



AREA VI YOUNG RIDERS

2018 North American Junior & Young Rider Championships ("NAJYRC")

Groom (Overview)

The **North American Junior & Young Rider Championships ("NAJYRC")** are held annually in the summer. The NAJYRC is the pinnacle of a young rider's equestrian achievement. Teams from all areas of the U.S. as well as from Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, the Bahamas and the Caribbean are invited to compete in this international championship event. Special invitations have also included countries from South America. The NAJYRC is also recognized as the official Junior Olympics for Equestrian Sport by the United States Olympic Committee. In the Eventing competition, each area will send a team (and select individuals) to represent their area, as designated within the United States Eventing Association. From very early on, many young riders see this as a potential goal for themselves as they progress through the levels of competition.

Area VI Young Riders have done very well in recent years! In 2017, one of our CH-YR** riders placed 4th in a very competitive field of eighteen starters and our CH-J* team brought home the **Team Gold Medal** while one team member earned an additional individual **Bronze Medal**. In 2013 and 2015 Area VI had riders finish in the top 10. In 2012, our CH-YR** team brought home **Team Gold**. In 2011, our CH-J* team brought home the **Team Silver Medal** – with two of our riders finishing in the Top 10. In 2010, our CH-J* team brought home the **Team Gold Medal**, while our CH-YR** team earned the **Team Silver Medal**. Also in 2010, Area VI won BOTH the CH-YR** and CH-J* **Individual Gold**. NAJYRC 2009 saw another CH-YR** **Individual Gold** for Area VI, a CH-YR** **Team Gold** and a CH-J* **Bronze**. NAJYRC 2008 saw Area VI achieve double **Gold** at the CH-YR** level.

In 2018, the NAJYRC will be held at Rebecca Farm, Kalispell, MT, July 20-22, 2018. Area VI expects to send two full teams (CH-J* and CICOY**). We also hope to send up to two additional individuals at each level.

Current Area VI Young Riders who are interested in grooming at NAJYRC are encouraged to let us know. The number of grooms that will attend NAJYRC depends on the number of riders going.. Age, experience, work ethic and sportsmanship are all criteria for being chosen to be a groom at NAJYRC. As with all Area VI rider candidates, if all factors are equal between two groom candidates, the participation of each in other Area VI Young Rider programs or activities (i.e. fundraising, securing of team sponsorship, etc.) may be considered.

IMPORTANT NOTE TO RIDER CANDIDATES: Any rider candidate wishing to be considered for a groom position (if not selected to ride) is required to send in (via email) an Area VI 2018 NAJYRC Groom Application to Area VI Young Rider Coordinator, Kristin Hogan (khogan@sonic.net) no later than January 31, 2018. A rider candidate's individual fundraising commitment of \$500 by June 15, 2018 supersedes any further fundraising requirement as outlined in the Groom Application.

Groom Qualifications:

- Current member of Area VI Young Rider program;
- MUST have eventing experience...preferably at the Preliminary level or above;
- Preference given for individuals who have groomed/competed at FEI or 3-Day events;
- Must attend Area VI Spring Camp (March 10-11, 2018) and Summer Camp (June 21-24, 2018) both @ Twin Rivers Ranch, Paso Robles, CA;
- Be able to travel to NAJYRC for a week in July 2018 (dates TBD)...All grooms' transportation & accommodation expenses are covered by Area VI Young Rider program and meals throughout the event are provided by Area VI team families and the event organizer. Grooms are encouraged to bring pocket money for snacking and small item purchases at event;
- Grooms are supplied with team apparel (polo shirts, XC shirts, jackets, etc.) at no charge;
- MUST participate fully in all YR fundraisers and agree to personally raise \$250.00 by June 15, 2018 which monies will be put directly towards the Area VI teams and NAJYRC;
- MUST be a hard worker, team player and have a good sense of humor;
- Provide a trainer, Pony Club or barn owner reference with Application;
- In order to drive one of the team golf carts used at NAJYRC you MUST have a current & valid drivers' license.

Individuals interested in becoming an Area VI NAJYRC Groom should complete the attached Groom Application and submit prior to deadline on March 1, 2018. NAJYRC grooms will be announced on June 5, 2018.

Questions??? Contact Area VI Chef d'Equipe, Lauren Billys (laurenbillys@yahoo.com)



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2018 GROOM APPLICATION

*Submit applications via email to YR Coordinator, Kristin Hogan (khogan@sonic.net)
NO LATER than March 1, 2018*

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

USEA#: _____ Shirt Size: _____

Home Ph#: _____ CellPh#: _____

Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Address (if different from above):

Parent/Guardian: Ph# _____ Cell# _____

Parent/Guardian Email : _____

Trainer Name: _____ Trainer Ph# _____

Eventing experience (may attach additional sheet(s) if necessary):

Grooming experience (may attach additional sheet(s) if necessary):

Why you would like to be considered for a Groom position at NAJYRC 2018 (may attach additional sheet(s) if necessary):

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

I have read and understand the terms of the application and selection process as outlined in this application document.

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

I understand that attendance at the Area VI YR Spring Camp (March 10-11, 2018) and the Summer Camp (June 21-24, 2018) (both at Twin Rivers Ranch in Paso Robles, CA) is MANDATORY and I will be required to participate in YR group fundraising events throughout the 2017 program.

I understand that, if I am selected to attend the 2018 NAJYRC as an Area VI groom, my housing accommodations and meals at the event in Kalispell, MT will be made and paid for by the Area VI Young Riders.

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 that 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)

I recognize that participation at NAJYRC 2018 as a Groom for the Area VI team is a privilege and I hereby agree to abide by the United States Eventing Federation's ("USEF") **Code of Conduct** ("Code") as well as the **Code of Conduct and Guidelines and Rules for Area VI Young Riders for NAJYRC Qualification and Participation** (the "Area VI Code"). I further acknowledge that any misconduct, as outlined in the Code and Area VI Code, will result in immediate expulsion from the NAJYRC and the subsequent possible termination of my Young Rider membership. I accept full financial responsibility for any damages caused by my misconduct. **I agree to participate fully in fundraisers and agree to personally raise \$250.00 (by June 15, 2018) which will be put directly towards the team & NAJYRC.**

_____ Date _____

Rider Signature

As Parent/Guardian of Groom applicant, I hereby acknowledge & accept the conditions outlined above regarding participation at NAJYRC 2018 as a Groom for the Area VI team. Further, I accept full financial responsibility for any and all damage caused by Rider's misconduct.

_____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature