugs, certain prescription inhalers, often used to treat asthma, are on the “banned” list but exceptions can be obtained through the FEI using the appropriate procedure...this **MUST** be done well in advance of the competition season.**

RIDER MEDICATIONS (prescription and over-the-counter) (attach additional sheet(s) if necessary :

HORSE MEDICATIONS (prescription and over-the-counter) (attach additional sheet(s) if necessary:

2018 Area VI Young Rider Program Membership

- Please attach evidence of membership **print out via your USEA online account**

2017-2018 Competition Results- Rider(January 2017-Present)

- Please attach most recent and complete USEA Rider Results **print out via your USEA online account**

2017-2018 Competition Results- Horse (January 2017-Present)

- Please attach most recent and complete USEA Horse Results **print out via your USEA online account**

2018 Proposed Competition Schedule: List event name, date and level to compete at (attach additional sheets if necessary)

2018 Conditioning Schedule (attach additional sheets if necessary):

2018 Proposed Lesson Program (attach additional sheets if necessary):

2018 Proposed Clinics (attach additional sheets if necessary):

2018 Fundraising (Candidate): 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 he 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.

• Ideas I have for fundraising (attach additional sheets if necessary):

2018 Fundraising (Parent/Guardian): By submitting the Area VI NAJYRC 2018 Application, Parents/Guardians agree to become active members of the **Young Rider NAJYRC Fundraising Committee** to help secure the funds needed to get our teams to Championships at Rebecca Farm, Kalispell, Montana, July 20-22, 2018. Several sponsors will be needed to help outfit the team riders and grooms and/or provide donations to help with the expenses incurred in sending teams to Championships. Do you or your parent/guardian have ideas or personal relationships with companies and/or other businesses that could be contacted with respect to providing sponsorships? If so, please provide a list of names and types of businesses and the type of donations possible: clothing, rider/horse gear, cash, travel accommodations, other? (Attach additional sheets if necessary):

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

By completing & signing this Application, I hereby declare my intent to qualify for and compete at the NAJYRC 2018 to be held at **Rebecca Farm, Kalispell, MT, July 20-22, 2018.**

Further, I do hereby agree to the following terms & conditions:

I am aware that the USEF **Selection Procedure** for both the **2018 North American Junior Championships (Eventing)** and the **2018 CICOY Nations Cup (Eventing)**, which are being held at Rebecca Farm, Kalispell, MT July 20-22, 2018 will be applicable to my application and ultimate eligibility. 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) but it is your responsibility to ensure you qualify for the 2018 NAJYRC once the final USEF criteria is published.

I understand that in addition to the USEF criteria, Area VI has outlined the regional program requirements (in both the **Area VI Selectors and Selection Procedures** and the **USEA Area VI Team Calendar, Requirements and Resources**) for consideration for 2018 NAJYRC Team selection and I have read and understand the application and selection process outlined therein. I further understand that Area VI reserves the right to not consider any candidate who fails to meet all of the stated requirements.

I understand that Area VI reserves the right to make modifications to the 2018 NAJYRC program if needed, and as a candidate, I understand that I will be advised of any changes to said program. Candidates will receive communications to the email address listed in this Application.

I understand that this Application is NOT the formal FEI application which will need to be filed with USEF sometime later in the Spring, and that this Application is being submitted in order to assist the Area VI Team Coach, Chef and Selectors in identifying early in the 2018 NAJYRC qualification/selection process who has thoughts about qualifying and what their overall competition plan looks like.

I understand this is a team competition and, as such, there are activities leading up to NAJYRC where mandatory attendance is required: YR Candidates clinics, YR Camps, any other YR training sessions deemed necessary by the Area VI Team Coach. Also required is a minimum of (15) recorded volunteer hours. *(continued...)*

I agree to compete at (2) of the (3) mandatory YR Selection Trials in the Spring of 2018. **Mandatory Selection Trials** for 2018 are: (i) **Galway Downs International H.T.** (Mar 30-Apr 1, Temecula, CA), (ii) **Twin Rivers CCI, CIC & H.T.** (Apr 12-15, Paso Robles, CA), and (iii) **The Spring Event at Woodside** (May 25-27, Woodside, CA).

