

Selection Process for Area IV for the 2009 North American Junior and Young Riders Championship Three-Day Event

The United States Eventing Association (USEA) Area IV Young Rider Eventing Committee, with the approval of the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (USEF), will oversee the selection process. The selection process will be subject to review by the USEF Executive Committee and subject at all times to oversight and supervision by USEF, as the National Governing Body for the sport. This will ensure that final determinations and selections are carried out according to the approved procedures. The 2009 NAJYRC will be held in Lexington, Kentucky, July 22-26, 2009.

I. APPLICATION

Athletes wishing to be considered for the 2009 Area IV Young Riders Three-Day Event Team for the NAJYRC must complete an application (attached) and return it to

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Applications may be received by mail, hand-delivery, fax, or e-mail on or before June 1, 2009.

**NO APPLICATION SHALL BE ACCEPTED UNLESS RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE
June 1, 2009**

Criteria to Apply: In order for an application to be accepted, the following criteria must be met:

1. The Athlete must be a U.S. Citizen and in compliance with FEI Article 123 (General Regulations) at the time of the application, selection, and until the conclusion of the 2009 North American Junior and Young Riders Championship.
2. **An Athlete for the CH-Y**** must be 16-21 years of age, born between January 1, 1988 and December 31, 1993.

An Athlete for the CH-J* must be 14-18 years of age, born between January 1, 1991 and December 31, 1995.
3. The Athlete must be a current member in good standing (from the date of the application through the end of the NAJYRC) of the USEA and USEF, have current FEI registration and be a current member in good standing of Area IV Young Riders for 2009.
4. An Athlete's Area is determined by the Athlete's legal address as recorded in the USEA and USEF databases at the time the application is received; however if the entities have conflicting addresses, the USEF address shall control. Athletes who are temporarily residing in another Area (i.e., attending college or working student) must declare what Area they will represent **no later than March 1, 2009** and **notify the USEA and USEF staff offices in writing** in accordance with these procedures. Once an Athlete has declared his/her area on this application the area may not be changed again.

5. The horse must be at least six years old, eligible under FEI rules, registered with the USEA, recorded with the USEF (Horse ID is not sufficient) pursuant to USEF Rule GR1102, and in good standing under USEF rules.
6. The Athlete (his/her parent or guardian if rider is under 18) and horse owner must certify, by signing the USEA Area IV 2009 North American Junior and Young Riders Championship Application, that they have received and read the Selection Procedures for the Area IV 2009 North American Junior and Young Riders Three-Day Event Team and the USEF Code of Conduct, understand those documents and that they agree to be bound by them.

Criteria to Participate: Participation of Athletes and Horses in the 2009 NAJYRC Three Day Event will require the following:

1. The Athlete must pay an International High Performance "IHP" Discipline Due pursuant to USEF Rule GR207.1 (d).
2. Horses will be required to have a current FEI Passport which is obtained through the USEF Kentucky office.

II. QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Qualifications in this section will be according to FEI Article 506 (complete) and letters of exemption (attached). All qualifications are subject to change by the FEI. See "International Disclaimer" Section.

a) CH-Y (CHAMPIONSHIP YOUNG RIDER DIVISION)**

Minimum Criteria – 2009 requirements for CH-Y** Division:

Between January 1, 2008 and up to four weeks prior to the first day of dressage (June 25, 2009), of the 2009 North American Junior and Young Riders Championship a horse and rider combination must achieve a qualifying result(s) at one of the three options below:

- 1) **Complete with a qualifying result 1 CCI**** - International Two-Star Three Day Event
or
- 2) **Complete with a qualifying result 2 CIC**** - International Two-Star One-Day Event
or
- 3) **Complete with a qualifying result 1 CH*** - International One-Star Championship
Three-Day Event
and
1 **CIC**** - International Two-Star One-Day Event

A **qualifying result** is obtained by completing the following:

Qualifying result for FEI **Dressage** tests
Not more than 75 penalty points.

Qualifying result for **Cross-Country**, FEI competitions:
Not more than 20 penalties at obstacles.

