

Selection Process for Area VI for the 2004 North American Young Riders Championship Three-Day Event

The Area VI Young Rider Eventing Committee, with the approval of U.S. Equestrian, will oversee the selection process. The selection process will be subject to review by the U.S. Equestrian Executive Committee and subject at all times to oversight and supervision by U.S. Equestrian, 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 2004 NAYRC will be held in Wadsworth, Illinois, August 10-15, 2004.

APPLICATION

Riders wishing to be considered for the 2004 Area VI Young Riders Three-Day Event Team for the NAYRC must complete an application (attached) and return it to Louise Hales, YR coordinator, 1332 Carl Avenue Vallejo, CA, postmarked no later than March 23, 2004.

In order to have the application accepted, each rider must meet the following criteria:

1. U.S. Citizen or compliance with FEI Article 123 at the time of selection;
2. **A Rider for the CH-Y**** must be 16-21 years of age, born between January 1, 1983 and December 31, 1988;
A Rider for the CCI-J* must be 14-18 years of age, born between January 1, 1986 and December 31, 1990;
3. Qualified amateur according to the rules of the FEI; these amateur riders will appear without compensation.
4. Current member in good standing (from the date of the first qualifier entered through the end of the NAYRC) of the USEA and U.S. Equestrian; have current FEI registration; current member in good standing of Area VI Young Riders for 2004.
5. A competitor's Area is determined by the competitor's legal address as listed with USEA and U.S. Equestrian membership files. Competitors who are temporarily domiciled in another Area (i.e., attending college or working student) must declare what Area they will represent no later than March 1, 2004, and notify the USEA office in writing. A competitor may not change his or her Area during the year unless the USEA Young Rider Committee gives approval;

In addition, the following qualifications apply:

6. Horse must be in good standing under U.S. Equestrian rules, and registered with the USEA, U.S. Equestrian, and the FEI.
7. Horse must be six years old or older;
8. Both the competitor and one or more of the owners of the horse must be of the same Nationality.

9. Qualifying requirements for the CH-Y**

(These qualifications are subject to change by the FEI.)

CH-Y Minimum Criteria – 2004 requirements:**

One qualifying result must be achieved as a horse-rider combination out of any of the following competitions:

- CCI** - International Two-Star Three-Day Event
- CIC** - International One Day Event
- CCIO** - Official International Two-Star Three-Day Event

10. Qualifying requirements for the CCI*-J

(These qualifications are subject to change by the FEI.)

CCI-J* Minimum Criteria – 2004 requirements:

Horse and rider must have achieved within the current or preceding two calendar years, **4** qualifying results out of any of the following competitions:

- CNC (National Preliminary Horse Trial)
- CCN* (National One-Star Three-Day Event)
- CIC* (International One-Star Horse Trial)

11. A **qualifying result** is achieved by completing the following:

Qualifying result for FEI Dressage tests = Not more than 75 penalty points.
Qualifying result for National Dressage tests: Not more than 50 penalty points.

Qualifying result for cross-country: FEI and National competitions.
Not more than 20 penalties at obstacles.
Not more than 90 seconds exceeding the optimum time. (36 time penalties)

Qualifying result for show jumping:
FEI competitions = not more than 16 penalties at obstacles.
National competitions before 2003 = not more than 20 penalties at obstacles.
National competitions in 2003 and after = not more than 16 penalties at obstacles.

A qualifying result can also be achieved by finishing within the top 25% of starters.

Requirements for all: Deadline for qualification is July 13, 2004. This is 4 weeks prior to the first day of dressage of the event.

12. Before an application will be accepted, the rider (his/her parent or guardian if rider is under 18) and horse owner(s) must certify that they have read the Area VI procedures for selection, USEA Statement of Principles, and the U.S. Equestrian Code of Conduct, understand those documents, and agree to be bound by them.

PASSPORTS AND VETERINARY REGULATIONS

Horses competing in the CH** will be required to have a current FEI Passport. CCI* horses will be required to have at least a national passport. Passports (FEI & national) are obtained through the U.S. Equestrian Kentucky office. Both the CH** and the CCI* will be run under FEI Veterinary Regulations.