I understand that, to be part of a team, I must cooperate and work well with others: Coach, Chef, teammates, grooms, vets. I also understand that my personal coach will be invited to attend championships but will not be allowed in the competition barns.

I agree to participate fully in fundraisers and agree to personally raise \$500.00 (by June 15, 2018) which will be put directly towards the team & NAJYRC.

I understand that the Area VI Team equipment distributed in connection with NAJYRC needs to be cared for and returned in good condition. I assume full financial responsibility for any damaged or missing items in my charge.

I have read both the **USEF Code of Conduct** (the "USEF Code") and the **2018 Code of Conduct and Guidelines and Rules for Area VI Young Riders for NAJYRC Qualification and Participation** (the "Area VI Code") and I understand and agree to be bound by them. **Fully executed copies of both the USEF Code of Conduct and the 2018 Code of Conduct and Guidelines and Rules for Area VI Young Riders for NAJYRC Qualification and Participation must be attached to this Application.** I further acknowledge that any misconduct as outlined in the USEF Code and Area VI Code, will result in immediate expulsion from the NAJYRC and the possible, subsequent termination of my Young Rider membership. I accept full financial responsibility for any damages caused by my misconduct.

Application and all supporting documentation **MUST** be in by midnight, January 31, 2018. **NO** late or incomplete Applications will be accepted. Candidates and parents/guardians understand the responsibility for ensuring your Application is complete and has been received by Area VI Young Rider Coordinator, Kristin Hogan, by the deadline is yours. Kristin can be reached at: (707) 486-0005 for confirmation of receipt or via email at: (khogan@sonic.net)

Date _____
Rider Signature

As Parent/Guardian of Rider, I hereby acknowledge & accept the conditions outlined above regarding qualification for and participation at NAJYRC 2018 for Area VI. Further, I accept full financial responsibility for any and all damage caused by Rider's misconduct. **I agree to participate fully in fundraisers and agree to be an active member of the Young Rider NAJYRC Fundraising Committee.**

Date _____
Parent/Guardian Signature

Date _____
Parent/Guardian Signature

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 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)**. 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 CCIs 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.

Requirements to Earn Eligibility to Represent Area VI at NAJYRC:

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. **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 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 (See: **Area VI Supplemental Information (Finances & Fundraising)** located on the Area VI Young Rider website).
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5. Complete and submit the **Area VI NAJYRC Application & Questionnaire**, and all supporting documents, to Area VI YR Coordinators by **January 31, 2018**. (Note: this is **NOT** the formal "Intent to Qualify" and "Area Declaration" both of which will be required FEI filings prior to **TBD**). The Area VI NAJYRC Application & Questionnaire are 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). **Late and/or incomplete submissions will NOT be accepted.** *Continued...*

6. Complete the FEI “**Intent to Qualify**” and “**Area Declaration**” forms and file with USEF prior to **(TBD)**. (Note: athletes who are temporarily residing in another Area - working student, college, etc. - MUST declare which Area he/she will compete for). **Forms can be accessed by logging in to your Authorized User Account/Dashboard at USEF.org and clicking on “Event Applications” tab, followed by “Eventing, 2018 NAJC/CICY Championship Applications”.**

7. Submit FEI “**Application**” to USEF by **(TBD)**, together with **USEF Code of Conduct** form. (Note: Athletes wishing to represent Area VI at the NAJYRC **MUST** complete and submit this Application along with the \$25 fee payable to USEF). **Forms can be accessed by logging in to your Authorized User Account/Dashboard at USEF.org and clicking on “Event Applications” tab, followed by “Eventing, 2018 NAJC/CICY Championship Applications”.**

8. Attend mandatory **Young Rider Spring Camp** to be held **March 10 - 11, 2018** at Twin Rivers Ranch, Paso Robles, CA.

9. 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)

10. Submit **12-month complete competition record** (June 1, 2017 - May 30, 2018) to YR Coordinators by **June 1, 2018**.