Not more than 90 seconds exceeding the optimum time. (36 time penalties)

****When qualifying results attained at the CIC are being used, one CIC result must be clear on Cross-Country (no XC obstacle penalties)**

Qualifying result for **Show Jumping**, FEI competitions:

Not more than 16 penalties at obstacles.

The deadline for qualification is June 25, 2009.

b) CH-J* (CHAMPIONSHIP JUNIOR DIVISION)

Minimum Criteria – 2009 requirements for the CH-J* division:

Between January 1, 2008 and up to four weeks prior to the first day of dressage (June 25, 2009) of the competition a horse and rider combination must achieve a qualifying result at one of the three options below:

- 1) **Complete with a qualifying result 1 CCI*** - International One-Star Three Day Event
or
- 2) **Complete with a qualifying result 2 CIC*** - International One-Star One Day Event

A **qualifying result** is obtained by completing the following:

Qualifying result for FEI **Dressage** tests:

Not more than 75 penalty points.

Qualifying result for **Cross-Country**, FEI competitions:

Not more than 20 penalties at obstacles.

Not more than 90 seconds exceeding the optimum time. (36 time penalties)

****When qualifying results attained at the CIC are being used, one CIC result must be clear on Cross-Country (no XC obstacle penalties)**

Qualifying result for **Show Jumping**, FEI competitions:

Not more than 16 penalties at obstacles.

The deadline for qualification is June 25, 2009.

III. SELECTION TRIALS

a) CH-Y**

In order to be considered for the Area IV CH-Y** Team the horse/rider combination must, in addition to the requirements set forth in II (a) also compete (with every intent of completing) in at least 1 of the following selection trials

1. Otter Creek Horse Trials May 22-24
2. Fox River Valley Horse Trials Jun 26-28 *Veterinary inspection for NAYRC
- 3.

A horse/rider combination that is not able to attend a Mandatory Selection Trial because of veterinary, medical, or family emergencies or for logistical reasons may request special consideration for selection by submitting a written request prior to the Mandatory Selection Trial to the Selectors who will approve or disapprove the request based on the relevant facts and circumstances.

b) CH-J*

In order to be considered for the Area IV CH-J* Team the horse/rider combination must, in addition to the requirements set forth in II (a) compete (with every intention of completing) in at least 1 of the following selection trials.

1. Otter Creek Horse Trials May 22-24
2. Fox River Valley Horse Trials Jun 26-28 *Veterinary inspection for NAYRC
- 3.

A horse/rider combination that is not able to attend a Mandatory Selection Trial because of veterinary, medical, or family emergencies or for logistical reasons may request special consideration for selection by submitting a written request prior to the Mandatory Selection Trial to the Selectors who will approve or disapprove the request based on the relevant facts and circumstances.

IV. DEFINITE ENTRIES

The Area selectors will meet following the last designated selection trial (if any), but no later than the date for submission of definite entries to evaluate applicants as outlined below and name up to the maximum number of horse/rider combinations able to be entered under the Definite Schedule for the CH-Y** and the CH-J* of the 2009 North American Junior and Young Rider Championships (“the Squads”). The Squads must be chosen by majority vote of the selectors.

In addition to selecting the Squads, up to six ranked alternates may be chosen for the CH-Y** and up to six ranked alternates may be chosen for the CH-J*.

V. SELECTION CRITERIA

The selectors evaluation will be based on the current fitness, soundness, and ability of the horse/rider combinations to determine whether they are able to meet the standards of the NAJYRC competition (CH-Y**/CH-J*); i.e., distance, size and complexity of obstacles, and the required speed to avoid time penalties.

The selectors’ evaluation will be based on the overall performance and soundness of the horse/rider combination in various 2009 Spring Horse Trials and/or Three-Day Events, including those designated as selection trials, with emphasis on cross-country performance, including faults, boldness, rideability, speed, and the prospect of the horse/rider combination to win an individual medal or contribute to a team medal at the 2009 North American Junior and Young Riders Championship, having considered all the factors mentioned above. If all factors are equal between two horse/rider combinations, the participation of the rider in other Area IV Young Rider programs or activities, i.e., fundraising, securing of team sponsorship etc., may be considered.