EQUINE INFLUENZA VACCINATION, VET. REGS. ANNEX VI

All horses and ponies for which an FEI passport or a national passport approved by the FEI has been issued must have the vaccination section endorsed by a veterinarian, who is not the owner of the animal, stating that it has received two injections for primary vaccination against equine influenza, given no less than 21 days and no more than 92 days apart. In addition, a booster injection must be recorded as having been given within each succeeding 12 months, subsequent to the second injection of the primary vaccination. None of these injections must have been given within the preceding 7 days including the day of the competition or of entry into the competition stables.

The above are the minimum requirements for influenza vaccination. Both primary and first and subsequent booster injections should be given according to the manufacturer's instructions which fall within the stipulation of the FEI ruling. In many cases, booster injections are recommended by the manufacturers at intervals more frequent than 12 months.

SELECTION

The 2004 Selection Committee for Area VI is as follows:

1. Christine Scarlett
2. Robert Kellerhouse
3. Cindy Wilson
4. Dr. David Jensen DVM
5. Nancy Andreotti

The 2004 Selection Trials for Area VI are as follows: (all optional except Oakridge)

1. Twin Rivers March 5-7
 2. Galways Down March 26-28
 3. Copper Meadows April 23 – 25
 4. Ram Tap May 21-23
 5. Oakridge July 8-11 (Mandatory)
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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 circumstances and facts submitted in the report.

Horse / rider combinations shall be chosen by majority vote of the selectors present at a meeting. This meeting will take place following the last designated selection trial (if any), and not later than the date for submission of definite entries.

In addition to selecting the definite entries, the selectors will rank the 2004 candidates to serve as alternates. Up to six alternates will be chosen for the Two-Star Championship and four alternates will be chosen for the One-Star Competition. Only the first alternate will be ranked. If horse / rider combinations are substituted past the first alternate, the decision will be made by majority vote of the coach and available members of the selection committee.

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 article 134 of U.S. Equestrian Rules) 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 recuse 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.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Selectors will evaluate the current fitness, soundness, and ability of the applicants to determine whether they are able to meet the standards of the NAYRC competition; 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 2004 Spring Horse Trials and/or Three-Day Events, 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 2004 North American 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 VI Young Rider programs may be considered.

DECLARATION OF TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS

Once at the competition site, 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 individuals for the Two-Star Championship. Individual competitors may only be substituted for team members due to veterinary or medical reasons or for breach of the U.S. Equestrian "Code

of Conduct” or any other exceptional circumstances having bearing upon obtaining the best qualified team for the NAYRC with the approval of the Chef d’ Equipe and the coach who is physically present at the competition site.

MAKE UP OF TEAMS

A team consists of three or four members. Each Area may send a team of four plus two individuals to the CH-Y** Championship. Each Area may send a team of four to the CCI-J*. For Areas not able to field teams, the following options are available:

- The Area may send one or two individual riders.
- Areas only able to field individuals (i.e., they do not have enough horse/rider combinations to make up a team) will be combined by U.S. Equestrian at the time of definite entries.

In the CH-Y**, Areas with more than four competitors will name their team after the cross-country course walk and the first inspection of horses. Riders not selected to their Area team will represent their Area as individuals.

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 2003 NAYRC 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?

DRUG TESTING

All horses shall be subject to drug testing. Blood and/or urine samples may be collected at any time during qualifying events or at the North American Young Riders Championship. At qualifying events, U.S. Equestrian or FEI Drugs and Medications Rules will apply as competition rules provide.

At the North American Young Riders Championship, samples collected from horses will be tested for the presence of all substances forbidden and/or controlled by the FEI. If any substance is detected for which the FEI has established quantitative restrictions, the amount of this substance will be subject to quantitative analysis. The analytical results will be reported to U.S. Equestrian and this information will be taken into consideration in the selection process. Any horse testing above the current FEI limits for any FEI prohibited and/or quantitated substance shall be eliminated from the competition with the exception of substances prohibited due solely to their ability to interfere with the detection of other prohibited substances and where the testing laboratory reports that the levels of such potentially interfering substances were not sufficient to interfere with its ability to detect or quantify any other prohibited substances.