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

11. Membership/Registration Requirements (see Resources below for links):
 - 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

12. Additional Paperwork/Health Requirements (see **Resources** below for links):
 - FEI Passport
 - Horse Microchip
 - FEI Vaccination Requirements
 - USEF Vaccination Requirements

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

Competition Requirements for NAJYRC: CH-J*

- **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

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)**

Stay Informed in Area VI:

- Website: <http://areavi.org/programs/area-vi-young-riders/>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Area-6-Young-Riders-217296981744760/>

Resources

NAJYRC Official Website- <http://youngriders.org/Eventing.aspx>

Selection Procedures- <https://www.usef.org/compete/disciplines/eventing/emerging-athlete-program/2017-najyrc>

[**CIC/CCI Qualification & Minimum Eligibility Requirements- go to page 38**](#)

[**Minimum Eligibility Requirements for Championships & Games - got to page 40**](#)

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Area VI Resources (continued):

[What is a Minimum Eligibility Requirement-](#) **go to page 37**

Horse Passports- <https://inside.fei.org/fei/veterinarians/passports/key-documents>

Horse Microchipping- <https://inside.fei.org/fei/your-role/veterinarians/passports/microchips>

FEI Vaccination Requirements- **go to page 36** <https://inside.fei.org/sites/default/files/VRs%202017%20-%20Clean%20Version.pdf>

USEF Vaccination Requirements- <https://www.usef.org/forms-pubs/ANcxoLX1gNs/equine-vaccination-rule-gr845>

USEF Drugs & Medications Guidelines- <https://www.usef.org/compete/resources-forms/rules-regulations/drugs-medications>

[Global DRO](#) (Anti-Doping Agency)

FEI Rider/Horse Registrations https://www.usef.org/_IFrames/competitions/feiReg.aspx

Owner must be active USEF Member and US Citizen https://www.usef.org/_iframes/memberservices/membership/joinrenew.aspx



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Area VI Supplemental Information (Finances & Fundraising):

If you are reading this, let us be the first to congratulate both you (Parent/Guardian) and your Young Rider! A LOT of time, energy, hard work and MONEY have gone into getting you here to the point where the NAJYRC is even a consideration. Often regarded as the pinnacle of a Young Rider’s equestrian achievement, the NAJYRC is also recognized as the official Junior Olympics for Equestrian Sport by the United States Olympic Committee. The NAJYRC is the first opportunity for most Young Riders, as aspiring upper level riders, to experience the challenge, pressure, and excitement of team international competition but it comes with a hefty price tag.

A common assumption for parents who have not gone through the “Championships” process before is that the goods and services (apparel, tack, coaching) received by the team candidates have been donated. This is simply NOT true. While Area VI Young Riders (an affiliate of the United States Eventing Association, Inc., hereinafter referred to as “Young Riders”) anticipate receiving some donations, most items/services will need to be purchased, often at a discount, on our riders’ behalf. Young Riders, in turn, will make every effort to off-set some of the costs associated with sending teams to NAJYRC through group fundraising activities leading up to the event. Any costs not covered will ultimately fall on the families of those riders who will be attending the NAJYRC. With that being said, active participation in all group fundraising activities is CRITICAL.

In 2017, the NAJYRC was held, concurrently, with The Event at Rebecca Farm in Kalispell, Montana which meant that our Area VI riders & families shared the task of transporting the horses to the Championships venue which eliminated the need for commercial transportation (which has been used in the past to get horses to Kentucky when the hosting venue was the Kentucky Horse Park as well as to Colorado when the venue was the Colorado Horse Park)). Not having to pay for commercial transportation is a huge benefit. The 2018 NAJYRC will once again be held at Rebecca Farm so we look forward to taking that item off of our list of anticipated expenses. Items that will be on the list: team housing/ accommodations, coaching & travel fees, veterinary expenses, event transportation (golf carts), team apparel & merchandise, event entry fees, meals for Coach, Chef, riders and grooms (with the exception of dinners which are donated and prepared by parents/families at the team house). There are numerous other expenses that will be incurred by each family leading up to the event. These include, but are not limited to (2) mandatory camps (March & June) for candidates & grooms, FEI application fees, jog attire, and miscellaneous items (in 2017, each rider was required to purchase IV fluids for their horse prior to arriving at the venue). Moving forward, expenses can vary depending on equipment/tack needs, event venue, etc. and final cost per family can be greatly affected by how successfully we fundraise. While our current fundraising model has yet to generate enough funds to cover 100% of the cost of attending the NAJYRC it has, in the past, greatly reduced the per rider obligation for families if fundraising targets are met. For 2017, the cost per rider, before and after fundraising benefits were applied:

NAJYRC 2017			
Actual Cost Per Rider	\$5,196.00		
Group Fundraising Benefit Per Rider	(2,696.00)		
Final Obligation Per Rider	\$2,500.00		

Please note that the numbers above are for last year’s event and are included here to simply give you an idea of what NAJYRC can cost per family. The \$2,500/rider final financial obligation for 2017 should in no way be construed as a set cost for 2018.

In 2018, Young Riders are planning the following group fundraisers with a total fundraising target of \$10,000:

- Live auction at the Fresno County Horse Park CIC & H.T. (Saturday, Feb. 17th)
- Buy-In Party at the Twin Rivers CCI & H.T. (Friday, April 13th)
- Pancake breakfast at the Twin Rivers CCI & H.T. (Sunday, April 15th)
- Silent auction at the Twin Rivers CCI & H.T. (Thursday, April 12th - Sunday, April 15th)

ALL 2018 NAJYRC candidates (riders & grooms) and their families are required to participate in these group fundraisers. Participation will be tracked and failure to participate may not only act as a discredit for candidates during the selection process but will also ultimately result in a reduction(s) in the "Group Fundraising Benefit" realized by the rider/family with respect to the final financial obligation due following the completion of NAJYRC. In addition to group fundraising, every rider 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 Young Rider Coordinators. Finally, all rider candidates are encouraged to engage in their own personal fundraising activities, such as local bake sales, personal outreach to family and friends, etc., the monies raised from which can be used to offset the final NAJYRC bill per rider.

We hope the information contained herein gives you a better understanding as to the financial expectations associated with NAJYRC. While getting to and paying for NAJYRC may seem like a daunting proposition, please know that it is a process, one that takes shape over the course of six months, and with good information and proper planning and preparation we all can work together to make it a successful, exciting and FUN journey. As always, we welcome your input and ideas with respect to fundraising and we are available to answer any questions and/or address any concerns you may have.

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CODE OF CONDUCT and GUIDELINES AND RULES FOR AREA VI YOUNG RIDERS FOR NAJYRC QUALIFICATION AND PARTICIPATION



CODE OF CONDUCT

As an area VI Young Rider and possible North American Junior & Young Rider (“NAJYRC”) participant, I acknowledge my obligation to uphold and adhere to the highest standards of horsemanship, sportsmanship, and citizenship whenever I am representing both Area VI and its Young Rider Program at any Area VI event, events outside Area VI and/or abroad, whether as a team member, individual competitor, and/or horse owner and whether during actual competition or other related events such as selection trials, training sessions, clinics, camps, etc.

As a horseman, I will place my horse’s welfare above all other considerations and faithfully observe the United States Eventing Association (“USEA”), the United States Equestrian Federation (“USEF”) and the Federation Equestre Internationale (“FEI”) Codes of Conduct, as well as this Area VI Code of Conduct and Guidelines and Rules for Area VI Young Riders for NAJYRC Qualification and Participation (“Area VI Code”).

As a sportsman, I will know and comply with this Area VI Code as well as with the USEF as my National Governing Body and the FEI as the International Governing Body, and honor the principles of fair play inherent in them. I will place the interests of the team above my own, and respect the decisions of its duly appointed/elected officials, selectors, coaches, chef d’equipe, team veterinarians, and coordinators made in the Area VI Young Rider Program’s best interest.

Knowing that, as an Area VI Young Rider, I also serve as an ambassador for my sport, USEF, and Area VI, as well as my country, I will endeavor at all times to reflect positively and with credit on them through my attitude, conduct, and dress.

I clearly acknowledge my responsibility to ensure that my family, friends, grooms, etc. who accompany me whenever I am participating in or competing at any event, and/or representing Area VI at any event, also abide by this Area VI Code.