VI. DEFINITIONS

Boldness – Does the horse/rider combination move forward with confidence, assertiveness, and vigor, demonstrating a positive attitude? When presented with a question (any situation that the horse/rider must answer to successfully negotiate the test, e.g., an obstacle, change of terrain, handling crowds, jumping into water), does the horse/rider combination answer the question with the same positive attitude?

Rideability – Does the horse exhibit in all three tests – dressage, endurance, and show jumping – that it responds readily to the aids (direction) of the rider as a result of his training? Does he move forward, slow down, turn, and jump any obstacle with composure, obedience, and confidence in himself and the rider?

Speed – Is there evidence that, in the previous record of the horse/rider combination, the horse/rider combination shows the ability to complete the 2009 NAJYRC distances at the speed demanded?

Fitness – Has the horse competed at a high level more frequently than is consistent with delivering a peak performance at the event for which selection is being made? Has the horse demonstrated in training the modicum of preparation necessary for preparedness for the rigors of the event for which selection is being made?

VII. DECLARATION OF TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS

Once at the competition site, and after the first horse inspection and the cross-country course inspection, the Chef d' Equipe will declare the team of four horse/rider combinations and the two ranked individual horse/rider combinations for the CH-Y** Competition and the team of four horse/rider combinations and the two ranked individual horse/rider combinations for the CH-J* Competition. In making this final declaration, the factors enumerated above for the evaluation and naming of the Final Entries for the 2009 NAJYRC CH-Y** and CH-J* Eventing competition(s) shall be followed. The horse/rider combinations which make up either the Team or Individual horse/rider combinations declared will be the same as those originally announced except that substitutions may be made in accordance with the following criteria. Horse/Rider combinations named to the Team may only be replaced by Individual horse/rider combinations, and Individual horse/rider combinations may only be replaced with Team member horse/rider combinations, for veterinary or medical reasons or for breach of the USEF Code of Conduct with the approval of the Chef d' Equipe, the coach and any selectors who are physically present at the competition site.

Composition of Teams: Each Area may send a team of four plus two individual horse/rider combinations to both the CH-Y** Championship and the CH-J* Championship.

For Areas not able to field teams, the following options are available:

- The Area may send one or two individual horse/rider combinations.
- Areas only able to field individual horse/rider combinations (i.e., they do not have enough horse/rider combinations to make up a team) may be combined with horse/rider combinations from other areas by USEF at the time of definite entries in order to create a full team.

VIII. SELECTION COMMITTEE

The 2009 Selection Committee for Area IV is as follows:

1. Allison Springer
2. Eric Dierks
3. Becky Holder

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No member of the Selection Committee shall have had, within the 30 days prior to the meeting of the selection committee (meeting referred to above), any financial or other interest, including as coach, trainer, or otherwise, in the applicant horse, or have had financial dealings with the rider or owner or members of their families, nor be a member of the family (See USEF GR122) of an applicant rider or owner. If, within the past 30 days, a member of the Selection Committee has had any financial or other interest as outlined above, he/she shall excuse himself/herself from the selection process. Further, each selector shall be required to fill out a conflict of interest statement, disclosing any potential conflicts with any of the applicants. Potential conflicts as disclosed will be reviewed by the Selection Committee and a decision will be made as to whether or not the stated conflict is deemed disqualifying.

IX. PASSPORTS AND VETERINARY REGULATIONS

Horses competing in the CH-Y** and CH-J* will be required to have a current FEI Passport which is obtained through the USEF Kentucky office. The CH-Y** and the CH-J* will be run under FEI Veterinary Regulations, 11th Edition, effective 1 January 2009. These regulations may be purchased from the USEF or found online @ www.horsesport.org.

X. EQUINE DRUG TESTING

All candidate horses shall be subject to drug testing. Blood and/or urine samples may be collected at any time throughout the selection process or at the 2009 North American Junior and Young Riders Championship. Samples collected from horses will be tested for the presence of all substances forbidden and/or controlled by the FEI. In the event a prohibited substance is detected, its presence will be reported to the USEF Eventing National Director and the Area Young Rider Coordinator. In the event a substance is detected for which the FEI has established quantitative restrictions, the amount of this substance will be quantified and reported to the USEF Eventing National Director. Any horse whose sample contains a prohibited substance or a restricted substance in a concentration greater than the applicable FEI limits for any FEI prohibited and/or quantitated substance may be eliminated from the Selection Process and/or the Competition .

