



USEA AREA VIII YOUNG RIDERS SELECT TEAMS

LETTER OF INTENT

Beginner Novice – Preliminary at 2020 Hagyard Midsouth Team Challenge H.T.

Application Deadline: June 1, 2020

RIDER INFORMATION

Rider's Name _____

Permanent Home Address _____

Current Address (if different from above) _____

Cell Phone _____

Birthdate _____

Email _____

Country of Citizenship _____

Memberships: USEA # _____

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: P T N BN _____

Horse's 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: P T N BN _____

Horse's USEA # _____

USEF # _____

Registered Owner of Horse _____

Owner's Address _____

TRAINER INFORMATION

Trainer's Name _____

Email _____

Cell Phone _____

CODE OF CONDUCT

By filling out and signing this application to show intent to ride in 2020 Hagyard Midsouth Team Challenge on an Area VIII Young Rider Select Team, 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 Hagyard Midsouth Team Challenge (this allows the Area VIII Young Rider 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, camps, clinics, and/or training sessions.
3. I understand that to be a part of a team, I must cooperate and work with the other team members and coordinators. I understand that I may use my personal coach at the Horse Trial and must communicate with the Team Coordinators concerning the schedule. The team agenda comes first.
4. I agree to sign the Code of Conduct and abide by them.
5. I understand that I must abide by the schedule the Team Coordinators provide when ride times are announced.
6. I understand that I am expected to arrive at the KY Horse Park by 6 PM the evening prior to the first day of competition for my team.
7. I understand that I am expected to walk my Cross Country Course prior to the scheduled Team course walk.
8. I understand that at the Horse Trial, I will be expected to fill a 2 hour volunteer window in show jumping with other Young Riders, and attend all Young Rider educational activities, course walks and social events that do not conflict with my ride times.

I have read the Area VIII Select Team 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 _____

Please mail completed Letter of Intent and Competition Schedule to:
Tammy Stevens
3755 E 82nd Street, Suite 200
Indianapolis, IN 46240

IMPORTANT DATES

- June 1, 2020 Deadline to send completed Letter of Intent and Competition Schedule to above address.
- Aug. 1, 2020 Select Teams will be announced. The Deadline for Team Names is
- Aug. 15, 2020 Deadline for all Area VIII Young Rider Hagyard Midsouth Team Challenge fully completed entries and fees

to be postmarked and sent to:

Tammy Stevens
c/o Stevens & Associates PC
3755 E. 82nd Street, Suite 200
Indianapolis, IN 46240

Aug 25, 2020 All Area VIII Young Rider Teams Announced (also first day of AECs)

Aug 30, 2020 All Team Names Due by 2 pm to be submitted with entries.

Sept. 1, 2020 Opening Day and all Entries will be delivered to the Show Secretary

Please note that entries must be complete or they will not be accepted by the Horse Trial Organizing Committee.

Selection Criteria

All riders must be active members of Area VIII's Young Rider Program in good standing to be considered for the Area VIII Young Rider Select Team at their level. Following are details of requirements for selection to the Area VIII Select Teams participating at Hagyard Midsouth Team Challenge.

The Selectors' evaluation and decision will be based on the following:

-Overall performance and soundness of the athlete/horse as observed at horse trials during the observation period (June 1, 2020 thru August 1, 2020)

-Demonstrated ability of the athlete/horse combination to succeed in competition; showing consistency as well as improvement/progress throughout the observation period, as well as demonstrating fitness, boldness, and rideability

-Acceptance of the commitment that the success of the Select Team comes first

-Reliability, demonstrating an ability to support and respect others

-Demonstrating professional conduct and manner whenever representing Area VIII in any activities.

Maturity, composure and confidence under pressure.

Demonstrating the commitment to putting the horse's health and well-being first

The 2020 Selectors are:

Emily Beshear

Emily Watson

Gina Pletch

Shelley Ryan

Additionally, Area VIII may appoint Candidate Observers – trainers and upper level riders who will be present at many of the Area VIII's horse trials and will be able to observe and evaluate riders and share their observations with the Selectors. Candidate Observers comments and reports will be held in confidence by the Selectors.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

All riders are responsible for their own entry fees and stabling fees. Each Area VIII Team will have a tack stall the cost of which will be divided and paid equally by the riders on the Team. All riders are required to stable together as a Young Rider Team at the Event.

MANDATORY TRAINING SESSIONS

Candidates must attend at least one of the Training Sessions during the observation period:

Training Session South: June 16–18, 2020 at The KY Horse Park, Lexington.

Training Session North: June 30-July 2, 2020 at Cobblestone Farm, Dexter MI.

Details on the Training Sessions will be forthcoming.

REQUIRED HORSE TRIALS

Area VIII has no official selection horse trials but all Area VIII horse trials will be observation trials for Selectors and Candidate Observers. Each horse/rider combination must complete 2 recognized Horse Trials with no cross country jumping penalties and no more than 20 show jumping penalties by July 15, 2020.

AREA VIII YOUNG RIDERS ON NON-SELECT TEAMS

Riders not selected for Area VIII Select Teams will be placed on non-select teams and may be moved up to a Select Team if a Select Team rider is unable to attend the Event for any reason. Area VIII Young Riders who failed to send in a timely Letter of Intent or to attend the required horse trials or training sessions will also be placed on non-select Area VIII Young Rider Teams and are welcome to participate in the stabling, course walks, and various educational opportunities with the Select Teams.

Non-select Area VIII Young Riders may also form their own Area VIII Young Rider teams sending in their packets together and noting that they would like to be a team to Tammy Stevens. We strongly encourage all Area VIII Young Riders to take advantage of the wonderful opportunities that we will be offering in the Area VIII Young Rider barns by stabling with us and riding as part of the Area VIII Young Rider program.

ENTRY ON OPENING DAY IS IMPERATIVE

Please note that Area VIII Young Riders is not guaranteed any number of teams at the Event. We must get our entries in timely and even then all of our teams may not be drawn to ride at the Event. It is imperative that you make your deadlines in a timely manner. We cannot hold spots for riders who do not have their completed entries in. This Event always fills very quickly and any scratches must be filled from the wait list in the order the entries were received.