SOUNDNESS

Horses may be examined by a veterinarian(s) chosen by the Area Council or Area Young Rider Committee prior to selection. Horses will be subject to veterinarian approval at a final jog up before shipping to the competition.

**USEA AREA VI YOUNG RIDERS
2004 NORTH AMERICAN YOUNG RIDERS CHAMPIONSHIP**

DECLARATION OF INTENT

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

I have read (1) the Area VI Selection Process for the 2004 NAYRC Three-Day Event Team; (2) the U.S. Equestrian Code of Conduct; (3) the USEA Policy and Criteria; and the USEA Statement of Principles. 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

Conflicts of Interest Statement

Area Selectors – 2004 NAYRC

Name: _____

Date: _____

Please list all relationships within 30 days of the date hereon with individuals, businesses and/or other entities that may create a conflict of interest or which you believe might create the appearance of a conflict of interest with any applicant horse, owner or rider or members of their families (attach additional sheets as necessary to make the disclosure complete). Please review the Conflict of Interest Statement in the Selection Criteria for additional information.

If you have no such relationships, please indicate “none.”

	Individual / Entity with whom a conflict exists or may exist. EXAMPLE: Jane Rider, applicant	Relationship to the conflicting Individual / Entity and Nature of conflict. EXAMPLE: My wife is her trainer.
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I certify that I have disclosed on this list and any attachments hereto any and all situations that may constitute conflicts of interest or give the appearance of a potential conflict of interest in connection with the Area selection criteria for the 2004 Eventing Selection Process for the NAYRC.

Signed: _____

UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION, INC.

CODE OF CONDUCT

As a U.S. EQUESTRIAN competitor and/or horse owner, I acknowledge my obligation to uphold and adhere to the highest standards of horsemanship, sportsmanship, and citizenship whenever I am representing my country whether as a team member, individual competitor or horse owner, and whether during actual competition or not.

As a horseman, I will place my horse's welfare above all other considerations and faithfully observe the FEI Code of Conduct.

As a sportsman, I will know and comply with all pertinent rules of U.S. EQUESTRIAN as my National Governing Body (NGB), the FEI as the International Governing Body, and, when applicable, the U.S. and International Olympic Committees, 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, made in the team's best interest.

As a citizen, I will respect the laws of my own country as well as those of foreign countries in which I or my horse(s) may compete. Knowing that as a U.S. EQUESTRIAN competitor and/or horse owner I also serve as an Ambassador for my sport, U.S. EQUESTRIAN, and my country I will endeavor at all times to reflect credit on them through my conduct, dress, and behavior.

I understand and accept that serious or repeated transgressions of this Code may be grounds for suspension from a squad or team, or other appropriate disciplinary action. In addition, I agree to abide by selection procedures established by U.S. EQUESTRIAN wherever applicable.

Finally, I fully understand that entries will not be made until this application form is signed and completed in full and that this application indicates my intent to compete. Failure to participate may result in disciplinary action to U.S. EQUESTRIAN by the FEI (FEI Article 121.13). I agree to reimburse all fines imposed by the FEI on U.S. EQUESTRIAN for failure to participate in the competitions entered and agree to honor all other penalties including possible and further disciplinary action.

_____ Rider/Driver/Vaulter (print name)	_____ Rider/Driver/Vaulter signature	_____ U.S. Equestrian No.	_____ Date
_____ Parent/Guardian (print name)	_____ Parent or Guardian signature (if Rider/Driver/Vaulter under 18)		_____ Date
_____ Owner (print name)	_____ Owner signature	_____ U.S. Equestrian No.	_____ Date
_____ Groom (print name)	_____ Groom signature	_____ U.S. Equestrian No.	_____ Date