

Volunteer Hours Requirements

Young Riders are encouraged to give back to our Eventing and Young Rider community. It is suggested that each Young Rider contribute a minimum of 8 hours of volunteer time each year. These hours can come from any of the following:

- Jump Judging at Horse Trials or a 3 Day Event
- Dressage Scribing at Horse Trials or a 3 Day Event
- Score Running at Horse Trials or a 3 Day Event
- Staffing any Young Rider Fundraiser or event (Pancake B'fast, Dinner, Used Tack Sale, etc.)

Hours can be worked in any increment – 1 at a time up to all 8 at once. Young Riders with their 8 hours of volunteer work logged in the past year, will receive a **SIGNIFICANT discount on camp fees** – usually around \$200!

NAJYRC Candidates are required to give an additional 4 hours of volunteer time – preferably to fundraising.

Volunteer Hours Procedures

To receive credit for volunteer hours worked, you must fill in a “Volunteer Hours Form” and have it signed by an appropriate person (show secretary, volunteer coordinator etc.) The form must then be submitted to the YR Volunteer Coordinator. We ask that all forms be submitted within 2 weeks of when the service was performed.

Volunteer Hour Forms can be found on the Area VI website, www.Areavi.org or may also be at the event. Information on how to submit each form is listed on the form.

Hours are credited from the end of camp to the beginning of camp the next year (roughly July 1 through June 30th.)

Volunteer Hours Policies

Hours can be worked by the Young Rider, a family member, or a trainer. While we PREFER that the Young Rider log the majority of the volunteer hours, we understand that show schedules do not always permit the rider to have additional time. If a mother, father, responsible sibling, or trainer would like to volunteer instead, their hours can be credited to the Young Rider account.

NO exceptions will be made to the camp discount or the NAJYRC candidate policy – not even 1 hour. Get your hours in!

A Few Tips

First and foremost, remember Events can't happen without volunteers. If the riders don't care about making sure jumps are covered, scores are run and money is raised, then why on earth should anyone else?!

If you are NOT showing at a local event, that can be a great time to log LOTS of hours by working a full day as a volunteer. And, you can learn a lot from scribing for dressage – what IS the judge looking for as well – as well as from jump judging.

Print out your own forms and have them on hand (perhaps in your show trunk) to save time trying to track down a YR rep at an event.