XI. ATHLETE DRUG TESTING

Applicants will be subject to medical examinations and drug testing in accordance with the guidelines and regulations of the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency and the World Anti-Doping Agency. Applicants will also be expected to adhere to the most current FEI Doping Control and Protection of Competitors Provision – FEI Article 143 (attached).

XII. SOUNDNESS

Horses that are candidates for selection for the Area IV 2009 North American Junior and Young Riders Three-Day Event Team may be examined by a veterinarian(s) chosen by the Area IV Council or Area Young Rider Committee prior to selection. Horses may be subject to veterinary evaluations prior to the competition. Horses found to be unsound by the area veterinarian may be eliminated from the selection process by the area selectors.

XIII. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on FEI rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in FEI rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes as soon as reasonably possible. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to the USEF. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

NOTICE:

ALL DECISIONS REFERENCED IN THE SELECTION PROCEDURES FOR AREA IV FOR THE 2009 NORTH AMERICAN JUNIOR AND YOUNG RIDERS CHAMPIONSHIP THREE-DAY EVENT SHALL BE FINAL AS MADE BY THE REFERENCED INDIVIDUALS. BY SIGNING THE APPLICATION FOR THE 2009 NORTH AMERICAN JUNIOR AND YOUNG RIDERS CHAMPIONSHIP THREE-DAY EVENTS, COMPETITORS, AND OWNERS, AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL DECISIONS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SELECTION PROCEDURE BY THE AREA IV SELECTION COMMITTEE, THE AREA IV CHEF D'EQUIPE, ATTENDING FEI VETERINARIAN, THE USEF EVENTING COMMITTEE AND THE USEF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OR SUBCOMMITTEE THEREOF, AND AGREE TO HOLD THEM HARMLESS IN THIS REGARD. NOTHING HEREIN SHALL LIMIT AN APPLICANT'S RIGHTS UNDER THE TED STEVENS OLYMPIC AND AMATEUR SPORTS ACT AND THE USOC BYLAWS.

Any questions regarding the selection procedures should be addressed to

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**USEA AREA IV YOUNG RIDERS
2009 NORTH AMERICAN JUNIOR AND YOUNG RIDERS CHAMPIONSHIP
APPLICATION**

1. Rider's Name (Print): _____
 Permanent home address: _____
 Current address (if different than above): _____
 Telephone: _____ Fax: _____
 Email: _____ Birth Date: _____ Citizenship: _____
 Rider's Membership: USEA #: _____ FEI Reg.#: _____ USEF#: _____
 Area Declaration: _____ (if other than Area of permanent residence ___ please attach a
 letter of explanation)

2. Parent/Guardian name: _____ Telephone: _____

3. The horse(s) I intend to qualify with: _____ (Attach separate paper if more than 2 horses)

a. Name of horse: _____ Short name: _____
 Breed: _____ Color: _____ Sex: _____
 Date of Birth: _____ Country of Birth: _____ Level (CH* or CH**): _____
 FEI Reg.#: _____ USEA Reg.#: _____ USEF Rec.#: _____
 Registered owner of horse: _____
 Owner's address: _____

b. Name of horse: _____ Short name: _____
 Breed: _____ Color: _____ Sex: _____
 Date of Birth: _____ Country of Birth: _____ Level (CH* or CH**): _____
 FEI Reg.# _____ USEA Reg.#: _____ USEF Rec.#: _____
 Registered owner of horse: _____
 Owner's address: _____

I have read (1) the Area IV Selection Process for the 2009 NAJYRC Three-Day Event Team and (2) the USEF Code of Conduct. I understand these documents and agree to be bound by them.

Signature of Rider

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian
 (If rider is under 18)

Date

Signature of Horse Owner (a)

Date

Signature of Horse Owner (b)

Date

*If you wish to enter more than two horses please make a copy of this form to enter the additional horse information