

Hello Young Riders.

As we open a new year of eventing, it is time to start thinking about the North American Junior and Young Rider Championships (NAJYRC's!) If you are not familiar with the NAJYRC's you can get a bit more information at www.youngriders.org.

Area VI expects to send a full One Star and Two Star team. We also hope to send up to two additional individuals at each level.

To qualify at the CCI* level you will need to have completed at least one CCI* competition in the past 12 months and prior to July 1st, and be between 14 and 18. The CCI** qualifications are likely to also require the completion of one CCI** in that time frame and you must be 16-21.

Also, any Young Rider who has a desire to go to Championships this year, **whether you are currently qualified or not**, must turn in a signed Letter of Intent & Code of Conduct form. The forms are available at the Area VI web site, under the Young Rider Link, and we'll have blanks at most shows, including the upcoming Galway Downs Horse Trials.

Signed letters should be sent to me at: 9381 church St. Gilroy, CA 95020. You can also give them to me directly or sign, scan and email.

Once I get the letters of intent, I will form a list of all candidates (remember you do not currently have to be qualified, but simply shooting for it) and those riders will then receive additional communication from me pertaining to the NAJYRC's and our training plans.

There will be an NAJYRC Candidate Information Session at the Young Rider meeting on Friday, Feb 3rd at 5pm, please come with all your questions. Meeting will be in the YR Tent.

If you cannot attend that meeting but do have questions, please feel free to email me at spilley43@gmail.com or call 408-309-2791, or you can contact Jodie Renk at jerenk@aol.com or 818-613-2106.

Finally, we are still looking for items for the Silent Auction to be held at the Annual Meeting Awards dinner on Sat. Feb 4th. Please contact Susan Loria at JSLoria@comcast.net or Beth Cannon at Beth@Envisionent.com for information. You can also find a donation form on the Area VI website.

Thanks very much,

Shannon Lilley
Area VI Chef D'equipe