I understand and accept that any serious or repeated transgressions of this Area VI Code may be grounds for suspension from a team or consideration to be on a team or from participation in any Area VI NAJYRC preparation or training session. In addition, I agree to abide by selection procedures established by the Area VI Young Rider program whenever applicable.

Finally, I fully understand that I will not be considered for NAJYRC team or individual competition and that my NAJYRC Application/Letter of Intent will not be complete until this Area VI Code has been read, fully executed and submitted to the Area VI Coordinators.

GUIDELINES AND RULES FOR NAJYRC QUALIFICATION AND PARTICIPATION

While qualification and participation in the NAJYRC and other Young Rider activities is an integral part of the Area VI Young Rider program, the development of a team approach and participation for all is the ultimate goal. It is a privilege to be a part of the Young Rider program and in this program both safety, as well as the health and welfare of the horse, are of paramount concern.

As this is a TEAM program, all activities are promoted through a team approach which includes riders, grooms, veterinary staff, coaches, chef, instructors, selectors, coordinators, and all Area VI staff, as well as sponsors, donors and venue management. An element of camaraderie, cooperation and respect for each member of the team shall be deemed essential to the success of the team and its activities. Any conduct, speech or statement, presentation, or violation of rules and regulations established by authority which impacts the team mission of the program, that creates a negative environment, that threatens, diminishes, or devastates the integrity of the team, the Young Rider program and/or any of its individual members will NOT be tolerated and may be subject to disciplinary action.

Examples of misconduct shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Disrespectful language, attitude or negative words to or about any other member of the team;
- The use of social media to express any discontent or anger towards the Young Rider program or any member of the team;
- Any physical act or disobedience that disrupts due process or which is prohibited by law, including, but not limited to: theft, acts of dishonesty, or the possession/consumption of age-restricted products by minors, or illegal substances of any kind;
- Use of language and/or accompanying gesture that may be offensive to any other party;
- Wearing of any attire, or lack thereof, deemed dangerous, offensive or inappropriate by Area VI staff.

Violation of USEA or Area VI rules and guidelines, including Area VI financial guidelines, USEF, FEI and venue rules will NOT be tolerated. Lack of understanding or familiarity with said rules/guidelines shall not be considered an acceptable excuse for non-compliance.

No party or rider may create or endorse any Young Rider fundraising or other activity that is not offered to and applied equally to all participants and other qualified parties.

Disciplinary action will be determined by the Area VI Chairman, in consultation with the Area VI Council, and may include restriction or expulsion from individual activities or the Young Rider program in its entirety.

OTHER GUIDELINES FOR NAJYRC PARTICIPATION

After potential NAJYRC candidates submit their Application/Letter of Intent to Area VI Coordinators in January, they must keep Area VI Coach, Chef, Coordinators and Selectors apprised of their proposed competition schedule from Application date until NAJYRC competition (unless they withdraw their name from team consideration), updating said schedule as changes are made and discussing possible competition schedules with their personal trainer as well as Area VI Coach.

As an NAJYRC candidate, Young Riders must put their personal safety, as well as the health and welfare of their horse(s), first and foremost in planning their competition schedule and attempting to obtain the necessary qualifications for NAJYRC competition.

As an NAJYRC candidate, Young Riders must understand the sponsorship process and take personal responsibility for acknowledging, showing appreciation, supporting and promoting those companies, businesses and individuals that donate products, services, time and/or funds to the Young Rider program.

Personal trainers/coaches are welcome to attend the NAJYRC competition, but will NOT be allowed in the barns and they must communicate with the Area VI Coach concerning competition schedule and coaching.

Signature(s) below indicate(s) full understanding and acceptance of this **Code of Conduct and Guidelines and Rules for Area VI Young Riders for NAJYRC Qualification and Participation**. I agree to conduct myself in accordance with these requirements.

Participant signature*

Date

Participant Name (please print)

Parent, Guardian, or Responsible Party Signature* (for minors)

Date

Parent, Guardian, or Responsible Party name (please print)

*Parents, Guardian, or Responsible Parties must also execute a separate form as Participants acknowledging their personal understanding, acceptance and compliance.