

USEA AREA VIII YOUNG RIDERS LETTER OF INTENT



2020 NAYC 2* L & CCIO-S-Y 3*

RIDER INFORMATION

Rider's Name _____

Permanent Home Address _____

Current Address (if different from above) _____

Cell Phone _____ Birthdate _____

Email _____ Country of Citizenship _____

Memberships: USEA # _____ FEI # _____ USEF # _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____

HORSE INFORMATION (The horse(s) you intend to qualify with; attach separate paper if more than 2)

Name of Horse #1 _____ Barn Name _____

Breed _____ Color _____ Sex _____

Date of Birth _____ Country of Birth _____ Level Applying for: NAYC 2* CCIO-S-Y 3*

FEI # _____ USEA # _____ USEF # _____

Registered Owner of Horse _____

Owner's Address _____

Name of Horse #2 _____ Barn Name _____

Breed _____ Color _____ Sex _____

Date of Birth _____ Country of Birth _____ Level Applying for: NAYC 2* CCIO-S-Y 3*

FEI # _____ USEA # _____ USEF # _____

Registered Owner of Horse _____

Owner's Address _____

TRAINER INFORMATION

Trainer's Name _____

Email _____ Cell Phone _____

By filling out and signing this application to show intent to ride in/qualify for the NAYC 2* Junior Championships or the CCIO-S-Y 3* I, _____, do hereby agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. I agree to supply the Young Rider coaching staff and coordinators with a copy of my proposed competition schedule leading up to 2020 NAYC/CCIO (this allows the Area VIII staff to become more familiar with you, your horse, and your current progress).
2. I understand that this is a team competition and there are activities prior to the competition where mandatory attendance may be required such as horse trials (mandatory outings), camps, clinics, and training sessions.
3. I understand that to be a part of a team, I have to cooperate and work with the other team members, coach, vet, grooms, and chef d'equipe. I understand that my personal coach may be allowed to attend the competition but will not be allowed in the barns and has to communicate with the team coach concerning the schedule. The team agenda comes first.
4. I agree to sign the Code of Conduct and Waiver of Liability and abide by them.
5. I understand that the groom selection process is its own entity and I may be able to suggest a groom, but he or she may not necessarily be selected to go to NAYC/CCIO. Any selected riders whose horses get injured prior to NAYC/CCIO have first right of refusal to go as a groom.
6. I understand that the equipment given to me to use at NAYC/CCIO is owned by the program and must be returned in the way and condition it was received.

I have read (1) the 2020 Criteria for Selecting Area VIII NAYC/CCIO-S-Y Riders and (2) the Area VIII Code of Conduct. I understand these documents and agree to be bound by them.

Signature of Rider _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent _____ Date _____

Signature of Horse Owner (Horse #1) _____ Date _____

Signature of Horse Owner (Horse #2), if applicable _____ Date _____

2019 CRITERIA FOR SELECTING AREA VIII NAYC/CCIO-S-Y RIDERS

COMPETITION QUALIFICATIONS (qualifying period: January 1, 2019 through June 21, 2020)

NAYC Junior Championships

- Athlete/horse combinations wishing to compete on the NAYC-J team must have earned a Minimum Eligibility Requirement (MER) at either a CCI-S2* or CCI-L2* within the Qualifying Period. Both the athlete and the horse, though not necessarily as a combination, must have achieved 3 MERs at the Preliminary level or higher plus an additional MER at the Preliminary level or higher with no more than 20 jumping penalties on cross country.
- Qualifying trials in our general area for 2020 are:
 - March 7-8, Red Hills
 - March 21-22 Carolina Int'l
 - April 4-5, The Fork or Chattahoochee Hills
 - April 11-12, Fair Hill or Ocala HT
 - May 23-24, Virginia Horse Trials

CCIO-S-Y

- Athlete/horse combinations wishing to compete on a CCIO-S-Y 3* Team must have earned a Certificate of Capability within the Qualifying Period which began January 1, 2019 and ends June 21, 2020 by achieving a Minimum Eligibility Requirement at one CCI-S3* competition.
- Qualifying trials in nearby areas include:
 - March 7-8, Red Hills
 - March 21-22, Carolina Int'l
 - April 4-5, The Fork or Chattahoochee Hills
 - April 11-12, Fair Hill or Ocala HT
 - May 9-10, Jersey Fresh
 - May 23-24, Virginia Horse Trials

DEADLINES AND PROCEDURES (subject to change; details and further reminders will come later)

DECEMBER-JANUARY

- Submit a completed Letter of Intent along with your \$100 submission fee. This is not a formal application to USEF/FEI; that will come later. This Letter of Intent is intended for riders wishing to qualify for NAYC/CCIO-S-Y during the upcoming competition season (or those already qualified) and is only used by Area VIII coordinators, coaches, and selectors to ensure those trying to qualify can be sent all communications about the NAYC/CCIO-S-Y.
- Attach proposed competition schedule to Letter of Intent. Although there are changes to competition schedules, having your planned schedule leading up to Championships allows the coaches and selectors to familiarize themselves with potential team candidates.
- Ensure all memberships with USEF, USEA, FEI, and Area VIII YRs are current. At the time of your formal application for NAYC/CCIO-S-Y, you must have memberships complete and be in good standing with USEA and USEF.
- Ensure all horses that you are applying for are also registered and in good standing with USEF, USEA, and FEI.
- FEI or National Passports. If you don't have one already, start your application process for your horse's FEI or National Passport for each horse that you plan on qualifying

February 28, 2020 Deadline is 12:00 PM strictly enforced

- If you're not a permanent resident of Area VIII, March 1 is the deadline for recording of your legal area address with USEF and USEA. The area in which you are eligible to compete at NAYC/CCIO-S-Y is based on your legal address as recorded in USEF database. If you are a short term resident in Area VIII (college student or working student in Area

VIII, but home is in another Area), you must notify and declare your Area via email to USEF/USEA and also join Area VIII Young Riders to be eligible to compete for Area VIII at NAYC/CCIO-S-Y

- Deadline for making on-line applications through your USEF account for the NAYC/CCIO-S-Y competition. Qualifying competitions do NOT have to be complete by this deadline and horses can be changed/added after this deadline. There is a \$25 fee payable to USEF for this application.

JUNE

- Signed USEA Codes of Conduct and Certificates of Capability will be submitted for each rider that is qualified.

JULY

- Area VIII Selectors will determine which riders will compete on a team and which as individuals for both NAYC and CCIO-S-Y.

OTHER NAYC/CCIO-S-Y REQUIREMENTS

FUNDRAISING

All riders who hope to compete at the 2020 NAYC/CCIO-S-Y MUST participate in fundraising. Details on projects and the amount each rider must contribute to fundraising will be announced. In 2019, each rider who participated at NAYC/CCI-SS-Y in Montana was responsible for raising and submitting to the Area at least \$3,500 through fundraising activities (whether group or personal activities) or simply writing a check, or any combination thereof. Beyond the amount that a rider must raise and turn in to AREA VIII, expect that each rider/family will also need to personally raise or spend another \$4,000-\$5,000 for their own expenses: horse transportation to Montana, transportation/hotel accommodations to Montana, etc.

We have a fundraising team looking at various projects, but ALL potential riders and their families should get involved with our fundraising efforts. Please join the group. If we have successful large fundraising efforts where everyone joins in, it's possible that we could reduce the amount of funds each rider must submit to the Area.

MANDATORY TRAINING SESSIONS

There will be at least 2-3 sessions in May, June, and July where candidates will work with NAYC/CCIO-S-Y coaching staff and horses will be reviewed and evaluated by our team vet. We may also have a Mandatory Outing at an Area horse trial which will be announced.

AGE OF COMPETITORS FOR NAYC/CCIO-S-Y

You are eligible to compete at the NAYC level from age 14 through the end of the year during which you turn 18.
You are eligible to compete at the CCI-S-Y level from age 16 through the end of the year during which you turn 21.



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

CODE OF CONDUCT

As an Area VIII Young Rider and possible NAYC participant, I acknowledge my obligation to uphold and adhere to the highest standards of horsemanship, sportsmanship, and citizenship whenever I am representing both Area VIII and its Young Rider Program whether at my local horse trials, at horse trials anywhere in the United States or abroad, whether as a team member, individual competitor, 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 both the USEF and the FEI Codes of Conduct, as well as this Area VIII Code of Conduct and the Guidelines and Rules for Area VIII Young Riders for NAYC Qualification and Participation.

As a sportsman, I will know and comply with this Code of Conduct and the Guidelines and Rules for Area VIII Young Riders for NAYC Qualification and Participation, 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 VIII Young Rider Program's best interest.

Knowing that as an Area VIII Young Rider, I also serve as an Ambassador for my sport, USEF, and Area VIII and my country, I will endeavor at all times to reflect credit on them through my conduct, dress, and behavior.

I clearly acknowledge my responsibility to ensure that my family, friends, grooms, etc. who accompany me whenever I am participating, competing, and/or representing Area VIII also abide by this Code of Conduct and Guidelines and Rules below.

I understand and accept that serious or repeated transgressions of this Code may be grounds for suspension from a team or consideration to be on a team or even participating in any Area VIII NAYC preparation or training. In addition, I agree to abide by selection procedures established by Area VIII wherever applicable.

Finally, I fully understand that I will not be considered for NAYC team or individual competition and my Letter of Intent will not be accepted until this Code of Conduct and Guidelines form is read, signed, and completed in full.

GUIDELINES AND RULES FOR NAYC QUALIFICATION AND PARTICIPATION

While qualification and participation in the North American Youth Championships and other Young Rider activities is an integral part of the Area VIII 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, safety is a primary concern and the health and welfare of the horse is of paramount concern.

As this is a **TEAM** program, all activities are promoted through a team approach; that team includes riders, grooms, veterinary staff, coaches, instructors, selectors, coordinators, and all Area 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 all 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 devalues the integrity of the team, the Young Rider Program, and any of its individual members will not be tolerated and may be subject to disciplinary action.

This conduct shall include:

- disrespectful language, attitude, or words to or about any other member of the team
- the use of social media to express any discontent or anger towards the 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 or consumption of age-restricted products by minors, or illegal substances by any part.
- use of any language and/or accompanying gesture that may be offensive to any other party
- the wearing of any attire or lack of attire deemed dangerous, offensive or inappropriate by Area staff or supervisor
- putting a public stain on the Area VIII program by sharing any internal problems or grievances, etc. with external organizations, individuals, USEA National office, etc.; only Area VIII staff and council can forward grievances and concerns to the National office.

Violation of USEA or Area rules and guidelines, including Area Financial Guidelines, USEF, FEI, and venue rules will not be tolerated. Lack of understanding or familiarity with rules is not considered an 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 Chairman, in consultation with Area Council, and may include restriction or expulsion from individual activities or the Program in its entirety.

OTHER GUIDELINES FOR NAYC PARTICIPATION

After possible NAYC candidates turn in their Letters of Intent to Area YR Coordinators in January, they must keep Coaches, Coordinators, and Selectors apprised of their proposed competition schedule from Letter of Intent date until NAYC competition (unless, of course, they withdraw their name from team consideration); updating that schedule as changes are made, discussing possible competition schedules with their personal trainer as well as Area coaching/selector staff.

As a NAYC candidate, young riders must put their personal safety and the welfare of their horse(s) first and foremost in planning their competition schedule and attempting their qualifications for NAYC participation.

As a NAYC 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, time, and/or funds to the program.

Personal trainers/coaches are allowed to attend the NAYC competition, but will not be allowed in the barns and must communicate

HIGHLIGHTS OF CODE AND GUIDELINES

Area VIII Young Riders is a TEAM; along with riders, that includes coaches, selectors, grooms, vets, instructors, coordinators. We are all in this together. Any conduct that negatively impacts the team, the Young Rider program, or any individual member will not be tolerated.

- DO NOT use social media to complain, harass, or express any discontent with ANY member of or any decision by the team; DO NOT post any content that will reflect negatively on ANY member of the team or Young Rider program
- Show respect to all team members; strive to represent the team consistent with Young Rider values, exercising good judgment; conduct yourself with honesty and integrity
- Take personal responsibility for your own behavior as well as the behavior of family, friends, and other members of the team as it relates to the Young Rider program.
- Any conduct which impacts the team or Young Rider program mission will not be tolerated

with the team coach concerning the schedule and coaching.

I have read and understand the Code of Conduct and the Guidelines and Rules above. By providing my handwritten or electronic signature below, I acknowledge the aforementioned and agree to be bound by this Area VIII Young Rider Code of Conduct and the Guidelines and Rules for Area VIII Young Riders for NAYC Qualification and Participation and I fully understand and accept my responsibilities as a participant in the Area VIII Young Rider Program and/or the North American Youth Championships. I further understand and agree that an electronic signature is a legal and binding signature.

Rider Written/Electronic Signature

Print/Type Rider Name

As a parent or guardian of rider, I have also read and understand the Code of Conduct and Guidelines and Rules.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Please mail your Letter of Intent, Competition schedule, signed Code of Conduct and \$100 check made out to Area 8 Young Riders to:

Shelley Ryan
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Lexington, KY 40511